



Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Transmittal

Subject: Consideration of Resolutions to adopt the FY 2026-27 Annual Operations Budget, SGMA Fees, and Certification of the Legal Process for Tax Roll Placement

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Meeting Date: June 10, 2026

Agenda Items:
4.2, 4.3, 4.4

Background

On May 13, 2026, the Board directed staff to return for adoption of the FY 2026-27 budget that includes a \$50,000 allocation for Well Mitigation Plan development. Items 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 complete the FY 2026-27 budget and fee-setting process for tax roll placement.

Summary

Item 2.2 — Resolution No. 2026-01, Approving the FY 2026-27 Annual Operations Budget.

Adopts a \$986,150 operational budget, requiring \$977,185 in fee revenue after the \$8,965 Rock Creek Reclamation District cost share offset. Supermajority affirmative vote required under Section 9.3 of the Joint Powers Agreement.

Item 2.3 — Resolution No. 2026-02, Setting Regulatory SGMA Fees for FY 2026-27.

Sets the FY 2026-27 SGMA fee under Water Code section 10730 and Section 4.1(c) of the 2025 Fee Study:

Fee Part	Type of Use	FY 2026-27 Fee	Application of the Fee
Part 1: Base Fee	Every parcel	\$16.82	per Parcel
Part 2: Group 1	Agricultural	\$4.86	per Cropped Acre
Part 2: Group 2	Domestic	\$1.10	per Developed Parcel
Part 2: Group 3	Grazing & Vacant	\$0.00	—

Item 2.4 — Resolution No. 2026-03, Certifying the Legal Process to Place Fees on the Secured Tax Roll.

Certifies compliance with Water Code section 10730 and submits the required packet to the Butte County Auditor-Controller: 2025 Fee Report, Property Tax Data Bill Form, Authority to Approve Direct Fee Charges, and Parcel Tax Roll. The submittal deadline is August 10, 2026.

Requested Action

Adopt Resolutions 2026-01, 2026-02, and 2026-03.

Attachments

- A. Resolution No. 2026-01, Approving the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Operations Budget
- B. Resolution No. 2026-02, Setting Regulatory SGMA Fees for Fiscal Year 2026-27
- C. Resolution No. 2026-03, Certifying the Legal Process to Place Direct Fees on the Secured Tax Roll

VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ANNUAL OPERATIONS BUDGET

WHEREAS, the County of Butte, City of Chico, and the Durham Irrigation District entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) in 2019 to form the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Vina GSA) pursuant to Water Code sections 10721, and 10723; and

WHEREAS, the Vina GSA was formed to provide sustainable groundwater management to the Vina Subbasin in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

WHEREAS, section 15.2 of the JPA provides the Vina GSA authority to develop and adopt annual budgets which estimate the cost of operating the Vina GSA pursuant to SGMA and the JPA; and

WHEREAS, section 15.2 in the JPA requires the Board adopt an annual budget prior to the beginning of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, section 9.3 of the JPA requires a supermajority vote to approve the annual budget; and

WHEREAS, the Vina GSA developed the 2026-27 budget as part of the development of the 2025 Fee Report, wherein the Board reviewed a draft budget, provided direction on the draft budget, and a final budget was developed based on the 2025 Fee Report and a projected 2026-27 costs; and

WHEREAS, the final proposed annual budget (attachment A) is based on the five-year cost projection and the economical approach developed in the 2025 Fee Report includes the Vina GSA projections of revenue, staff expenses, consultant expenses, office expenses, legal costs, and groundwater management related expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY does hereby resolve, declare and order as follows:

1. The Vina GSA Board so finds and determines the above recitals are correct.
2. The Vina GSA 2026-27 annual budget attached hereto as Attachment A is hereby adopted.
3. The Vina GSA 2026-27 annual budget will be funded through collection of a SGMA fee separately authorized and adopted by the Vina GSA.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY this 10th day of June 2026 as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify as follows:

1. That we are the Board Chair and Secretary of the VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY; and
2. That the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency, passed at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 10, 2026, at the City of Chico City Council Chambers, 421 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed this certificate this 10th day of June 2026, at Chico, California.

