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Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM -11:00 AM

Location: Butte County Library, Chico Branch, 1108 Sherman Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

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MEETING AGENDA

April 23, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

2. **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 the 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.

3. ***REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 03-26-25 SHAC MEETING MINUTES**

Action: Approve the meeting minutes

4. **PRESENTATION ON THE STATUS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE WATER SUPPLY AND RECHARGE PROJECT (COMPONENT 5)** (Report – Christina Buck, SGM Grant Project Manager)

Action: None. Accept as information and provide feedback to staff.

5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION ON USE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS WITHIN THE DATA GAP IDENTIFICATION AND DATA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (COMPONENT 2)** (Report – Christina Buck, SGM Grant Project Manager)

Action: Provide recommendation to Vina GSA Board regarding use of additional funds for Component 2.

6. ***OVERVIEW OF STAKEHOLDER INPUT COLLECTION, INTEGRATION, AND COMMUNICATION PROCESSES** (Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)

Action: None. Accept as information and provide feedback to staff.

7. **GSA PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATE** (Verbal Report – Dillon McGregor, Vina GSA Program Manager)
8. **SHAC FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS** – SHAC members may verbally request an item to be agendized at a future meeting. After stating what the item would be, a majority vote of the SHAC is needed in order for the Management Committee to agendize the item. SHAC members may also submit requests in writing for the SHAC's consideration.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee will adjourn to their next meeting, Wednesday, **May 28, 2025**

*Materials included in agenda packet



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Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM -11:00 AM

Location: Butte County Library, Chico Branch, 1108 Sherman Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

MEETING AGENDA

March 26, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**- Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Samantha Lewis.

ROLL CALL:

SHAC Committee Members Present:

Samantha Lewis, Chair
Jim Graydon
Evan Markey
Holly Swan
Anne Dawson

Committee Members Absent:

Joanne Parsley, Vice-Chair
Bill Chance
Todd Greene
Greg Sohnrey

Ad-Hoc (Non-Voting) Member Absent:

Danny Paiva, Rock Creek Reclamation District

Member Agency Staff Present:

Dillon McGregor & Becky Fairbanks (Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency), Kamie Loeser & Christina Buck (Butte County Department of Water & Resource Conservation (BCDWRC), David Kehn (City of Chico).

2. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

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3. ***REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 11/20/24 SHAC MEETING MINUTES**

Committee Member Jim Graydon requested a revision to his public comment related to the "Discussion on Proposed Monitoring Network Locations" agenda item in the draft 11/20/24 SHAC meeting minutes

Motion: Committee Member Anne Dawson made a motion to approve the 11/20/24 SHAC meeting minutes with the requested modification to Jim Graydon's public comment. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Jim Graydon.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Committee Members Graydon, Markey, Swan, Dawson and Committee Chair Lewis.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Committee Members Chance, Green, Sohnrey and Vice Chair Parsley

4. **DATA GAPS IDENTIFICATION AND DATA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE** (Report – Ryan Fulton, Larry Walker Associates)

Ryan Fulton of Larry Walker Associates provided an update and presentation on the Data Gaps Identification and Data Improvement Project. The Committee held a discussion and asked clarifying questions.

The SHAC requested that higher-quality PDF versions of the monitoring network map be shared with the Committee and made available on the website.

Public Comment:

- Bruce Smith (in person)
- Cheetah Tchudi (in person)
- Timmarie Hamill (in person)

The Committee accepted the update as information.

5. ***PRESENTATION ON SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT (SGM) GRANT PROJECTS** (Report – Becky Fairbanks & Christina Buck, SGM Grant Project Managers)

Becky Fairbanks and Christina Buck, SGM Grant Project Managers, provided an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Projects. The SHAC received the presentation and engaged in discussion.

Public Comment:

- Bruce Smith (in person)
- Cheetah Tchudi (in person)
- Susan Schrader (in person)

The Committee accepted the update as information.

6. **DISCUSSION OF DWR SGM GRANT AGREEMENT** (Report – Christina Buck, SGM Grant Project Manager)

The Committee discussed a potential amendment to the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Agreement. Staff proposed reallocating \$1.1 million from the Demand Reduction Strategies Project to two other projects within the grant: \$800,000 to the Water Supply and Recharge Project and \$300,000 to the Data Gap Identification and Data Improvement Project. Staff sought SHAC discussion and a recommendation to the Vina GSA Board.

