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**VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
 BOARD MEETING**

Regular Meeting Agenda
 September 12, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
 Chico Municipal Center Council Chamber - 421 Main Street

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1. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. Introduction of the Primary Agricultural and Domestic Well User Stakeholder Board Members approved by the Butte County Board of Supervisors on 8/27/19.

Primary Agricultural well use Stakeholder Board Member	Jeffrey Rohwer
Primary Domestic well use Stakeholder Board Member	Evan Tuchinsky

Alternate Agricultural well Stakeholder Board Member	Steven Koehnen
Alternate Domestic well Stakeholder Board Member	Steve Kampfen

1.4. Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA - all matters listed under the consent agenda are to be considered routine and enacted by one motion.

2.1. APPROVAL OF 8/15/19 MEETING MINUTES

2.2. APPOINT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AS THE ADMINISTRATOR AND PLAN MANAGER FOR THE VINA GSA.

Section 12.1 of the Vina GSA Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) allows for the Board to appoint an Administrator and a Manager for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan to serve at the direction of the Board and whose duties shall be established by the By-Laws and actions of the Board. Staff recommends appointing the Management Committee as the Administrator and Management Committee Member Paul Gosselin as the Plan Manager for the Vina GSA.

2.3. ACCEPT PROCUREMENT OF GOLDEN STATE RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GSRMA) TO PROVIDE INSURANCE FOR THE VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (VINA GSA) (“AGENCY”)

After review of several insurance entities with public agency experience, the Management Committee chose GSRMA to provide the necessary insurance coverage for the Vina GSA. This agency was chosen based on price and because they already provide insurance to both the Colusa and Glenn Groundwater Sustainability Authorities. **(Report–Paul Gosselin)**.

2.4. APPROVE FINAL VINA GSA BUDGET AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

The Board will review for approval the final 2019-20 budget for the Vina GSA and is requested to accept the Financial Status Report of the current revenues, expenses, and fund balance as of 8/28/19. **(Report–Kelly Peterson)**

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. OVERVIEW OF THE VINA GSA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA).

Management Committee Staff will provide a review of the JPA executed to form the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Vina GSA) **(Report–Paul Gosselin)**.

Recommendation: None, this is an informational item only.

5.2. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF PREPARING A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) FOR THE VINA SUBBASIN.

The Vina GSA is charged with developing and submitting a GSP to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by January 30, 2022. The development of the Vina GSP is supported by a Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Grant and from in-kind Staff support. Staff will provide a status report on the development of the Vina GSP **(Report–Paul Gosselin)**.

Recommendation: None, this is an informational item only.

5.3. CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING A LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Section 12.2 of the JPA requires that a third-party legal counsel be obtained to represent the Vina GSA. Staff has issued a Request for Proposal to solicit legal counsel firms. Staff requests that a Committee be established to review the proposals from the potential candidates and recommends that the Management Committee and one Board member be designated as this Committee. **(Report–Paul Gosselin)**.

Recommendation: Designate the Management Committee as the Legal Counsel Review Committee and appoint one Board of Director to the Committee.

5.4. REVIEW OF DRAFT TIMELINE AND MILESTONES FOR THE VINA GSA BOARD

At its 8/15/19 meeting, the Board requested an estimated timeline of items that would be expected to be brought to the Board for consideration, and other milestones associated with the development and implementation of the GSP for the Vina GSA **(Report–Kelly Peterson)**.

Recommendation: None, this is an informational item only.

5.5. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Pursuant to Section 11.3 and Appendix A of the JPA, an Advisory Committee consisting of seven (7) Board appointed at-large members representing various stakeholder interests, and one (1) representative from California Water Service shall be established to advise the Vina GSA on GSP development and implementation. Stakeholder member recruitment is in process and the Board will consider appointing Mr. Greg Sohnrey as the first Ag groundwater user representative to the Committee. **(Report – Kelly Peterson)**

Recommendation: Approve Mr. Sohnrey as one of the Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee at-large members representing agricultural groundwater users.

5.6. CONSIDERATION OF THE FINAL BY-LAWS FOR THE VINA GSA.

At its 8/15/19 meeting, the Board reviewed a draft copy of the proposed By-Laws that will govern conduct of the Board meetings and day-to-day operations of the Vina GSA. The Board was requested to provide Staff with any comments or revisions to the By-Laws for consideration for final approval at its 9/12/19 meeting. **(Report – Linda Herman).**

Recommendation: Approve the final By-Laws.

5.7. CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN.

The Board will review a Draft Communications and Engagement Plan for the Vina GSA. The purpose of the Plan is to ensure that interests of all beneficial groundwater uses, and users are considered, and that the public is engaged and informed during the development and implementation of the GSP. **(Report – Linda Herman).**

Recommendation: That the Board review and provide comments on the draft Communications and Engagement Plan and continue this item to their next meeting for approval.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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 minutes. The Board cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting on October 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building located at 421 Main Street, Chico, California.



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