

**MINUTES OF THE
VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting of
April 10, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Chico City Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Chico CA
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM (viewing/listening only)

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

1.1. Call to Order

The Vina GSA meeting was called to order by Chair Tuchinsky at 5:31 p.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Evan Tuchinsky
Jeffrey Rohwer
Matt Doyle
Todd Kimmelshue

Board Members Absent: Kasey Reynolds

Management Committee Members Present:

Christina Buck, Kamie Loeser, Kelly Peterson, and Dillon Raney (Butte County Department of Water & Resource Conservation (BCDWRC), Linda Herman and David Kehn (City of Chico), Jeannie Trizzino (Durham Irrigation District) and Valerie Kincaid (Legal Counsel).

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1. APPROVAL OF THE 3/13/24 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

Action: Approve the Vina GSA 13/13/24 meeting minutes.

Board Member Kimmelshue motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Rohwer

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Board Members Kimmelshue, Board Member Doyle, Vice Chair Rohwer, and Chair Tuchinsky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Board Member Reynolds

ABSTAIN: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

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

Jim Brobeck provided comments to the Board.

5. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

6. **REGULAR AGENDA**

6.1. **CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) has vacancies for three (3) positions on its Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC): Environmental Representative, Business Association Representative, and Non-irrigated/Rangeland Representative. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The Board considered one application for the Business Association Representative position. **(Report – Dillon Raney)**

RECOMMENDATION: Review the application and appoint a Business Association Representative to the SHAC.

Management Committee Member Raney informed the Board that there was one application received from Bill Chance for the Business Representative for the SHAC.

Board Member Kimmelsue made a motion to appoint Mr. Chance to the SHAC. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Rohwer.

There were no public comments on this item.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Board Members Kimmelshue, Board Member Doyle, Vice Chair Rohwer, and Chair Tuchinsky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Board Member Reynolds

ABSTAIN: None

6.2. **RATIFY LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR BUTTE COUNTY & DURHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR BUTTE COUNTY’S CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING/COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING)**

Butte County and Durham Irrigation District sought expedited letters of support from the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to apply for funding from the Butte County’s Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding to implement several local water projects . The GSA Program Manager and Vina GSA Board Chair reviewed the proposed projects and confirmed they are in alignment with the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Plan’s (GSP) objectives and projects., The Board reviewed the support letters for ratification. **(Report – Dillon Raney)**

RECOMMENDATION: Ratify the letters of support for Butte County and Durham Irrigation District for the Butte County’s Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding.

GSA Program Manager Raney provided the report. Management Committee Member Loeser asked the Board if they approve the process of having the Board Chair or Management Committee members signing letters of support and Board ratification of the letters if there is not enough time for the Board to consider the letters beforehand.

There were no public comments on this item.

Board Member Kimmelshue motioned to ratify the letters of support for Butte County and Durham Irrigation District for the Butte County's Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding, and the ratification process if needed in the future. The motion was seconded by Board Member Doyle.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Board Members Kimmelshue, Board Member Doyle, Vice Chair Rohwer, and Chair Tuchinsky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Board Member Reynolds

ABSTAIN: None

6.3 PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 WATER YEAR ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE VINA SUBBASIN

The Board received an overview of the Vina subbasin Annual Water Year Report for 2023. **(Report – Kelly Peterson and Luhdorff & Scalmanini).**

RECOMMENDATION: Accept as information and provide direction to Staff as appropriate.

Jim Brobeck provided comments on this item.

The Board provided comments and accepted the report. No direction was given.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Management Committee Members Loeser and Buck provided updates on the following items:

7.1 Butte County Public Health Department Quarterly Well Permit Summary

Jim Brobeck provided comments on this Item.

8. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Regular Board meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. to a Vina GSA Closed Session in Conference Room 2 in the Chico Council Chamber Building.

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 minutes, or time limit as determined by the chair.

There were no Board disqualifications or comments from the public on the Closed Session.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

3. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

3.1 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #23CV02789.

3.2 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #22CV00321.

4. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chair Tuchinsky announced that no action was taken, or direction given on either of these items.

6 CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Board Closed Session meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. to a Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting on **June 12, 2024**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Chico City Council Chamber Building at 421 Main Street., Chico, CA and online via Zoom for viewing only. .