Public Comment:

- Susan Schrader (in person, on behalf of Aurelia Gonzalez)
- Greg Brislain (in person)
- Timmarie Hamill (in person)

Motion: Committee Member Holly Swan made a motion to recommend that the Vina GSA Board amend the SGM Grant Agreement to reallocate \$1.1 million from the Demand Reduction Strategies Project to other components within the grant: \$800,000 to the Water Supply and Recharge Project and \$300,000 to the Data Gap Identification and Data Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Committee Chair Samantha Lewis.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Committee Members Graydon, Markey, Swan, Dawson, and Committee Chair Lewis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Committee Members Chance, Green, Sohnrey, and Vice Chair Parsley

7. ***UPDATE ON THE VINA GSA BOARD ACTION REGARDING THE DRAFT FEE REPORT** (Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)

GSA Program Manager Dillon McGregor provided an update on the Draft Fee Report, which was approved by the Vina GSA Board in February. The committee was also informed that two Fee Report Public Workshops would be held on April 2nd at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The Committee accepted the update as information.

8. **GSA PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATE** (Verbal Report – Dillon McGregor, Vina GSA Program Manager)

A verbal report was provided by GSA Program Manager Dillon McGregor.

9. **SHAC FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS** – SHAC members may verbally request an item to be agendaized at a future meeting. After stating what the item would be, a majority vote of the SHAC is needed in order for the Management Committee to agendaize the item. SHAC members may also submit requests in writing for the SHAC's consideration.

The following requests were made:

- Committee Member Holly Swan requested that Staff provide a more detailed update on how the reallocated SGM Grant funds will be used within each project component.
- Committee Member Jim Graydon requested that Staff invite a representative from Butte County Environmental Health to give a presentation on the new grant awarded for development of a well ordinance.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned the meeting to their next meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Discussion and possible recommendation on use of additional grant funds within the Data Gap Identification and Data Improvement Project (Component 2)

**Back-up Materials for Agenda Packet for
Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting on April 23, 2025**

Christina Buck, Ph.D.
Assistant Director
Dept. of Water and Resource Conservation



Grant Funded Projects






Funding End Date:
March 2026



Component

2.  Data Gap Identification and Data Improvement
3.  Demand Reduction Strategies
4.  Lindo Channel Recharge Feasibility
-  Long-Term Fee Study

5.  Water Supply and Recharge Feasibility
6.  Inter-basin Coordination Analysis and Modeling
7.  Outreach Program
1.  Grant Administration

Grant Amendment – Vina GSA Board Direction



- Staff received direction from the Vina GSA Board (4/9/2025) to amend the Vina SGM grant agreement:
 - Reallocate \$1.195 M from Demand Reduction Strategies project (Component 3) to the Data Gap Identification and Data Improvement Project (Component 2) and the Water Supply and Recharge Project (Component 5)
 - Consistent with SHAC recommendation:
 - ✦ Additional \$300K to Component 2
 - ✦ Additional \$800K to Component 5
 - There is an additional \$95,000 available - Board directed it to Component 2 for domestic well survey, as needed

Grant Amendment – Vina GSA Board Direction



Components	Grant Amount	Change
Component 1: Grant Administration	\$200,000	
Component 2: GSP Updates, Data Gaps, and Outreach	\$1,070,000	300,000
Component 3: Demand Reduction Strategies in the Vina Subbasin	\$2,440,000	(1,195,000)
Component 4: Lindo Channel Surface Water Recharge Implementation	\$330,000	
Component 5: Surface Water Supply and Recharge Feasibility Study	\$850,000	800,000
Component 6: Inter-basin Coordination, Modeling and Reporting	\$480,000	
Component 7: Outreach Program	\$165,000	
	Total: \$5,535,000	

Additional \$95,000 available: Board directed it to Component 2 for additional analysis (domestic well survey/database)