_____ Jeffrey Rohwer, Chair of the Board of Directors

_____ Brandon Mortimer, Secretary

Attachment A

Vina GSA DRAFT Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Operating Budget	
with Well Mitigation Program	
REVENUES	
GSA-Related Revenues	
SGMA Regulatory Fees	\$977,185
Rock Creek Reclamation District - Cost Share	\$8,965
DWR SGMA Round 2 Grant Funding	\$1,600,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,586,150
EXPENSES	
Part 1: Governance & GSA Operations	
Audit Services (FY25-26)	\$19,500
Financial Services	\$12,000
County Tax Roll Fee Support	\$31,000
Legal Services (excluding defense)	\$30,000
Legal Defense Reserve	\$240,000
Legal Defense Reserve Accrued FY 25-26	\$60,000
Professional Services	\$35,000
Program Manager	\$115,000
Office Expenses	\$20,000
Reserve (10%)	\$56,250
Part 1 Subtotal	\$618,750
Part 2: SGMA Monitoring & SGM	
Annual Reporting	\$42,000
Periodic Evaluations (2028-2032)	\$52,000
Well Mitigation Plan	\$50,000
Groundwater Monitoring	\$54,000
Surface-GW Modeling	\$31,500
GSA Coordination & Outreach	\$31,500
Data Management System Maintenance	\$15,500
Technical Assistance - Professional Services	\$42,000
Grant Procurement & Administration	\$15,500
Reserve (10%)	\$33,400
Part 2 Subtotal	\$367,400
Total Operational Budget	\$986,150
DWR SGMA Round 2 Grant Funded Projects	\$1,600,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,586,150
Fee Setting Calculation	
Part 1 & 2 Expenses	\$986,150
less RCRD 2.44% Share of Part 2 Costs	\$8,965
less SGM Grant Contribution	\$1,600,000
Fee Setting Amount (Required Fee Revenue)	\$977,185

VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

SETTING REGULATORY SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014 provides groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) with the authority to impose and collect fees on all applicable properties to fund regulatory activities within the GSAs' jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Vina GSA, in coordination with the Rock Creek Reclamation District GSA, developed a joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) covering the entire Vina Subbasin, which the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) approved on July 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Vina GSA approved a regulatory SGMA fee on June 11, 2025, as authorized by Water Code section 10730 to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program, including implementation of the Vina Subbasin GSP; and

WHEREAS, the fee resolution (No. 2025-02) authorized the Board of Directors to adjust the fees levied in future fiscal years based on methods described in Attachment A, Section 3.1 of Resolution No 2025-02; and

WHEREAS, the annual adjustment to fees based on the previously adopted methods is based on a projected budget for the 2027 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2027 (FY27) fees set forth in Attachment A are based on the budget projection for FY27 and the fee methodology approved in Resolution 2025-02.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency as follows:

1. The Vina GSA regulatory SGMA Fee for FY27 is set at the charges identified in Attachment A on the terms and conditions set in Resolution No. 2025-02; and
2. The Vina GSA Program Manager is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Auditor-Controller of the County of Butte. Upon such filing, the County Auditor-Controller shall enter on the County assessment roll opposite each lot or parcel of land the amount of fee thereupon as shown in the levy roll. The fees shall continue to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as County taxes are collected and all the laws providing for collection and enforcement shall apply to the collection and enforcement of the assessments. After collection by the County, the net amount of the assessments, after deduction of any compensation due the County for collection, shall be paid to Vina GSA; and
3. The Vina GSA Program Manager is hereby authorized and directed to cause the direct billing of the fee for entities that do not receive a tax bill; and
4. The Vina GSA Program Manager and Vina GSA Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take such other and further steps as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the VINA
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY this 10th day of June 2026.**

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify as follows:

1. That we are the Board Chair and Secretary of the VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY; and
2. That the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency, passed at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 10, 2026, at the City of Chico City Council Chambers, 421 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed this certificate this 10th day of June 2026, at Chico, California.

_____ Jeffrey Rohwer, Chair of the Board of Directors

_____ Brandon Mortimer, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

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VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

THE VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY OF BUTTE THE VALIDITY OF THE LEGAL PROCESS USED TO PLACE DIRECT FEES ON THE SECURED TAX ROLL

WHEREAS, all notices, technical information, and legal requirements for regulatory fees for the purpose of achieving compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act to be included on the regular County property tax bill for property owners of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Vina GSA) were completed on June 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Vina GSA is placing these regulatory fees on the Butte County secured property tax roll for collection; and

WHEREAS, the Vina GSA has complied with all laws pertaining to the SGMA regulatory fees including Water Code 10730; and

WHEREAS, the fee is being levied without regard to property valuation of the properties involved; and

WHEREAS, the Vina GSA agrees that it shall be solely liable and responsible, and will defend and hold the County of Butte harmless from any liability as a result of claims or claims for refunds and related interest due filed by taxpayers against any assessments, fees, charges or taxes placed on the roll for the Vina GSA by the County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency that the list submitted with parcel numbers and amount are certified as being correct, the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Program Manager is hereby authorized to sign any documents required and directed to give the list to the Butte County Auditor on behalf of the Vina GSA for placement on the secured tax roll for collection:

1. 2025 Fee Report
2. Property Tax Data Bill Form
3. Authority to Approve Direct Fee Charges
4. Parcel Tax Roll

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY this 10th day of June 2026.

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ABSTAIN:

CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify as follows:

1. That we are the Board Chair and Secretary of the VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY; and
2. That the foregoing resolution, consisting of 2 pages, including this page, is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Vina Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, passed at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 10, 2026, at the City of Chico City Council Chambers, 421 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed this certificate this 10th day of June 2026 at Chico, California.

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