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Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Chico City Council Chamber, 421 Main Street, Chico CA

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- Jeff Rohwer, Vice Chair, Agricultural Groundwater User
- Derek Sohnrey, Durham Irrigation District
- Tod Kimmelshue, Butte County
- Katie Hawley, City of Chico
- Jim Graydon, Domestic Well User

PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION:

Public comment will be accepted in-person at the meeting or may be submitted by email prior to the meeting to VINAGSAPUBLICCOMMENTS@CHICOCA.GOV. If you would like to address the Board at this meeting, you are requested to complete a speaker card and hand it to the Board Clerk prior to the conclusion of the staff presentation for that item. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker on all items and an overall time limit of thirty minutes for agenda items has been established. If more than 10 speaker cards are submitted for agenda items, the time limitation may be reduced to one and a half minutes per speaker.

When submitting public comments via email, please indicate the item number your comment corresponds to in the subject line. Comments submitted will be sent to the full GSA Board members electronically prior to the start of the meeting. Email comments will be acknowledged and read into the record by name only during the public comment period for each agenda item. Emailed comments received prior to the end of the meeting will be made part of the written record but not acknowledged at the meeting.

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Regular Board Meeting Agenda

May 13, 2026

1. Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Regular Board Meeting

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1. *Approval of the 4-8-26 Vina GSA Board Meeting Minutes.

Requested Action: Approve the 4-8-26 Vina GSA Board meetings minutes.

2.2. *Consideration of Contract No. 26-01 with Hansford Economic Consulting LLC for Fiscal Year 2026/27 Tax Roll Services.

The Board will consider approval of Contract No. 26-01 with Hansford Economic Consulting LLC to prepare and submit the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) groundwater sustainability fee for placement on the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Butte County tax roll, and to provide the data needed to bill parcels not collected through the tax roll, such as State and County-owned parcels. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Approve Contract No. 26-01 with Hansford Economic Consulting LLC for Fiscal Year 2026/27 tax roll services.

3. Items Removed from Consent – If Any

4. Public Comments

Members of the public may address the Board at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda; comments are limited to three (3) minutes. The Board cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

5. Regular Agenda

5.1. *Update on the Status and Anticipated Timeline for the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Periodic Evaluation

Staff will provide an update on the anticipated topics and timelines over the next several months related to the Periodic Evaluation. **(Verbal Report – Christina Buck, Asst. Director Butte County Water and Resource Conservation)**

Requested Action: Accept as information.

5.2. *Consideration of a Well Mitigation Program in the Vina Subbasin

The Board will receive a presentation on well mitigations programs from across the state and options and considerations for developing a Well Mitigation Program in the Vina Subbasin, informed by recent Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) recommendations. **(Report – Christina Buck, Assistant Director, Butte County Water & Resources Conservation.)**

Requested Action: Provide direction to staff on the approach and timing for a Well Mitigation Program including how it is described in the Periodic Evaluation, and whether to include funds in the Fiscal Year 2026/27 budget to support initiation of development of a mitigation program in 2027.

5.3. *Financial and Administrative Systems Ad Hoc Committee Update

Staff will provide an update on the work of the Financial and Administrative Systems Ad Hoc Committee. Topics covered at recent Committee meetings include the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 budget, financial services through the Butte County Auditor-Controller's office, member agency contributions, and the potential development of a reserve policy and procurement policy. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Accept as information.

5.4. * Fiscal Year 2026/27 Annual Operations Budget Discussion

Staff will present two draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 Annual Operations Budget scenarios for the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA): one that includes funding for a Well Mitigation Program and one that does not. Each scenario outlines anticipated revenues and expenditures and supports the GSA's administrative functions and groundwater sustainability activities for the upcoming fiscal year. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Provide direction to staff on the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Annual Operations Budget scenario to bring back for Board adoption in June 2026.

6. Program Manager Report – (Information Only - Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)

7. Communications And Reports

7.1. Update on Interbasin Coordination **(Information Only)**

8. Board Member Requests for Future Items

Board Members may propose topics, projects, or issues for inclusion on a future agenda. Proposals will be noted for consideration by the Chair and Program Manager, subject to feasibility and alignment with the Agency's priorities. No discussion or action will be taken on proposed items at this meeting.

9. Adjournment:

The Vina GSA Board meeting will adjourn to Closed Session after tonight's Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting.

1. Closed Session Public Comments or Board Disqualifications:

Members of the public may address the Board at this time on the closed session item only; comments are limited to three (3) minutes, or time limit as determined by the Chair.

2. Adjourn To Closed Session:

3. Closed Session

3.1 Call to Order

4. Closed Session Agenda

4.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(1) - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Butte County Superior Court #23CV02789 - Ronald R Titus, as Trustee of the 2005 Titus

Trust et al vs Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency

- 4.2 **Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(1) - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Butte County Superior Court #22CV00321 - AquAlliance et al vs Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency et al.**
- 4.3 **Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(1) - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Butte County Superior Court #24CV04275 - AquAlliance et al vs Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency et al.**
- 4.4 **Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(2) and 54956.9(E)(1), Conference with Legal Counsel – Exposure to litigation against the agency. Section 54956.9(d)(2) states: “A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency.” Section 54956.9(e)(1) describes “facts and circumstances” as follows: “Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the local agency but which the local agency believes are not yet known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs, which facts and circumstances need not be disclosed.”**

5. Closed Session Announcement:

Report on any action taken during the closed session.

6. Adjournment:

The Vina GSA Closed Session will adjourn to a Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting on June 10, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at the Chico City Council Chamber Building at 421 Main Street, Chico, CA and online via Zoom for viewing only.