

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2024 - 8:30am

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

Call to Order: 8:42am

1) Introductions / Determine if Quorum is Present

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

Regular Business Action Items

2) Consent Items

- a. Agenda – October 2, 2024
 - b. Minutes – August 7, 2024
 - c. Financial Report – October
- *Treasurer's Report

Director Silva moved to approve the consent calendar.

Director Stretars 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. There was brief discussion on what the GSP 5-year Update may cost us and what our reserves should be.

Regular Business Action Items

3) Draft Member Contribution Funding Agreement FY 24-25

Staff presented a draft version of the Member Contribution Funding Agreement for the fiscal year 24-25. Treasurer Ferriera provided an overview on the document and tied it back to the budget adopted in June 2024. It was suggested to add GSA reserves to Exhibit B, to amend Item 4 of the Resolution as reserves are already being held by GSA's and to include language to extend the agreement but leave it as a 1-year document. Contributions are subject to change even on a multi-year agreement. There was also discussion on the budget vs. income portion of the agreement in terms of how it may change every year. It was suggested that staff speak to Legal about some language changes. No action was taken on this item.

4) Monitoring Progress on Recommended Corrective Actions

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Staff discussed with the Board the recent meeting with DWR and CGA Chairs in which the Recommended Corrective Actions (RCA's) were addressed through clarifying questions. Director Carter went over the questions presented to DWR and their answers with the Board. Director Thomas wanted to know more about the data gap filling actions in the cone of depression area as well as for the well monitoring/quality. Staff/GS's are continuing to work on filling data gaps in that area. EKI is also looking at developing a Scope of Work/GSP updated timeline for CGA that will most likely be presented at the February 2025 meeting.

In terms of the specific RCA to gain access/find replacement to the well, RMW-WL16, Amador GSA says they are unsure how this made its way into the model as it is quite impossible to get to/monitor but they are working on it and will have an update. It was recommended that CGA track progress on the RCA's on a monthly basis while working with EKI. Hard deadlines will need to be presented to ensure we are on track.

It was also noted that the subsidence issue will need to be addressed using measured land surface changes/elevation changes strategically placed throughout the basin.

5) DWR Stream Gage Grant Applications

DWR currently has a grant program open to fund public entities to improve stream gage infrastructure and bridge data gaps as part of the Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP). Through CalSIP, public agencies can receive technical assistance to upgrade, reactivate, or install new surface water monitoring stations, at no additional cost to them, that will share important stream flow data that can help inform water management decisions. This grant accepts applications through the end of December 2024.

Several GSA's from CGA have indicated they are interested in applying for this grant or have already applied to either reactivate a stream gauge or implement a new stream gauge in order to fill data gaps and meet GSP guidelines. Sloughhouse, Clay, Galt ID and possibly Amador will be submitting applications. Sacramento County noted that they are willing to provide support if needed.

6) SRCD Mobile Irrigation Lab/WETA Presentation

Sloughhouse RCD WETA Program Coordinator, Chris Timmer, presented on the Mobile Irrigation Lab and answered questions regarding services provided and general program information. This grant is open through March 31, 2026. The goal is to help growers achieve greater water efficiency within farms/orchards/vineyards that will help reduce water and energy costs and improve crop yields. Chris also provided the information needed to sign up for this program and distributed flyers to those interested.

7) Discussion Items

Water Coalition Ad Hoc Committee: As requested at the August 2024 Board meeting, time for a general discussion of a water coalition formation was allocated. There is a California Farm Water Coalition for all of California as well as a Sacramento Valley Water Coalition that covers the Sacramento River basin. CGA is not a part of a Water Coalition for the Cosumnes subbasin. There was discussion on whether we could negotiate the use of Folsom South Canal water and

find out where it is coming from. There was also discussion of a possible new feasibility study. It was requested that this item as well as the New Construction Buy-In Program item be brought back in December at the Board meeting.

Informational Items

8) DWR North Central Regional Office Update

DWR update provided via a memo in the Agenda Packet. Chelsea provided a brief report on the interconnected surface water papers that were recently released and noted that there is a 45-day window for public comment if anyone is interested. There is also registration open for the 10-year SGMA event in which there will be speakers and a panel on November 18th.

9) SGMA/GSP Implementation Update

EKI provided information on the Annual Report requirements with specific information that CGA will need from the GSA's to meet these requirements. They also provided a summary of the interconnected surface water guidance that DWR released, which are directly related to RCA #5. A 3-month look ahead was provided by EKI, as well.

10) Committee Reports

The Outreach and Engagement Committee Chair, Teresa Flewellyn, presented a report on the recent O & E event attended, Herald Day. She also provided details about the events that will be attended in October including the SRCD Water Workshop, the Wilton Chili Cook-off and the Galt Dia de Los Muertos event. The Board is encouraged to attend and volunteer time if they are able.

11) CGA Staff Reports

Staff provided a report on the FY 22-23 Audit which is being wrapped up and will be presented at the December 2024 Board meeting. Staff also reminded the Board that having engagement with the GSA's in the off-months is important as we are meeting every other month in-person. GSA's are encouraged to provide updates and feedback to the CGA Chairs/staff to be included in the off-month Newsletter put together by Director Carter.

12) CGA Counsel Reports

None.

13) Director/Member GSA Comments

None.

14) Upcoming Agenda Items

The following items were identified:

- Membership Contribution Agreement
- Tabled discussion items

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

15) Public Comment

Adjourn Meeting

Director Carter adjourned the meeting by consensus at 11:30 am.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CGA ARE HELD ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **DECEMBER 4, 2024 AT 8:30AM.**

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