Additional \$300,000 for Monitoring Network Enhancements



- A combination of additional multi-completion monitoring well(s) and shallow monitoring wells will be installed with the added funds
- Locations of additional wells are still to be determined
- With CalSIP funding awarded that will install additional stream gages, no additional stream gages are recommended at this time (Rose Ave. bridge location is currently under consideration for inclusion)

All \$95,000 likely not needed for Domestic Well Survey

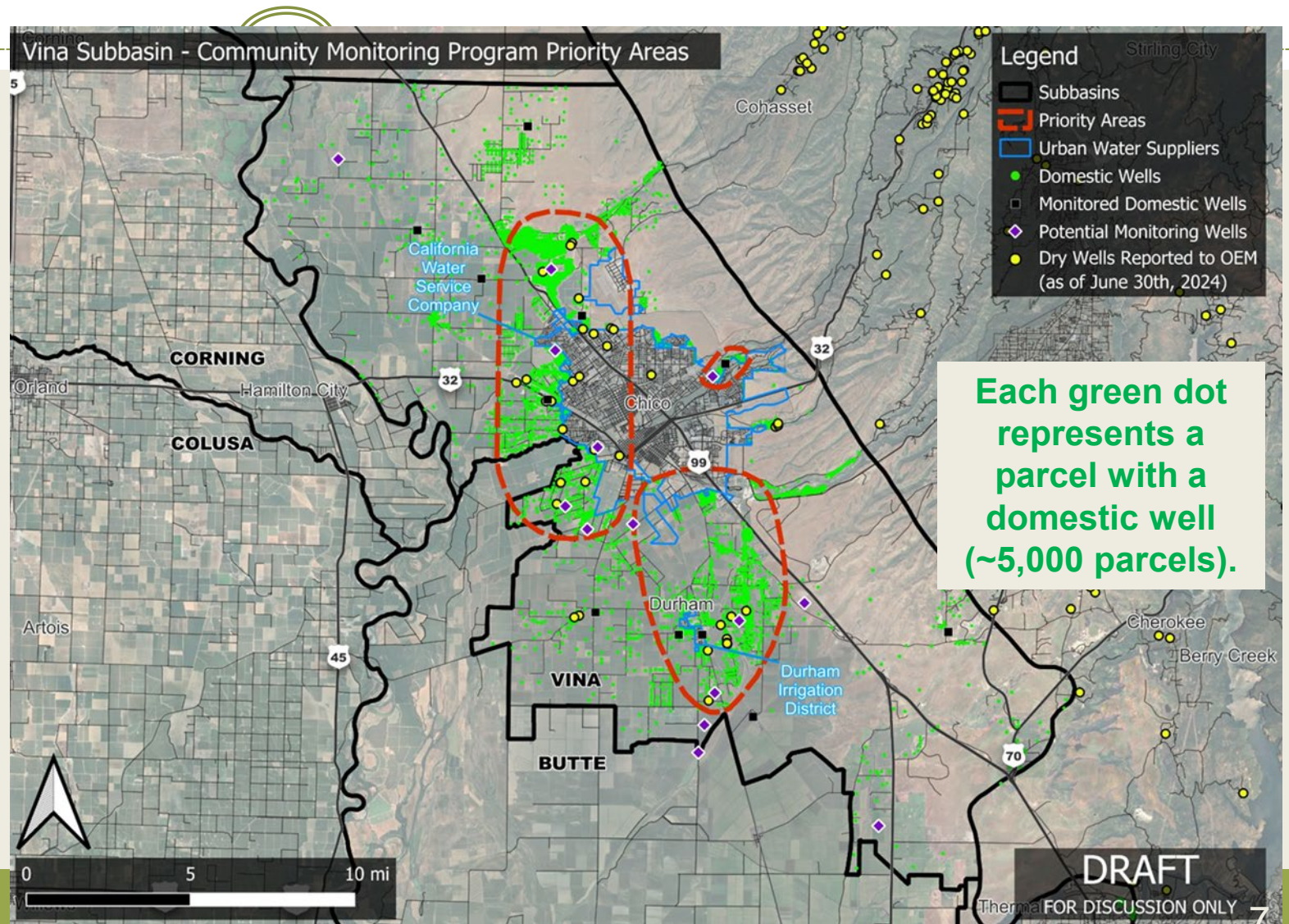


- A portion of the \$95,000 could be spent on additional analysis to expand the effort and development of the Domestic Well Survey.
- If not all funds are utilized for that task, other tasks could also benefit from an additional level of effort and increased funding

