



# Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Transmittal

**Subject:** Consideration of Authorization for Program Manager to Contract with Larry Walker Associates and Approval of Resolution No. 2024 Vina GSA Stream Gage Project Funding

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**Meeting Date:** December 11, 2024

**Agenda Item:** 5.3

## Summary

At the November 11, 2024, Board meeting, the Board directed Staff to proceed with the California Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP) application process, incorporating final input from the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC). Following this direction, Staff confirmed SHAC support and completed the initial application. The original goal was to finalize the application by November 30, 2024, to meet the review deadline for that evaluation period. However, due to resource constraints and the inability to contract with Larry Walker Associates (LWA) in time, the application could not be submitted by the November deadline.

To meet the next evaluation deadline of December 31, 2024, Staff recommends the Board authorize the Program Manager to execute a contract with LWA, not to exceed \$15,000, to complete the CalSIP application. LWA will develop and submit the required application materials, ensuring the GSA's eligibility for CalSIP funding and alignment with the proposed monitoring network expansion goals.

Additionally, to complete the application process, a resolution authorizing the funding request, acceptance, and execution for the Vina GSA Stream Gage Project must be submitted. Staff recommends the Board approve Resolution No. 2024-03, authorizing the Chair to sign the resolution on behalf of the Vina GSA.

## Background on the CalSIP Program

The California Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP) is a statewide initiative aimed at enhancing streamflow monitoring networks to improve water management and support sustainable groundwater practices. The program provides funding opportunities to expand and enhance monitoring networks, ensuring critical data collection for resource management. Participation in CalSIP aligns with the Vina GSA's goals to strengthen its monitoring network and support long-term groundwater sustainability in the Vina Subbasin.

## Fiscal Impact

The proposed contract with LWA will not exceed \$15,000. As of December 5, 2024, the Professional Services line item in the 2024/25 Vina GSA Annual Budget has \$9,000 remaining, potentially leaving a shortfall of up to \$6,000. If LWA's costs exceed the remaining funds in this line item, the GSA may need to reallocate funds from another line item or include the overage in the 2025/26 Annual Budget. At this time, Staff anticipates unspent funds in the other line items that could be used to cover the shortfall.

## Requested Actions

1. Authorize the Program Manager to execute a contract with Larry Walker Associates, not to exceed \$15,000, to complete the CalSIP application process.
2. Approve Resolution No. 2024-03, authorizing the Board Chair to sign the resolution for the Vina GSA Stream Gage Project funding request.

**Resolution No. 2024-03**

**A resolution of the Board of Directors of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Authorizing the Funding Request, Acceptance, and Execution for the  
Vina GSA Stream Gage Project**

**WHEREAS**, Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency proposes to implement Vina GSA Stream Gage Project;

**WHEREAS**, Vina GSA Stream Gage Project is being implemented to support and improve the stream gage network within the State of California and is intended to: (1) provide publicly available data on natural surface waters; and (2) provide sound data that informs water management decisions;

**WHEREAS**, Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency intends to apply for funding from the California Department of Water Resources for the Vina GSA Stream Gage Project;

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

1. That pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of Budget Act of 2023, as amended (Stats. 2022, ch. 44, § 25), the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Program Manager, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file a questionnaire for funding with the Department of Water Resources and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain funding.
2. The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Program Manager, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources and any amendments thereto.
3. The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Program Manager, or designee is hereby authorized to utilize electronic signatures to execute agreements with the Department of Water Resources and any amendments thereto.
4. The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Program Manager, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain funding.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency at the meeting held on December 11, 2024 motion by [member name] and seconded by [member name], motion passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

### **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 December 11, 2024, at the City of Chico City Council Chambers, 421 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed this certificate this 11th day of December 2024, at Chico, California.

\_\_\_\_\_ Evan Tuchinsky, Chair of the Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_ Linda Herman, Secretary