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Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Rock Creek Reclamation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Joint Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Butte County Association of Governments & B-Line, Board Room,
326 Huss Dr. Suite 110, Chico, CA, 95928

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VINA GSA AND ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT GSA
JOINT BOARD MEETING AGENDA

August 12, 2026

1. VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) BOARD MEETING

1.1. Call To Order

1.2. Roll Call

2. ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT (RCRD) GSA BOARD MEETING

2.1. Call to Order

2.2. Roll Call

3. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Vina GSA and RCRD GSA Boards at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda; comments are limited to three minutes. The Boards cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

4. JOINT VINA GSA/RCRD GSA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

4.1. *Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendments Timeline Update

Staff will provide an update on the status and anticipated timeline for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendments, including key decision-making milestones through January 2027. The presentation will also highlight newly available supporting documents and technical resources prepared as part of the Periodic Evaluation process, along with an update on the status of the remaining Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant projects. **(Verbal Report – Becky Anderson - Fairbanks, SGM Grant Projects Manager)**

Requested Action: Accept as information.

4.2. *Consideration of topics related to the Vina Periodic Evaluation and potential amendments to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

Staff will present an overview of each topic based on information provided in the attached transmittals and staff memos to support Board discussion and decision-making. The Board will provide feedback to staff or take action, as warranted. **(Report - Christina Buck, Asst. Director Butte County Water and Resource Conservation)**

4.2.1 *Consideration of draft response to water quality related Recommended Corrective Action for inclusion in the Periodic Evaluation

Staff will present an overview of the topic, including feedback provided by the Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) at their July 22, 2026, meeting.

Requested Action: Staff requests direction from the two GSA Boards on the response to RCA 1 which will be included in the Periodic Evaluation.

4.2.2 *Consideration of potential new Projects and Management Actions (PMAs) for inclusion in the Periodic Evaluation

Staff will present an overview of the topic, including feedback provided by the Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) at their July 22, 2026 meeting. The purpose of this agenda item is to introduce the concepts and receive early questions and feedback from the GSA Boards. Staff is not requesting action or direction at this meeting on whether any of the concepts should be added to the PMA list.

The Boards are encouraged to provide feedback on each concept's objective, proposed lead and participating entities, potential funding, relationship to existing PMAs, and relevance to groundwater sustainability. Feedback is also requested on whether the concepts are best characterized as projects or management actions and, for the project concepts, whether they would be part of the GSAs' active implementation strategy or more appropriately categorized as Other Projects. Staff will use this input to work with project proponents to refine the descriptions and proposed categorization for inclusion in the public review draft of the Periodic Evaluation. The potential PMAs will be presented to the SHAC for formal recommendation before being presented to the Vina GSA and Rock Creek Reclamation District GSA Boards for formal consideration, as warranted. Discussion at this stage does not commit the GSAs to implementation or funding.

Requested Action: Provide direction to staff on the new PMAs to be included in the public review draft of the Vina Periodic Evaluation.

4.2.3 *Consideration of plan amendments and Periodic Evaluation content for Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC), including removal of “non-dry year” language and the Groundwater Level SMC

Board consideration will include:

- a) Response to Recommended Corrective Actions (RCAs) 3 and 4 related to “non-dry year” language in the SMC. The Boards will consider a potential Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) amendment to remove the “non-dry year” language from the SMC.
- b) Potential changes to the Groundwater Level SMC in the Periodic Evaluation or through plan amendments, including consideration of an expanded Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) network and Alternatives for the Minimum Threshold.

Two attached staff memos provide critical background and considerations for the topics listed above, as well as options for the Boards' consideration. These memos were provided to the Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) at their July 22, 2026, meeting. Staff will present an overview of the topic, including feedback and recommendations provided by the SHAC on these topics.

Requested Action: Staff is seeking direction from the two GSA Boards regarding:

- a. How to respond to RCA 3 and 4 in the public review draft of the Periodic Evaluation and whether or not to amend the GSP to remove the non-dry year language in the SMC.
 - Amending the GSP to remove reference to non-dry year water year types would include changes to the SMC for Groundwater Levels, Groundwater Storage, Water Quality, and Interconnected Surface Water sustainability indicators (as shown in the staff memo).
 - Not removing the non-dry year language would require “discussing how extractions and recharge will be managed as necessary to ensure that reductions in groundwater levels or storage during dry years are offset by increases in groundwater levels or storage during other years within the sustainable management criteria for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels” in the Periodic Evaluation.
- b. Whether expansion of the RMS network to 29 wells should be included as an amendment to the GSP or simply described in the Periodic Evaluation
- c. What approach to use to assign Minimum Thresholds (MTs) to the RMS wells:
 - Alternative 1: Same or comparable 2022 GSP MTs, with addition of Local Management Levels on 14 out of 29 RMS wells
 - Alternative 2: Change MTs based on 20 feet below the historical low, or 5% of domestic wells at risk, whichever is deeper; no Local Management Levels
 - Other direction as specified by the Boards

