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VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2026

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

1.1. Call To Order: At 3:33

1.2. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tod Kimmelshue - Butte County

Katie Hawley - City of Chico

Jim Graydon - Domestic Well Users Representative

Kevin Phillips - Durham Irrigation District

Jeffery Rohwer - Agricultural Well Users Representative

1.3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

ACTION:

A motion to nominate Jeff Rohwer as Board Chair was made by Board Member Kimmelshue. That motion was seconded by Board Member Hawley.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Board Members Kimmelshue, Hawley, Graydon, Phillips, and Rohwer

Noes: <NONE>

Abstain: <NONE>

Absent: <NONE>

ACTION:

A motion to nominate Board Member Kimmelshue as Vice Chair was made by Board Member Rohwer. That motion was seconded by Board Member Hawley.

The motion passed with the following vote.

Ayes: Board Members Kimmelshue, Hawley, Graydon, Phillips, and Rohwer

Noes: <NONE>

Abstain: <NONE>

Absent: <NONE>

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1. APPROVAL OF THE 12-10-25 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

PUBLIC COMMENTER(S):

<NONE>

ACTION:

A motion to approve the 12-10-25 Vina GSA Board meetings minutes was made by Board Member Phillips. That motion was seconded by Board Member Graydon.

The motion passed with the following vote.

Ayes: Board Members Kimmelshue, Hawley, Graydon, Phillips, and Rohwer
Noes: <NONE>
Abstain: <NONE>
Absent: <NONE>

2.2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2 WITH LARRY WALKER ASSOCIATES.

The Board considered approval of Contract Amendment No. 2 to the professional services contract between the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Larry Walker Associates. The proposed amendment revises the contract budget to align with Amendment No. 2 of Department of Water Resources Grant Agreement No. 4600015664 by reallocating funds within Component 2 to support groundwater monitoring well drilling activities. The amendment also incorporates additional funding and a change in scope for the CalSIP Component, Stream Gage Enhancements, consistent with Amendment No. 1 of Department of Water Resources Grant Agreement No. 4600016265. The amendment increases the contract amount by \$536,000, with no change to the overall project completion date.

PUBLIC COMMENTER(S):

<NONE>

ACTION:

A motion to approve Contract Amendment No. 2 to the Contract between the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Larry Walker Associates was made by Board Member Hawley. That motion was seconded by Board Member Phillips.

The motion passed with the following vote.

Ayes: Board Members Kimmelshue, Hawley, Graydon, Phillips, and Rohwer
Noes: <NONE>
Abstain: <NONE>
Absent: <NONE>

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public were invited address the Board on any matter not already listed on the agenda;

PUBLIC COMMENTER(S):

1. Susan Schrader
2. Anne Dawson

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. FORMATION OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Staff requested the formation of an ad hoc committee to collaborate with Staff and Legal Counsel on evaluating options and providing input regarding establishing financial and administrative procedures for

the GSA. The ad hoc committee is to be temporary, expected to serve for roughly nine months, while the GSA refines its approach to financial and administrative management. (**Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager**)

REQUESTED ACTION: Form a Financial and Administrative Systems Ad Hoc Committee or provide direction to staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTER(S):

<NONE>

ACTION:

A motion to approve the formation of a financial and administrative services ad-hoc committee to include Board Members Hawley and Phillips was made by Board Member Kimmelshue. That motion was seconded by Board Member Graydon.

The motion passed unanimously.

5.2. CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FOR WEB MAP HOSTING OF THE VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FEE MAP

The Board considered a proposal from Kjeldsen, Sinncock & Neudeck, Inc. (KSN) to host an interactive web map which identifies the calculated groundwater sustainability fees included on a property owners tax roll.

PUBLIC COMMENTER(S):

1. <NONE>

ACTION:

A motion to decline the proposal for web map hosting by KSN was made by Board Member Hawley. That motion was seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue.

The motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Board Members Kimmelshue, Hawley, Graydon, Phillips, and Rohwer.

NOES: <NONE>

ABSTAIN: <NONE>

ABSENT: <NONE>

6. PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT – (Information Only - Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)

PUBLIC COMMENTER(S):

1. Susan Schrader

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

8. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

1. Board Member Kimmelshue requested that updates on Inter-basin Coordination be included as part of the Program Manager's Report on future agendas, as appropriate.
2. Board Member Graydon requested to have recharge projects (specifically surface water recharge projects) be included on a future agenda.

3. Board Member Graydon requested that an update of the legal implications associated with the groundwater recharge projects be included on a future agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Board meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:29

1. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS OR BOARD DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Members of the public were invited to address the Board at this time on closed session items only.

PUBLIC COMMENTER(S):

1. <NONE>

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:

The Board emerged from closed session at 5:26. An update was provided by counsel on all three items on the agenda (video recording of report out was not available). Direction was given, no action was taken.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA adjourned to the next Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting on March 11, 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.