

SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)
Governing Board Meeting
Final Minutes
November 14, 2007

LOCATION: 10545 Armstrong Avenue, Suite 101
Mather, CA 95655
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Scott Fort called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Roll call was taken and the following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep.)

Anthony van Steyn, Agricultural Interests
Rick Bettis, Conservation Landowners
Edwin Smith, Public Agencies Self-Supplied
Ed Crouse, Rancho Murieta Community Services District
Scott Fort, Golden State Water Company

Board Members (Alternate Rep.)

Clarence Korhonen, City of Elk Grove
Walter Sadler, City of Folsom
Albert Stricker, City of Rancho Cordova
Ruben Robles, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Staff Members

Darrell Eck, Executive Director, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
Michelle Fiorino, Clerk, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
Ramón Roybal, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

Others in Attendance

Jose Ramirez, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
Jonathan Goetz, Water Forum
Ali Taghavi, WRIME

2. Public Comment

Chair Fort called for any public comment. No public comment was made.

3. Consent Calendar

The draft meeting minutes for the meeting held on October 10, 2007 were reviewed for final

approval.

Motion/Second/Carried – Rick Bettis moved, by a second from Clarence Korhonen to approve the minutes.

4. Local Groundwater Assistance Grant

Darrell Eck provided a synopsis of the process to date in developing the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant (AB 303) grant application. On October 10, 2007 the AB 303 Subcommittee was formed by the Board and authorized to select a consultant to assist in the preparation of an AB 303 grant application based on a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ). The subcommittee had their first meeting on October 15, 2007 to discuss the AB 303 grant application requirements, information to be provided in the SOQ, and potential consultants. Letters requesting a SOQ were sent out to the following consultants on October 22, 2007: MWH, WRIME, Brown & Caldwell, RMC, and West Yost. A deadline of November 2, 2007 was given for submittal of the SOQs. SOQs were submitted by MWH and WRIME. The subcommittee reconvened on November 5, 2007 to discuss the two SOQs and selected WRIME to assist in the preparation of the grant application. During this discussion the subcommittee recommended that Board meet on November 14, 2007 in order to adopt the authorizing resolution required by the AB 303 grant application. Based on the recommendation of the subcommittee WRIME was issued a notice to proceed on November 6, 2007. Staff met with WRIME on November 13, 2007 to discuss timelines and responsibilities necessary to meet the December 11, 2007 submittal deadline, including the provision of letters of support by the various stakeholders (Cities, Water Forum, Purveyors, etc.). It was agreed that the request for letters of support would be made at the upcoming Board meeting.

Mr. Eck requested that each of the stakeholder groups represented on the Board provide a letter of support for the AB 303 grant application by November 30, 2007. Staff will e-mail a template to each of the stakeholders that can be used in generating the requested letter. It was emphasized that the letter should also include some specific language on how the proposed funded project would benefit the specific stakeholder group/entity. Ali Taghavi (WRIME) indicated that unique letters are important in the scoring process.

Scott Fort introduced the resolution authorizing submittal of an application to the California Department of Water Resources for a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant pursuant to the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (AB 303) and to designate the Executive Director of the Authority, or his designee, as the authorized representative to enter into an agreement with the State for the AB 303 grant, should it be awarded (**see corresponding attachment**).

Motion/Second/Carried – Walter Sadler moved, by a second from Rick Bettis, to adopt the resolution authorizing application for the AB 303 grant and designating the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the State for the AB 303 grant monies, should they be awarded. An individual vote was taken from Board members in attendance and the motion passed by a majority.

5. Executive Director's Report

Darrell Eck advised that a new Clerk of the Board will need to be appointed by the April 2008 Board meeting. Ruben Robles indicated that a shortage of clerical staff in the County Department of Water Quality has caused the problem and that Michelle Fiorino would no longer be available to provide note taking at the Board meetings. Mr. Robles indicated that Ms. Fiorino served at no cost to the Groundwater Authority. Mr. Robles also indicated that while Ms. Fiorino would be unable to take notes and provide Board minutes she would continue to coordinate refreshments for the Board meetings. When asked how much time she spent on Board meetings and coordinating the minutes

Ms. Fiorino indicated that she spent about eight hours a month. Members of the Board were asked to consider possible solutions to replace Ms. Fiorino.

6. Director's Comments

Rick Bettis asked if \$250,000 is the maximum amount of grant funding available through the AB 303 program. Darrell Eck responded yes.

Scott Fort advised that a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board for 2008 will need to be elected at the December meeting.

7. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Scott Fort adjourns meeting at 9:28 a.m.

By:

Scott D. Fort
Chairperson

12/12/07
Date

Attest:

Michelle Fiorino

12/12/07
Date

