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CORRESPONDENCE VINA STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 20, 2021

To: Vina GSA

From: Sam Goepp-GSA Advisory Committee

RE: Comments regarding 2014 Bond Act in relation to GSA

Since the agenda moved public comments I submit this for the record and at the same time request all records of funds expended for consultant services

It has been seven (7) years since the passage of the 2014 Bond Act which issued \$7.12 billion dollars for Water Supply Infrastructure not including the finance fees on bonds which also pay state payroll for employees and benefits over a twenty (20) year financing program which brings the grand total to \$19 billion plus. Not the most efficient way to expend tax dollars.

To date no infrastructure but a lot of rhetoric and studies while wasting time and money discussing the issues. Where has the money gone? That is the question that needs to be answered. How much has been expended to have experts, consultants, moderators and agencies raked in while taxpayers wait for a solution? Who has the accounting of money spent to date and to whom?

In my opinion we must be proactive whether it is in our purview or not. Think about it, how many committees and boards does Butte County have exploring these issues? Now multiply that by all the counties in California. It is mind bogaling!

If the State of California and the Legislature can EXEMPT ENVIROMENTAL REVIEW for a basketball arena then why not EXEMPT environmental review for Dams such as the Sites Reservoir to be constructed in a dry period in anticipation of future wet weather. Another proactive stance would be to address climate change. If the seas are going to rise and flood our coastal regions why not be like Israel and construct desalination plants on the coast.

It is time for an aggressive approach to California's cycle of droughts. If by the stroke of a pen the Governor can allocate \$12 billion for the homeless without a plan then with maximum pressure he should allocate the like amount for DAMS and Desalination Plants that have a plan.

Demand that the Governor allocate funding for the construction of much needed water projects to insure that future generations are not impacted by the slow government response to the health of the State of California.

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On July 22, 2021 at 1:21:46 PM, Mariana Rivera-Torres (mrivertorres@cbi.org) wrote:

Hi Bruce,

Thank you for your message.

Chapter 6 - PMA is available at the Vina GSA website at this link: <https://www.vinagsa.org/chapter-6-project-and-management-actions>

Chapter 7 - Implementation, will be available at the beginning of August on the website.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Best,

Mariana

On July 22, 2021 at 9:57:39 AM, bsmith1236@aol.com (bsmith1236@aol.com) wrote:

Mariana

Where can I find Chapter 6 and Chapter 7?

Thanks,
Bruce Smith

-----Original Message-----

From: Mariana Rivera-Torres <mrivertorres@cbi.org>

Cc: Kelly <KPeterson@buttecounty.net>; jeff@jccarterlaw.com; Kamie Loeser <kamie@kamieloeser.com>; cklimesteker@mechoopda-nsn.gov; linda.herman@chicoca.gov; erik.gustafson@chicoca.gov; Joe Turner <jturner@geosyntec.com>; Christina <CBuck@buttecounty.net>; Amer Hussain <ahussain@geosyntec.com>; Tania Carlone <tcarlone@cbi.org>

Sent: Tue, Jul 20, 2021 4:21 pm

Subject: Follow-up information requests from Vina SHAC Meeting (7/20/21)

Hi Again Vina SHAC Members,

I am following up on a couple of information requests from today's Vina SHAC meeting.

1. You can now find the compiled public comments from the draft Sustainable Management Criteria Chapter on the website at this link: [Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development \(vinagsa.org\)](https://www.vinagsa.org/groundwater-sustainability-plan-development)

2. You can find the Tuscan Water District's application on the website at this link: [Library - Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency \(vinagsa.org\)](https://www.vinagsa.org/library-vina-groundwater-sustainability-agency)

All the best,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mariana Rivera-Torres <mrivertorres@cbi.org>

Good morning Anne,

Thank you for your message!

The recording will be available in the website soon. For the moment you can access it at the following link:

- <https://cbuilding.zoom.us/rec/share/wKzZzgiZ9SRpU1ux5FNKYSTWmrAZigqMwUK45PnOW7MzeEZkK4uTrjTb3gfgDVZ8.UjXb2KN0Kn8BPyQf>
- **Passcode:** D3XCeZ^=

Let me know if you have any trouble accessing it,

Mariana

On August 3, 2021 at 8:56:50 AM, Anne Dawson (aakdawson@aol.com) wrote:

Hi Mariana. I was unable to attend Yesterdays interbasin meeting but I would appreciate listening to the audio version when that becomes available. Thank you
Anne Dawson

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: jimbo@aqualliance.net
Subject: Re: Corrections to Vina SHAC Meeting Notes
Date: August 5, 2021 at 4:31:11 PM PDT
To: Mariana Rivera-Torres <mrivertorres@cbi.org>

Thank you. You captured my observation and my concern accurately.

On 2021-08-05 14:37, Mariana Rivera-Torres wrote:

Hi Again Jim,
After checking in with Butte County, I have modified the notes slightly. See attached.
We will bring these notes back for the SHAC's consideration at the next meeting.

All the best,

Mariana

On Aug 4, 2021, at 10:19 AM, Mariana Rivera-Torres

<mrivertorres@cbi.org> wrote:

Hi Jim,

Thank you for your prompt reply and for accepting the edit.

I am looping in Christina, Kelly, and Tania in this email to see if they have any additional clarification on this item to ensure your exchange with Paul is properly characterized in the summary.

