

MINUTES OF THE VINA STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SHAC)

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting of May 22, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**OLD MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 441 MAIN STREET, CHICO CA 95928
AND VIA ZOOM (LISTEN/VIEW ONLY)**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**– Meeting was called to order by Chair Lewis at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

SHAC Committee Members Present:

- Anne Dawson
- Samantha Lewis
- Evan Markey
- Joanne Parsley
- Greg Sohnrey

Committee Members Absent:

- Sam Geopp
- Todd Greene
- Bruce Smith

Member Agency Staff Present:

Dillon Raney, Christina Buck, Kamie Loeser & Kelly Peterson, Becky Fairbanks (Butte County Department of Water & Resource Conservation (BCDWRC), Linda Herman and David Kehn (City of Chico).

*****SHAC member Greene joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.*****

1.a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

A motion made by SHAC member Sohnrey to appoint SHAC member Lewis as Chair and SHAC member Parsley as Vice-Chair. SHAC member Markey seconded the motion. Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Committee Members, Lewis, Markey, Parsley, and Sohnrey,
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: Committee Member Dawson
ABSENT: Committee Members Geopp, Greene and Smith

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW SHAC MEMBERS AND STAFF

Dillon Raney was introduced as the Vina GSA Program Manager and Becky Fairbanks was introduced as the new SGMA Grant Program Coordinator.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

The public and SHAC members will have an opportunity to comment on items not on the agenda and that are relevant to SHAC. Committee members and Management Committee staff are not required to respond to any issues raised during the public comment period. Commenters are asked to respect differing perspectives and to keep remarks within three minutes.

No public comments were received.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 10/25/23 SHAC MEETING MINUTES

No public comments were received.

A motion made by SHAC member Sohnrey to approve the Meeting Minutes was seconded by SHAC member Markey. Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Committee Members Dawson, Greene, Markey, Parsley, Sohnrey, Vice-Chair Parsley and Chair Lewis.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Committee Members Geopp, and Smith

5. PRESENTATION OF 2023 ANNUAL REPORT (Kelly Peterson, Butte County)

The Annual Report is available on the Vina GSA website at: <https://www.vinagsa.org/library>

Action: None, this was an informational item only.

Butte County staff representative, Kelly Peterson, gave an update on the topic. Discussion ensued among the SHAC members. Questions were answered.

6. *UPDATE ON SGMA GRANT PROJECTS. (Becky Fairbanks & Christina Buck, Butte County)

Action: None, this was an informational item only.

Butte County Project Coordinator Becky Fairbanks gave an update on this item. Discussion ensued and SHAC member questions were answered.

No public comments were received.

7. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 5. - 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Prior to the break, SHAC member Greene stated he had further questions regarding the 2023 Annual Report and asked if the discussion could go back to Agenda Item 5. Chair Lewis requested a motion to do so. SHAC member Greene made the motion and SHAC member Dawson seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Committee Members Dawson, Greene, Markey, Parsley, Sohnrey, Vice-Chair Parsley and Chair Lewis.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Committee Members Geopp, and Smith

Greene requested that all the hydrographs be included in the Annual Report. Peterson said that she would take the suggestion to the Technical Advisory Committee for possible inclusion in the next annual report.

Jim Brobeck and Alternate SHAC member-Domestic Well Claudia Rawlins provided comments on the Annual Report.

8. BREAK – The SHAC took a 5-minute break, and the meeting resumed at 10:32 a.m.

SHAC member Bruce Smith joined the meeting

9. *FEE STUDY UPDATE & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT (Catherine Hansford & Schaelene Rollins, HEC)

The consultant HEC provided an update on the new fee study and provided a detailed presentation on the Stakeholder Engagement component of the project. Discussion ensued and the SHAC members provided comments and suggestions on this topic.

SHAC member Sohnrey requested that the fee study include all properties in the portion of the fee that cover the costs of the SGMA mandatory reporting and other requirements. He believes it should be spread to all parties, including those State, Federal and other entities who are exempt from the GSA fees.

Chair Lewis requested that the fee study highlight and be transparent about all the GSA costs and expenses including litigation costs.

SHAC member Dawson inquired and emphasized that the domestic well users are considered and be part of the study and stakeholder outreach. Dawson also believes all should pay a portion of the fee but thinks it should be proportional to their water use.

Claudia Rawlins provided comments and asked questions on this item.

SHAC member Smith requested the consultant consider how the influx of solar may result in increased water use due to decreased electricity costs.

10. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE – (Verbal Report)

Possible Action: Schedule additional SHAC meeting for June 26, 2024

The Committee was asked if they would like to schedule an additional SHAC meeting on June 26, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 11: a.m. SHAC member Sohnrey made a motion to meet on this date, which was seconded by SHAC member Markey.

AYES: Committee Members Dawson, Greene, Markey, Smith, Sohnrey, Vice-Chair Parsley and Chair Lewis.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Committee Member Geopp

11. ADJOURNMENT

By a motion from SHAC member Sohnrey and a second from SHAC member Dawson, the SHAC unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting 11:28. a.m. to their next meeting to be held on June 26, 2024.