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

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025
Time: 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
Location: Butte County Library, Chico Branch,
1108 Sherman Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Committee members present: Greg Sohnrey, Samantha Lewis, Joanne Parsley, Jim Graydon, Holly Swan, Evan Markey, and Todd Greene.

Committee Members absent: Anne Dawson, Bill Chance, and Danny Paiva.

Staff Present: Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager; Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Manager; Kamie Loeser, Butte County Water & Resource Conservation.

2. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

The public and SHAC members had an opportunity to comment on items not on the agenda and that are relevant to the SHAC. Committee members and Management Committee staff were not required to respond to any issues raised during the public comment period. Commenters were asked to respect differing perspectives and to keep remarks within three minutes.

Public Comment(s):

- Jim Brobeck

3. ***REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 9-24-25 SHAC MEETING MINUTES**

Action: Approve the 9-24-25 meeting minutes

Public Comment(s): None

Motion: Committee Member Markey made a motion to approve the 9/24/25 meeting minutes. Committee Member Greg Sohnrey seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Committee Members Sohnrey, Swan, Graydon, Markey, Greene, Vice Chair Parsley, and Chair Lewis.

ABSENT: Committee Members Dawson and Chance.

4. ***GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) STAKEHOLDER MEETING FEEDBACK**

The Committee received a presentation summarizing feedback from the Fall 2025 stakeholder meetings conducted as part of the Vina GSP Periodic Evaluation process. The update provided an overview of the topics shared with stakeholders, the key themes and perspectives gathered across the domestic well, agricultural, and environmental groups, and how this feedback will inform upcoming technical work, Minimum Threshold (MT) considerations, Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) refinements, and potential

development of a Domestic Well Mitigation Program framework. (**Report – Becky Fairbanks, GSA Project Manager**)

Requested Action:

Feedback and public perspectives received from the SHAC and other stakeholder meetings will be provided to both the Vina GSA and Rock Creek Reclamation District GSA Boards of Directors during a joint meeting to inform the approach and next steps in the Periodic Evaluation process. Staff is seeking SHAC input and direction on the following items:

1. Next Steps regarding Minimum Threshold (MT) Methodology and RMS Network Development

Provide direction to staff and Larry Walker Associates (LWA) on whether to proceed with calculating Minimum Thresholds (MTs) for both Groundwater Levels (GWL) and Interconnected Surface Waters (ISW), using the two MT-setting approaches developed for the GWL SMC:

- o **Option 1:** Recalculate MTs using the updated domestic well inventory and revised RMS polygons; and
- o **Option 2:** Set MTs based on historical minimum groundwater levels minus an agreed-upon buffer.

Staff and LWA would document the results of the analysis and make them available for the public to digest in advance of bringing the topics to the SHAC and GSA Boards for recommendations and decision-making in the coming months.

2. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Framework

Provide direction on the near-term development of a framework for a Domestic Well Mitigation Program. Discuss possible scope options, timing, cost implications, and anticipated level of effort.

Public Comment(s):

- Jim Brobeck
- Bruce Smith
- Lester Mecena
- Susan Shrader
- Ron Alexander

Action: Staff provided a presentation to the Committee and discussion ensued. The committee provided feedback that will be presented at the December 10th Board Meeting.

5. *SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT (SGM) GRANT PROJECT UPDATE (Written Report)

Informational item only. Accepted as information.

6. GSA PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATE (Verbal Report – Dillon McGregor, Vina GSA Program Manager)

The program manager provided an update on the following items:

- Open SHAC positions.
- Non-Agricultural Domestic Well User Stakeholder Board position vacancy.
- Change in location for the Vina GSA Board meeting on December 10th and that the meeting would be a joint meeting with Rock Creek Reclamation District GSA.
- The Vina GSA Fee Appeal Process is active and on the website.
- The GSA has new educational materials that are being distributed.

7. SHAC FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS – SHAC members could verbally request an item to be agendaized at a future meeting.

No requests were received.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM to their next meeting on Wednesday, **January 28th, 2026.**