Thanks again,

Mariana

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On Aug 4, 2021, at 9:50 AM, jimbo@aqualliance.net wrote:

I asked at 6:50 if Thad Bettner had communicated with Butte County Water Staff [about the supplemental water pumping]. Tania asked if

there was any "follow up from the Department?". Gosselin answered "Um. No. We have not." I take this to mean that the Dept was not informed of the GCID activity but I suppose he might have meant "no comment" I hope you understand my point: GCID is failing to coordinate/communicate their activities with Butte County and that BC Staff is not pressing them on this failure.
I accept your edit.

On 2021-08-04 07:42, Mariana Rivera-Torres wrote:

Dear Jim,
I hope you are having a nice day!
I have incorporated some additional details to the June Vina SHAC summary, based on your input. Please let me know if the new edits accurately capture your comment, or if you have additional suggestions.
Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully review the documents and materials shared.
Appreciatively,
Mariana

From: noreply@getstreamline.com <noreply@getstreamline.com>
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Contact Us

Attachment:	File attached — please log in to download it securely
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Subject:	Resignation From SHAC Agriculture Advisory Board
Your email:	cofarm7399@yahoo.com
Your name:	gary cole

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Vina GSA Board, Vina SHAC Members
7/15/2021

I am resigning from my position as one of the three Agricultural Advisory Members for the Vina Ag. Stakeholders Advisory Board.

I plan on being gone from the area for the next three months and feel I may miss too much to be a good advisor for stakeholders concerns during that period.

I will remain as a SHAC member until I can be replaced by the GSA Board. I will participate in the meetings representing Stakeholders virtually until replacement occurs.

Ground Water Substitution Transfers are reappearing to be part of the Butte County Sustainable Program proposals.

These transfers were devised by DWR in 1995-96 where all initiatives involved were deemed responsible for any damages and they would compensate for all losses that might occur. (promised verbally by DWR)

Financial losses due to dropping of groundwater levels, domestic water wells going dry, and lowering of groundwater water levels causing damages to agricultural crops or other businesses and homes would be compensated for by those involved in the water transfers. Many domestic well owners/operators lost all water. Some agricultural plantings went dry. Water levels dropped that cost all well operators adjacent to the transfer areas added dollars to pump groundwater for the next two years before water levels began to rise.

DWR spent many man hours an unknown amounts of CA citizen dollars to show no harm was done to anyone regardless of the evidence. (DWR representatives were the monitors, recorders, reporters, conclusion formers of all data as well as judge and Jury.)

Little seems to have changed in 25 years except some of the players names.

NO COMPENSATION WAS EVER GIVEN TO HUNDREDS OF INJURED STAKEHOLDERS.

DWR said 'there are no injured parties'.

LEARN FROM THE PAST!

Let us make better plans and decisions for Vina/Butte County Groundwater than have occurred in the past.

Sadly there was from the water transferring stakeholders no, I'M SORRY WE MADE A MISTAKE. WE WILL NOT INJURE YOU OUR NEIGHBOR STAKEHOLDERS AGAIN WITHOUT ANY COMPENSATION TO INJURED PARTIES.'

Gary Cole

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530 343 0916

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Peterson, Kelly" <KPeterson@buttecounty.net>

Subject: RE: Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for August 17, 2021

Date: August 12, 2021 at 1:27:03 PM PDT

To: 'Sam Goepp' <samgoepp@gmail.com>

Cc: 'Tania Carlone' <tcarlone@cbi.org>

Hi Sam,

In lieu of adding this as an agenda item to next week's SHAC meeting, we will compile the information requested regarding the current and past consultant contracts with amount of funds expended to date for consultant services associated with Prop 1 SGMA Planning Grant and send this information out to the SHAC via email once available. We anticipate that we can gather the information likely by the end of next week.

The other request to have a list of other GSA's each consultant is contracting with is not something we are planning to do but you can inquire with each of them directly if you so choose.

This communication as well as your other letter will be included in the correspondence item for next week's SHAC meeting.

Thank you,

Kelly

From: Sam Goepp <samgoepp@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 9:23 AM

To: vinagsa@gmail.com

Subject: RE: Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for August 17, 2021

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Agenda item for august 17 meeting of vina gsa----List of current and past consultant contracts with amount of funds expended to date for consultant services-request that consultants list other GSA's they are contracting with--- please ad as an agenda item thank you

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency](#)

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 8:42 AM

To: samgoepp@gmail.com

Subject: Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for August 17, 2021



Stakeholder Advisory Committee

The July Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting
is scheduled to be held as follows:

Tuesday, August 17, 2021
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Online only

The agenda is available
[online at the Vina GSA website](#)
and at the Chico City Council Chambers.
The agenda materials will be posted as soon as possible.

The meeting will take place from 9-12:30. We will open the on-line meeting at 8:45
to help you get situated on Zoom.

ACCESSING THE ONLINE MEETING

We recommend logging **15 minutes early** to get set up
and address any technical issues before the meeting starts.

There are two methods for joining the meeting:

1) Easiest Option: One-Click to Join:

<https://cbuilding.zoom.us/j/91369099685>

2) ... or call in by phone:

One-Tap Mobile **+16699006833,,91369099685#**

Or Manually Dial: then enter Meeting ID

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Tech Questions? Contact Mariana Rivera-Torres (mrivertorres@cbi.org)

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