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**VINA GSA AND ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT GSA
SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

December 10, 2025

1. VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

1.1. Call To Order: Vice Chair Rohwer called the meeting to order at 3:44 pm

1.2. Roll Call

Vina GSA Board of Directors present: Claudia Rawlins – Domestic Well Users Representative (alternate), Kevin Phillips – Durham Irrigation District (alternate), Tod Kimmelshue – Butte County, Katie Hawley – City of Chico, Jeff Rohwer – Agricultural Well Users Representative

GSA and Member Agency Staff present: Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager; Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager, Kamie Loeser, Butte County; Christina Buck, Butte County; Brandon Mortimer, City of Chico.

2. ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT (RCRD) GSA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

2.1. Call to Order: The RCRD GSA Board Chair called the meeting to order.

2.2 Roll Call: Roll call was done by RCRD.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR (PUBLIC COMMENTS)

Members of the public were invited to address the Vina GSA and RCRD GSA Boards at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY EMAIL FROM:

- 1.) Jim Brobeck
- 2.) Rodger Lederer
- 3.) Andrew Merkel
- 4.) Cheetah Tchudi
- 5.) Jeannie Trizzino

4. JOINT VINA GSA/RCRD GSA BOARD MEETING SPECIAL AGENDA

4.1 PRESENTATION OF STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK FOR THE VINA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) PERIODIC EVALUATION

The Board received a presentation summarizing feedback from the Fall 2025 stakeholder meetings conducted as part of the Vina Subbasin GSP Periodic Evaluation process. The update provided an overview of topics shared with stakeholders, 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

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

Feedback and public perspectives received from the series of stakeholder meetings and the SHAC was provided to the GSA Board to inform the approach and next steps in the Periodic Evaluation process. The options were reworded from what was presented during the stakeholder meetings to clarify the request, as it became apparent that the original wording led to confusion.

REQUESTED ACTION: Staff sought Board input and direction on the following items:

- 1. Next Steps regarding Minimum Threshold (MT) Methodology and RMS Network Development**
- 2. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Framework**

Public Commenters:

- 1.) Suzanne Schrader
- 2.) Tovey Giezentanner

Joint Boards Direction: The GSA Boards jointly directed staff to come back in the future with information regarding the following topics:

- 1) Domestic Well Registry – information regarding what others is doing related to well mitigation and well registries for domestic wells to inform an initial framework for the Vina subbasin,
- 2) Minimum Threshold Domestic Well Impact Analysis – Prepare summary of the number of domestic wells impacted at MT levels using the GSP dataset (2022) of domestic wells and using the 2025 refined dataset of domestic wells.
- 3) Create a matrix outlining DWR mandated changes to the Vina GSP, DWR recommended changes to consider modifying or responding to data gaps, and stakeholder suggested concepts that are modifications to the GSP.
- 4) Bring back more information regarding an Interconnected Surface Water Network and potential changes to the Groundwater Level Network.

In addition, the Boards requested that staff provide information about what neighboring subbasins are doing related to these topics.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA/RCRD GSA Joint Special Board adjourned to the Vina GSA Special Meeting at 5:27.

*****RECONVENE TO VINA GSA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING*****

1. VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

1.1 Call To Order: Vice Chair Rohwer called the meeting to order 5:35 pm

1.2 Roll Call

Vina GSA Board of Directors present: Claudia Rawlins – Domestic Well Users Representative (alternate), Kevin Phillips – Durham Irrigation District (alternate), Tod Kimmelshue – Butte County, Katie Hawley – City of Chico, Jeff Rohwer – Agricultural Well Users Representative

GSA and Member Agency Staff present: Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager; Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager, Kamie Loeser, Butte County; Christina Buck, Butte County; Brandon Mortimer, City of Chico.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2025 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

Requested Action: Approve the October 8, 2025 Vina GSA Board meetings minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTER(S)

<NONE>

ACTION:

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Board Member Kimmelshue. That motion was seconded by Board Member Hawley.

The motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Board Members Rawlins, Phillips, Kimmelshue, Hawley, and Vice Chair Rohwer

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

<NONE>

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 FORMATION OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS AD HOC COMMITTEE

As the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) continues to mature as an organization, it will be important to determine the financial and administrative systems and processes that best support its long-term operations. To help guide this work, Staff is requesting the formation of an ad hoc committee that can collaborate with Staff and Legal Counsel on evaluating options and providing input. The ad hoc committee would be temporary, expected to serve for roughly nine months, while the GSA refines its approach to financial and administrative management. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Form a Financial and Administrative Systems Ad Hoc Committee or provide direction to staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTER(S)

<NONE>

ACTION:

This item was tabled until the next regularly scheduled February Vina GSA Board Meeting

4.2 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SHAC)

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) had five openings on its Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC): one Agricultural User, one Domestic Well User, one Local Business Representative, one Water Scientist and one Non-irrigated/Rangeland Representative. The Board reviewed all applications received and appointed applicants to fill vacancies. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Review the applications received and appoint applicants to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTER(S)

<NONE>

ACTION:

A motion to appoint Jim Graydon as the Domestic Well User with Suzanne Schrader as the alternate should Mr. Graydon be appointed to the Vina GSA Board seat, Joanne Parsley as the Agricultural Well User, Patrick Riley as the Local Business Representative, and Todd Greene as Water Scientist to fill the

vacancies on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee was made by Director Phillips. That motion was seconded by Director Hawley.

The motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Directors Rawlins, Phillips, Kimmelshue, Hawley, and Vice Chair Rohwer

4.3 CONSIDERATION OF THE 2026 BOARD AND STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SHAC) MEETING CALENDAR

The Board reviewed and considered the recommended meeting calendars for the Board and Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) for 2026. (*Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager*)

REQUESTED ACTION: Adopt the 2026 Board and SHAC meeting calendar or provide direction to Staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTER(S)

<NONE>

ACTION:

A motion to adopt the Board and Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) meeting calendar for 2026 as presented was made by Board Member Kimmelshue. That motion was seconded by Board Member Phillips.

The motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Directors Rawlins, Phillips, Kimmelshue, Hawley, and Vice Chair Rohwer

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

5.1 Program Manager Report (Information Only - Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)

The Program Manager provided an update on the following items:

- New Educational Material
- The Cost share agreement between Butte County and the GSA
- The Nonagricultural Domestic Well User Stakeholder Board Vacancy
- Printing full packets for the board will be by request
- Joint Vina GSA and RCRD GSA 2026 Joint Meetings

5.2 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Projects Update (Information Only - Written Report)

5.3 Northern Sacramento Valley Inter-Basin Coordination Fact Sheet & Webinar Announcement (Information Only)

5.4 Q4 Water Year 2025 Well Permit Summary (Information Only)

5.5 Tuscan Water District (TWD) October 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes: Agenda Item 5 - DWR 2023 Vina Subbasin GSP Determination Letter Discussion Summary (Information Only)

5.6 Tuscan Water District (TWD) Memo: Proposition 4 Readiness: Ad Hoc Committees and Near-Term Actions (Information Only)

6. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS:

Board Members were given the opportunity to propose topics, projects, or issues for inclusion on a future agenda.

No requests were made.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Board meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 5:53.

1. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS OR BOARD DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Members of the public were invited address the Board at this time on the closed session item only

PUBLIC COMMENTER(S)

<NONE>

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.

5. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

No Action was taken, no direction was given.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Closed Session adjourned to a Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting on February 11, 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.