4.3. *Drought Resilience Plan Update

On September 23, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law SB 552 (Hertzberg), which assigned new responsibilities and requirements for the State of California (State) and local agencies to help small water suppliers and rural communities reduce their risks of inadequate water supply amid a water shortage event. SB 552 specifically required all counties to improve drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells within a county's jurisdiction by 1) establishing a standing Drought and Water Shortage Task Force (Drought Task Force) and 2) developing a County Drought Resilience Plan (DRP).

The existing Butte County Drought Preparedness and Mitigation Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in October 2004 (2004 Drought Plan). However, that Plan needed to be updated to comply with SB 552 by incorporating the required drought and water shortage risk assessment, identifying short and long-term response actions that specifically address state small water systems and domestic wells, and other implementation considerations. In addition, the preparation of the County DRP would also reflect other current laws, programs, and activities being conducted by County departments and other local agencies (i.e., Groundwater Sustainability Agencies).

Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation has released a Draft Drought Resilience Plan for public review and comment through August 28, 2026. Department staff will present an overview of the DRP. *(Report – Kamie Loeser, Director, Butte County Water & Resource Conservation)*

Requested Action: Accept as information, provide comments as appropriate.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA/RCD GSA Joint Board meeting will adjourn to the Vina GSA Meeting after tonight's Vina/RCD GSA Joint Board Meeting.

*****RECONVENE TO VINA GSA BOARD MEETING*****

1. VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) BOARD MEETING

1.1 Call To Order

1.2 Roll Call

2. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Vina GSA and RCD GSA Boards at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda; comments are limited to three minutes. The Boards cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 *Approval of the 07-08-26 Vina GSA Board Meeting Minutes.

Requested Action: Approve the 07-08-26 Vina GSA Board meetings minutes.

3.2 *Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Financial Services Between the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Butte County Auditor-Controller

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes an agreement with the Butte County Auditor-Controller to provide financial and accounting services to the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency, including routine accounting and bookkeeping, year-end accrual entries, and support for the Agency's annual financial audit. The not-to-exceed annual fee is \$26,000. *(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)*

Requested Action: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Financial Services with the Butte County Auditor-Controller and authorize the Board Chair to execute the agreement on behalf of the Agency.

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

5. REGULAR AGENDA:

5.1 *Ongoing SGMA Implementation Support Services Request for Proposal (RFP) Update

Staff will provide an update on the RFP process for Ongoing SGMA Implementation Support Services. Interviews, if conducted, are anticipated for August 17, 2026. If the Board wishes to participate in the interview process, a Board member or ad hoc committee will need to be designated at this meeting. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Discuss potential Board participation in the interview process and, if desired, designate a Board member or ad hoc committee to participate.

5.2 *Board Meeting Start Time

At the July board meeting, the Board asked staff to bring back an item to reconsider the current 3:30 PM meeting start time. Meetings were previously held at 5:30 PM. Staff is seeking Board discussion on whether to keep the current time or move to a later start, such as 4:30 PM or 5:30 PM. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Discuss and provide direction to staff on the Board's preferred meeting start time.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

6.1 Program Manager Report (Information Only - Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)

- Possible Cancellation of August SHAC meeting

7. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS:

Board Members may propose topics, projects, or issues for inclusion on a future agenda. Proposals will be noted for consideration by the Chair and Program Manager, subject to feasibility and alignment with the Agency's priorities. No discussion or action will be taken on proposed items at this meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Board meeting will adjourn to Closed Session after tonight's Vina GSA Board Meeting.

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 (3) minutes, or time limit as determined by the Chair.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Call to Order

4. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

4.1 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #23CV02789 - Ronald R Titus, as Trustee of the 2005 Titus Trust et al vs Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency

- 4.2 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #22CV00321 - AquAlliance et al vs Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency et al.
- 4.3 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #24CV04275 - AquAlliance et al vs Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency et al.

5. **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Report on any action taken during the closed session.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Vina GSA Closed Session will adjourn to a Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting on September 9, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at the Chico City Council Chamber Building at 421 Main Street, Chico, CA and online via Zoom for viewing only.

*Materials included in agenda packet