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Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Location: Butte County Library, Chico Branch, 1108 Sherman Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM

SHAC Committee Members Present: Chair Samantha Lewis, Vice Chair Greg Sohnrey, Joanne Parsley, Patrick Riley, Evan Markey, Todd Greene, and Susan Schrader

SHAC Committee Members Absent: Anne Dawson and Holly Swan

RCRD Representative Present: Bruce McGowen

Staff Present: Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager; Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager; Kamie Loeser, Director of Butte County Water Resource & Conservation; Christina Buck, Assistant Director of Butte County Water Resource & Conservation; Brandon Mortimer, City of Chico

2. Business from the Floor

The public and Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) members had an opportunity to comment on items not on the agenda and that were relevant to the SHAC.

Public Comment(s): James Brobeck

3. *Review and Approval of 4/22/2026 SHAC Meeting Minutes

Public Comment(s): None

Action: Greg Sohnrey made a motion to approve the 4/22/2026 meeting minutes. That motion was seconded by Evan Markey.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. *Consideration of Groundwater Sustainability Plan Amendments to the Land Subsidence Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) in response to the Department of Water Resources' Recommended Corrective Actions

Staff presented an overview of draft proposed amendments related to the land subsidence monitoring network and SMC as provided in the attached memo for SHAC input and potential recommendation. (**Christina Buck, Asst. Director Butte County Water and Resource Conservation**)

Public Comment(s):

- James Brobeck
- Cheetah Tchudi

Action:

Todd Greene made a motion to recommend that the Vina GSA Board of Directors approve the proposed Land Subsidence SMC amendments as presented and amend the 2022 GSP, and to establish the land subsidence RMS network consistent with the groundwater level sustainability indicator monitoring network. Evan Markey seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. *Consideration of the Approach to Addressing Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) in the Periodic Evaluation in response to the Department of Water Resources' Recommended Corrective Actions

Staff provided an overview of the strawman proposal for addressing interconnected surface water in the Periodic Evaluation. SHAC discussed the approach and provided a recommendation to the Vina GSA board regarding the approach. **(Christina Buck, Asst. Director Butte County Water and Resource Conservation)**

Public Comment(s):

- Bruce Smith
- James Brobeck

Action:

Todd Greene made a motion to recommend that the Vina GSA Board of Directors support a measured approach to addressing interconnected surface water (ISW) in the Periodic Evaluation by documenting progress on location and timing, defining a broad ISW monitoring network, and deferring ISW-specific Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) until additional monitoring data, Department of Water Resources guidance, and regional coordination provide a stronger basis for future decisions. Evan Markey seconded the motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Samantha Lewis, Joanne Parsley, Patrick Riley, Evan Markey, Todd Greene, and Susan Schrader

NOES: Greg Sohnrey

ABSENT: Anne Dawson and Holly Swan

ABSTAIN: <NONE>

One dissenting vote due to concern of GSAs making new commitments absent state guidance.

6. Update on the Anticipated Timeline for the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Periodic Evaluation. (Report – Christina Buck, Asst. Director Butte County Water and Resource Conservation)

Public Comment(s): None

Action: Update Received.

7. GSA Program Manager Update (Verbal Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager and Management Committee Staff)

- Update on the Butte County Environmental Health Division's Water Well Ordinance Update.
- Update on Interbasin Coordination
- Updates to Website

Public Comment(s): None

Action: Update Received.

8. SHAC Future Agenda Requests – SHAC members could verbally request an item to be agendized at a future meeting.

No requests received.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned to their next meeting, **Wednesday, June 24, 2026.**

*Materials included in agenda packet