SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA) Governing Board Meeting

Final Minutes July 8, 2009

LOCATION: 10545 Armstrong Avenue, Suite 101

Mather, CA 95655 9:03 a.m. to 9:31 a.m.

MINUTES:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Walt Sadler called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep):

Stuart Helfand, Agricultural Residential
Rick Bettis, Conservation Landowners
Edwin Smith, Public Agencies Self-Supplied
Ron Lowry, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
Ruben Robles, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Board Members (Alternate Rep):

Clarence Korhonen, City of Elk Grove Walt Sadler, City of Folsom Herb Niederberger, Sacramento County Water Agency Dan Sherry, City of Sacramento

Staff Members:

Darrell Eck, Executive Director, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority Heather Hawke, Clerk, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority Ping Chen, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority Brian Gallucci, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

Others in Attendance:

Rob Swartz, Sacramento Groundwater Authority

Member Agencies Absent

City of Rancho Cordova
Elk Grove Water Service
Agricultural Interest
Commercial/Industrial Self-Supplied (vacant)
Rancho Murieta Community Service District
California – American Water Company
Golden State Water Company

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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Mr. Sadler asked if there were any questions or comments on the June 10, 2009 meeting minutes. Being none, Mr. Sadler called for a motion to approve the consent calendar items.

Motion/Second/Carried - Mr. Niederberger motioned and Mr. Smith seconded, the motion was carried unanimously to approve the June 10, 2009 board meeting minutes.

4. AMENDMENT TO SCGA RULES OF PROCEDURE

During the June 10, 2009 board meeting, the Board discussed the option of reducing the number of their regularly held meetings from once a month to once every two months. At that time the Board indicated that they would like to consider meeting on the second Wednesday of every odd numbered month. The Board then directed staff to prepare an amendment to the Authority's Rules of Procedure. Staff recommended approval of an amendment to Chapter 3 as follows:

• <u>Action:</u> Approve the amendment to Section 3.09, Paragraph (b) of SCGA's Rules of Procedure

 Mr. Lowry motioned, and Mr. Robles seconded the motion to approve the amendment to the Rules of Procedure. The motion was carried unanimously. Based on the approval of this amendment, Mr. Sadler announced that the next board meeting would be held on September 9, 2009.

If by reason of emergency or other reasonable cause that a meeting cannot be held on the scheduled date, the chair may reschedule the meeting with due notice. Therefore, the only alteration to the Rules of Procedure was the insertion of the phrase "odd-numbered months".

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Eck announced that staff has prepared the first Basin Management Report for the Central Basin and the report is currently in "draft" form. The purpose of the Basin Management Report is to document the management activities of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority and its member agencies. The Basin Management Report also documents basin-wide hydrologic conditions and management activities that help insure the long-term sustainability of the region's

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groundwater resources. There are some limitations in this first report given that SCGA's DMS isn't up and running yet. Staff feels that there is sufficient information that can be recorded that will give the Board a better understanding of the state of the basin and provide a platform for focusing on and scheduling activities over the next two years. Staff provided a copy of the report for Board members to review and comment on with the goal of completing the document by the September 2009 board meeting.

Mr. Korhonen asked that when the Authority's website is updated, there be a notice sent out via e-mail to all of the Board members informing them of the changes. Mr. Eck indicated that notices would be sent out.

Mr. Bettis asked whether there is any recognition in the studies of the hydraulic disconnect between the Cosumnes River and local groundwater. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is concerned about this disconnect and has initiated a number of studies to gain a better understanding of the interaction between the Cosumnes River and groundwater. Leo Winternitz, former director of the Water Forum, now works for TNC and is leading this effort. Mr. Eck stated that he had been contacted by Mr. Winternitz and TNC's interest in the Cosumnes River was discussed. There is an interest in having TNC make a presentation to the Board describing their interest and long-term objectives on the Cosumnes River including on-going projects (e.g., Reservoir Reoperation and groundwater banking). This presentation is expected within the next few months.

6. **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Bettis stated that TNC has an interest in reading the Basin Management Report.

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Mr. Lowry suggested that the Well Protection Program should be a regular item on the GROVA