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

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Butte County Association of Governments & B-Line, Board Room,
326 Huss Dr. Building E, Chico, CA, 95928
Building E is at the south end of the property, south of the main parking lot, there is limited parking in front of Building E.

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Meeting ID: 678 207 7386

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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 GSA AND ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT GSA
JOINT BOARD MEETING AGENDA
November 4, 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. ***Consideration of Stakeholder Advisory Committee Recommendations and Provide Direction on Potential Revisions to the Draft Periodic Evaluation and Draft Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), including the Local Management Levels and the Non-dry Year Language**

Staff will provide an update on the status and anticipated timeline for the completion and approval of the Periodic Evaluation and Amended GSP. The Boards will review and consider recommendations from the Stakeholder Advisory Committee specifically regarding Local Management Levels as well as discuss the non-dry year provision.

The purpose of this item is for the Boards to consider recommendations and provide direction to staff regarding revisions to be incorporated into the public review drafts of the Periodic Evaluation and Amended GSP. Following the Boards' direction, staff and the consultant team will prepare revised documents for consideration of adoption at the next Board meeting. **(Report – Christina Buck, Asst. Director Butte County Water and Resource Conservation)**

Requested Action: Each Board review and consider the Stakeholder Advisory Committee recommendations and provide direction to staff on revisions to the public review Draft Periodic Evaluation and Draft Amended GSP and confirm next steps for either presentation to and recommendation from SHAC, need for ad hoc, or neither.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA/RCRD GSA Joint Board meeting will adjourn to the Vina GSA Meeting after tonight's Vina/RCRD 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. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 *Approval of the 10-14-26 Vina GSA Board Meeting Minutes.

Requested Action: Approve the 10-14-26 Vina GSA Board meetings minutes.

2.2 *Consideration of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Operations Budget Adjustment

Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Operating Budget (Resolution No. 2025-02) on June 11, 2025. The Board also approved an amendment to the budget of $1,200,000 at the July 8, 2026, special meeting to reflect an increase in DWR SGM Round 2 Grant revenue and associated project expenditures. At the October 14, 2026 meeting, staff requested that the Board authorize a further, final adjustment to the FY 2025-26 budget and report back on the amount and bring a resolution authorizing the adjustment. The adjustment aligns the budget with the actual expenditures from the grant funds. The final amount was determined by the County Auditor's office, which is $148,274.56. The final adjustment is for accounting purposes and will have no effect on the fee setting budget or the SGMA regulatory fee. ***(Report – Becky Anderson-Fairbanks, Interim Program Manager)***

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-06, approving Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Operating Budget and authorize the Chair to sign.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Discussion of Land Use Considerations and Potential Impacts to Groundwater Recharge Areas Within the Subbasin

The Board will discuss the relationship between land use activities, groundwater recharge, and long-term groundwater sustainability within the Subbasin. The discussion will consider the GSA's role in identifying and addressing potential impacts of land use changes on existing and potential groundwater recharge areas, including opportunities for coordination with land use planning and regulatory agencies. ***(Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel)***

Requested Action: Discuss the GSA's role in considering potential land use impacts on groundwater recharge areas and provide direction to staff regarding potential future coordination, policies, or guidelines to support groundwater sustainability.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

5.1 *Program Manager Report **(Information Only – Becky Anderson-Fairbanks, GSA Program Manager)**

6. 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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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 December 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Chico City Council Chamber Building at 421 Main Street, Chico, CA and online via Zoom for viewing only.