

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2024 - 8:30am

** A recording of this meeting can be found on the CGA website at:
<https://www.cosumnesgroundwater.org/meetings/>

Call to Order: 8:40am

1) Introductions / Determine if Quorum is Present

Directors in Attendance: Gary Thomas , Mike Selling, Eric Wohle, Chris Hunley, John Mulrooney, Herb Garms, Gary Silva, Rick Ferriera, Mike Wackman, Mark Stretars, Lindsey Carter

Regular Business Action Items

2) Consent Items

- a. Agenda – May 1, 2024
- b. Minutes – April 3, 2023
- c. Financial Report – May
*Treasurer’s Report

*Director Thomas moved to approve the Agenda and Minutes.
Director Carter seconded the motion.
The motion passed with all in favor.*

Treasurer Rick Ferriera provided a report/update on CGA Financials including current invoices, Profit and Loss statements and the Budget vs. Actuals. A reserve has been developed at Five Star in the form of a Money Market with an initial deposit of \$70,000. CGA has also attained a Five Star credit card to pay for standard monthly invoices. It was discussed that more money may be moved to the Money Market account to gain interest and be pulled out as needed to fund CGA expenses. Staff will look into this.

*Director Thomas moved to approve the Financial Report.
Director Carter seconded the motion.
The motion passed with all in favor.*

Regular Business Action Items

3) Draft FY 24-25 Work Plan

Staff presented the Fiscal year 24-25 draft Work Plan which outlines services and the general schedule for CGA for the following year. The Work Plan is designed to be in line with the GSP recommendations and 5-year period review to ensure we are staying on task and completing

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our outlined goals. Staff was advised to adjust the language from “long term” member contribution to 24-25 FY in the July column. The board discussed possible topics for the upcoming year such as the cone of depression and the human right to water. The CGA Chair mentioned another subbasin/DWR are willing to sit down with us to discuss the corrective actions with the Board and how best to accomplish these. Staff will update this into a final draft for the June 2024 CGA Board Meeting.

4) Draft 24-25 Staffing Services Agreement

Staff prepared an updated Staffing Services Agreement for the upcoming 24-25 year for a Board Secretary/Clerk role. This agreement is based on the assumption that the Board will meet every other month and pay a rate of \$75 per hour to Sloughhouse RCD for these services. The Board suggested language is included to extend the contract for following years, put in writing that work is to be done at the direction of the Board, and that Legal review of the agreement before being approved and signed in the June 2024 Board Meeting. Staff will coordinate with legal counsel to accomplish this.

5) Draft FY 24-25 Budget

The Financial Ad Hoc Committee met to create a draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year, taking into account upcoming activities for the year, GSP recommendations, reserve funds and general operations. The Board discussed the possibility of increasing the reserve pot to \$350,000 for the 5-year update (by December 2026) based on other subbasin costs seen so far. There was also discussion on what CGA might do to fill data gaps, corrective actions, how we will work with EKI and adjusting the member contribution to not reflect the fee study, but the current costs. Staff will update this into a final draft for the June 2024 CGA Board Meeting.

Informational Items

6) SGMA/GSP Implementation Update

Staff provided the Board with a brief update on the Spring Groundwater Monitoring efforts with a reminder to send EKI the data once collected to process as part of the Annual Report. CGA Staff sent out the monitoring guidelines, data and information to each GSA via email so they may conduct their own monitoring this Spring. EKI also provided a 3-month look ahead of activities and actions they will be focused on, per the Board’s request. Staff then introduced Chris Timmer, the newest employee of Sloughhouse RCD who will work on the Water Efficiency Technical Assistance program which benefits the Cosumnes Subbasin and goes towards project efforts for our GSP.

7) Committee Reports

The Outreach and Engagement Committee Chair, Teresa Flewellyn, presented a report on the recent O & E meeting. The committee is working on the Spring Newsletter and as well as discussing future events for the new fiscal year. The Farmer’s Survey was also completed and the results will be shared with the Board.

8) CGA Staff Reports

None.

9) CGA Counsel Reports

Board Chair, Chris Hunley, provided a report on the upcoming Board Officer elections to be held in June 2024. He will not be running again and a new Chairperson will need to be selected. A Vice-Chairperson will also need to be appointed. Chris also shared information on the upcoming Water Forum workshop taking place on May 23 from 9am - 12pm.

10) DWR North Central Regional Office Update

DWR update provided via a memo in the [Agenda Packet](#)

13) Director/Member GSA Comments

Director Wakeman provided an update on the Wilton Rancheria efforts on the Hanford Pit Site that OHWD is taking part in.

14) Upcoming Agenda Items

The following items were identified:

- Final FY 24-25 Work Plan
- FY 24-24 Final Budget
- Final Staff Services Agreement
- CGA Board Election
- WETA Program overview

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

15) Public Comment

Adjourn Meeting

Chair Hunley adjourned the meeting by consensus at 10:56am.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CGA ARE HELD ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **June 5, 2024 AT 8:30AM.**