

**MINUTES OF THE
VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Meeting of

June 26, 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
Kasey Reynolds

Board Members Absent: None

Management Committee Members Present:

Christina Buck, Becky Fairbanks, Kamie Loeser, Dillon Raney (Butte County Department of Water & Resource Conservation (BCDWRC), Linda Herman (City of Chico), and Valerie Kincaid (Legal Counsel).

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1. APPROVAL OF THE 5/08/24 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

Action: Approve the Vina GSA 5/08/24 meeting minutes.

2.2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) has vacancies for two (2) positions on its Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC): the Environmental Representative and the Non-irrigated/Rangeland Representative. The Board considered one application for the Environmental Representative position. **(Dillon Raney)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Review the application and appoint an Environmental Representative to the SHAC.

Board Member Reynolds motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction in the minutes to correct public speaking member Claudia Rawlin's last name. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Rohwer

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

4.1 **PRESENTATION OF VINA GSA SGMA PROJECTS**

The Board received a presentation on public engagement and outreach efforts for the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program projects. **(Report – Christina Buck & Becky Fairbanks)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Accept as information

Suan Schrader and a man named Jared (no last name was provided) spoke on this item.

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

4.2 **FEE STUDY UPDATE AND PRESENTATION OF OTHER GSA FUNDING MECHANISMS**

The Board will receive a presentation on the current Vina GSA Fee Study, including potential fee pathways, various fee structures, and an overview of the progress made to date. **(Report – Catherine Hansford & Schaelene Rollins, Hansford Economic Consultants (HEC))**

REQUESTED ACTION: Discuss and give direction to Staff.

There were no public comments on this item.

No action was taken by the Board as this was an information only item. However, when the Consultant informed the Board that they are interested in establishing an Ad-Hoc Committee to be part of the process, the Board requested that the Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee be the Ad-Hoc Committee.

4.3. **CONSIDERATION OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICO FOR THE LINDO CHANNEL SURFACE WATER RECHARGE PROJECT**

Staff presented an overview of the Cooperative Agreement between the Vina GSA and the City of Chico. This agreement allocates \$10,000 for services provided by City of Chico staff in support of the Lindo Channel Surface Water Recharge Project. **(Report – Dillon Raney)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign the Cooperative Agreement between the Vina GSA and the City of Chico for the Lindo Channel Surface Water Recharge Project for the Vina Subbasin Grant Funded Project.

There were no public comments on this item.

Vice Chair Rohwer motioned to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Chico. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

4.4 **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 ANNUAL OPERATIONS BUDGET**

The Board reviewed and considered the proposed budget for the Vina GSA operations and SGMA compliance activities for the 2024-25 fiscal year. **(Report – Dillon Raney)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the following resolution approving the 2024-25 operations budget for the Vina GSA.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 ANNUAL OPERATIONS BUDGET.

Board Member Reynolds motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2024-01 to approve the 2024-25 Vina GSA operations budget. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

4.5. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02 SETTING THE 2024-25 VINA GSA OPERATIONS FEE AND REQUEST OF BUTTE COUNTY TO COLLECT THE FEE ON THE 2025 TAX ROLL

After the proposed 2024/25 fiscal year budget was approved, the Board considered a resolution to establish and collect a GSA operations fee to fund the 2024/25 fiscal year budget. (**Report – Dillon Raney**)

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the following resolution establishing a Vina GSA Operations fee for the fiscal year 2024/25.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02 SETTING THE 2024-25 VINA GSA OPERATIONS FEE AND REQUEST OF BUTTE COUNTY TO COLLECT THE FEE ON THE 2025 TAX ROLL

Board Member Reynolds motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2024-02 setting the 2024-25 Vina GSA operations fee at \$2.53 per acre. The motion was seconded by Board Member Doyle.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

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

5.1 Management Committee Report (**Verbal Report – Dillon Raney**)

There were no Board or public comments on this item

6. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Regular Board meeting adjourned at 6:56 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

3.1 Call to Order

Chair Tuchinsky called the Closed Session to order at

4. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

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

5. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chair Tuchinsky announced that no action was taken or direction was given on Consent Item 2.1, and direction was given to Legal Counsel on Item. 2.2.

6. CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Board Closed Session meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. to a Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting on **September 11, 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.