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Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Chico City Council Chamber, 421 Main Street, Chico CA

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- Evan Tuchinsky, Chair
- Jeff Rohwer, Vice Chair
- Matt Doyle
- Tod Kimmelshue
- Katie Hawley

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When submitting public comments via email, please indicate the item number your comment corresponds to in the subject line. Comments submitted will be sent to the full GSA Board members electronically prior to the start of the meeting. Email comments will be acknowledged and read into the record by name only during the public comment period for each agenda item. Emailed comments received prior to the end of the meeting will be made part of the written record but not acknowledged at the meeting.

VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

May 14, 2025

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

1.1. Call To Order

1.2. Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1. APPROVAL OF THE 04-09-25 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the 04-09-25 Vina GSA Board meetings minutes.

2.2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH LARRY WALKER ASSOCIATES

The Board will consider approval of Contract Amendment No. 1 to the Contract between the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Larry Walker Associates. The proposed amendment extends the contract term by 11 months, through March 30, 2027, and increases the not-to-exceed amount by \$704,000, for a new total of \$1,399,000. The amendment supports completion of Component 2 tasks under the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) grant agreement and the recently awarded CalSIP grant. **(Report – Christina Buck, SGM Grant Project Manager)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve Contract Amendment No. 1 to the Contract between the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Larry Walker Associates.

2.3. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH BUTTE COUNTY

The Board will consider approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Subrecipient Agreement between the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Butte County. The amendment authorizes Butte County to assist with competitive bidding and construction management for Components 2 and 4 of the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) grant. The amendment also extends the agreement term by 291 days, to January 31, 2027, and increases the total agreement budget to \$2,743,000. The \$1,273,000 increase in the GSA's financial obligation to the County will be fully offset by SGM grant funding. **(Report – Christina Buck, SGM Grant Project Manager)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Subrecipient Agreement between the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Butte County.

2.4. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH HANSFORD ECONOMIC CONSULTING

The Board will consider approval of Contract Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Hansford Economic Consulting, LLC. The proposed amendment adds a new task to the Scope of Work related to preparation of the tax roll for submittal to the County Auditor-Controller and development of a public-facing fee map. The amendment reallocates existing budgeted funds to support the additional services and does not increase the total contract amount. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Hansford Economic Consulting.

2.5. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH PARIS KINCAID WASIEWSKI LLP

The Board will consider approval of an amendment to the Legal Services Agreement between the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP. The proposed amendment would extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2028, update the contractor's business name, and increase the not-to-exceed amount. Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP currently provides legal counsel services to the GSA. *(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)*

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

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

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FINAL FEE REPORT

The Board will consider approval of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Final Fee Report. The Draft Fee Report was approved by the Board at the February 14, 2025 meeting. The Final Fee Report incorporates any subsequent updates and provides the technical analysis and findings that support the development of a new fee structure to fund the GSA's operations and activities. Approval of the Final Fee Report is a prerequisite to proceeding with the fee adoption process. *(Report – Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting)*

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the Vina GSA Final Fee Report or provide direction to staff.

5.2. DATA GAP IDENTIFICATION AND DATA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The Board will receive an update on the Data Gap Identification and Data Improvement Project, with a focus on groundwater levels, interconnected surface waters (ISW), and domestic wells. The presentation will cover key findings to date and outline the ongoing efforts to address and fill these identified data gaps. *(Report – Laura Foglia, Larry Walker Associates)*

REQUESTED ACTION: Accept as information and provide feedback to staff.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

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

6.2. Butte County Public Health Department Quarterly Well Permit Summary. (Information Only)

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 Regular 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 June 11, 2025, 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.