

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023 - 9:00am

Call to Order: 9:05am

1) Introductions / Determine if Quorum is Present

Directors in Attendance: Gary Thomas, Mike Selling , Leo VanWarmerdam , Mark Stretars , Pat Hume, Chris Hunley, John Mulrooney, Lindsay Liebig

Regular Business Action Items

2) Consent Items

- a. Agenda – July 17, 2023
- b. Minutes – June 22, 2023
- c. Financial Report – July 2023

Director Thomas moved to approve the consent calendar.

Director Liberg seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

Regular Business Action Items

3) 2023-2024 Work Plan

CGA Staff provided the calendar and overall work plan for this new Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024. The Board provided feedback on the calendar and timeline and suggested spreading out events in the Fall so things don't pile up.

4) Reaffirming CGA Counsel

The Board looked over the contract between Downey Brand and CGA and decided if they would like to reaffirm the contract and counsel of Rebecca Smith.

Director Thomas moved to reaffirm Rebbeca Smith/Downey Brand as CGA Counsel indefinitely/with no end date.

Director Liebig seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

5) Staff Services Contract Scope of Work

The Board looked over the updated Staff Services Contract Scope of Work which displayed the financials broken down for the 2023-2024 Fiscal year as well as the roles and responsibilities of staff members.

Director Thomas moved to approve the Staff Services Contract Scope of Work

Director Liebig seconded the motion.

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The motion passed with all in favor.

6) Membership Contribution

Counsel provided an overview of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Membership Contribution from the various GSA's and partners to CGA funding.

Director Thomas moved to approve the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Membership Contribution.

Director Selling seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

7) WaterSMART Grant

Kristyn from EKI provided an overview on available grants CGA could apply for if they so choose such as the WaterSMART Applied Science Grants. The Board wanted to know what resources we have available to utilize these grants with our finances in regards to match. At the moment, the Board fears we do not have enough funds to match a grant but are open to applying to grants where match is not an option.

Director Thomas made a motion to not approve the application for the WaterSMART Grant.

Director Mulrooney seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

8) Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Regular Board Meeting Dates

The Board discussed a possible alternative meeting date for the Board to meet on a consistent basis besides the 3rd Monday of each month, which has been our current meeting date. No action was taken on this item. The Board will review this at the next Board meeting in August.

Informational Items

9) Committee Reports

CGA Staff provided an overview of the committee meetings coming up and their discussion topics/committee activities planned. The bulk of these committees will be reviewing and revising charters that were proposed in May 2023. A report will be brought to the Regular Board Meeting from said committees, after the fact.

10) CGA Staff Reports

CGA Staff shared the EKI Technical Support Contract Update, the associated budget, features of the contract, etc. Kristyn from EKI provided some oversight into the online application and how it would assist in filling data gaps, privacy vs. public data available and the land use map in general. The Board voiced concerns over low participation

(since the Farmer's Survey had such low feedback), privacy and data sharing and funds/cost at this time. The Board also proposed an online application.

11) CGA Counsel Reports

Rebecca Smith from Downey Brand provided an update on applications relating to well and how they will be speaking to County Planning in the future in regards to this and have more information to share with the Board at the next meeting.

12) DWR North Central Regional Office Update

CGA Staff provided a written report/update sent in by the DWR North Central Regional Office.

13) Director/Member GSA Comments

Director Selling reported that there was a new well installed in their district that they did approve. Director Liebig provided an update that Director Wohle has unfortunately passed away as of July 2, 2023. Director Hunley shared an update on an upcoming board meeting with the County Board of Supervisors that may lead to the approval of a new well.

14) Upcoming Agenda Items

The following items were identified:

- a. Annual Report and Monitoring Contract
- b. Extension of Technical Support Contract
- c. Groundwater Sustainability Fee Study Development
- d. Future Presentations

15) Public Comment

Stephen Julian let the Board know that there will be a Flood Mar conference and field trip/tour in the first week of October.

Adjourn Meeting

Chair Hunley adjourned the meeting by consensus at 11:15am.