Larry Walker Associates will describe the current effort and analysis underway to address the domestic well database data gap

Domestic Well Database

- Goal: Develop an inventory of all domestic wells within the Vina Subbasin.
- The following information will be collected, as feasible:
 - Drill / completion depth of well,
 - Screened interval(s),
 - Pump depth,
 - Age / status (e.g., active vs abandoned),
 - Water level, and
 - Number of domestic wells per parcel (based on DWR's OSWCR database),
 - Other well specifications.



Additional \$95,000: Component 2; Budget Category D



Within the same budget category as the Domestic Well Survey, other tasks include:

1. Response to DWR Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Determination
2. Draft Periodic Evaluation of the GSP
3. Gather, Evaluate Data, and Develop Approach for Interconnected Surface Water Sustainable Management Criteria
4. Create Community Monitoring Plan and Equip Volunteer Wells with Monitoring Equipment
5. Community Monitoring and Dry Well Data and Visualization

Within Category D Tasks: Possible Activities Could Include



- More ground truthing, refining the domestic well database
- Additional effort to support data management and integration with Data Management System being developed with Wyandotte Creek GSA grant funds
- Additional analysis and refinement related to Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs)
- Use of the Butte Basin Groundwater Model to run scenarios to better understand projects/climate and their affect on subbasin conditions

Request of the SHAC



Staff will describe and expound on the bulleted activities from the previous slide and SHAC will be asked to discuss them and share their perspectives on priority activities. This is an action item, so SHAC may choose to make a formal recommendation to the Vina GSA Board.

Requested Action: Discuss and provide a recommendation regarding priority activities for the additional \$95,000 to be used for tasks within Budget category D of Component 2.





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MEMORANDUM

To: Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board

From: Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager

Date: April 23, 2025

Topic: Overview of Stakeholder Input Collection, Integration, And Communication Processes

Purpose:

This memo summarizes how staff engages with stakeholders, incorporates their input, and communicates this information back to the Board. Staff continually seeks ways to improve transparency and accountability.

Collection of Stakeholder Input

Staff regularly engages stakeholders through the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) and through communications and interactions with the broader public. The SHAC is a Brown Act committee established by the Vina GSA Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and governed by a formal charter and is part of the GSA's governance structure. It provides structured, representative input on key topics and offers ongoing opportunities for appointed members to share detailed feedback. As a body, the SHAC makes recommendations to the GSA Board and SHAC input significantly informs staff planning and recommendations.

Staff collects feedback from the public through various channels. Public comment periods at SHAC and Board meetings allow community members to express their concerns and share feedback. Public workshops and informational meetings provide additional opportunities for informal engagement. Additionally, staff engages specific groups and stakeholders such as the Local Expert Group (LEG), domestic well owners, rangeland owners, community and environmental advocates, public agencies, local organizations, and others, to ensure diverse input. Notably, the LEG was created in direct response to stakeholder suggestions to include technical expertise from California State University, Chico (CSUC) faculty to provide input to staff on Vina GSA grant funded projects.

Integration of Stakeholder Input

Staff considers input from both SHAC and public stakeholders. SHAC input plays a major role in assisting decision makers, as members are appointed to represent key groundwater user groups and often bring focused, policy- or project-specific insight and perspectives.

Public input gathered through workshops, meetings, and outreach also informs decision makers by highlighting local voices and perspectives.

Communication of Stakeholder Input

To improve communication between stakeholders and decision-makers, staff is enhancing how stakeholder input is documented and presented to the Board. Memos, transmittals, and staff reports will state or summarize feedback. For instance, the memo from April 9, 2025, regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) grant agreement amendment clearly summarized that stakeholder input favored a course of action, and this information was shared with the SHAC, which ultimately informed the SHAC's discussion and recommendations.

Staff will continue to clearly summarize stakeholder engagement activities relevant to agenda items presented to the SHAC and Board, providing necessary context for discussions.

Staff remains committed to improving clarity and transparency around stakeholder engagement and input integration.