

Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2025

**Opening:**

1. The SSCAWA meeting was called to order by Chairman VanWarmerdam at 9:43 a.m. at the Herald Firehouse, Herald, California.
2. Members present were Leo VanWarmerdam, John Mulrooney, Pat Kirby, Mark Stretars, Paul Hensleigh and Ken Mitchell. Also present were Mike Wackman, Wendy Sparrowk, Cameron Crouch, Teresa Flewellyn, Delores Gregorio, Shawna Alback and Tish Espinosa.
3. Public Comment – A brief eulogy and moment of silence was observed for Mark Wilson, past OHWD Director.

**Consent Items:**

1. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. The minutes for the 1/7/25 meeting were reviewed. The Treasurer's Report and bills since the last meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Director Hensleigh to approve the Agenda, Minutes, TR, and bills; motion second by Director Mulrooney; motion approved 6/0/3.**

**Information /Action Items:**

1. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act -
  - a. Cosumnes Basin update – The City of Galt presented a water usage presentation to CGA which showed less water usage currently using a tiered system. There are some ag parcels within the city limits that are not registered in the irrigated land assessments. The CGA budget and CGA/GSA tasks are being worked on by the CGA board. SSCAWA Board members are interested in looking at Laguna and Badger creeks for recharge or flood areas.
2. Staffing of SSCAWA – Staffing for General Manager and Secretary of SSCAWA was reviewed with history of changes in salaries and district installments documented. There was a recap of the importance of SSCAWA for the original GWM Plan in 1997 and starting the SGMA process with SSCAWA funds and organization until CGA was formed. Previous SSCAWA grants and retained administrative grant funds were reviewed. Directors reviewed the benefits of keeping the 3 ag Districts together for future grants and support for south county agriculture if there is instability with CGA in the future. Future grants benefiting the area were discussed. A letter from Clay Water District was distributed requesting the General Manager position be dissolved and the Secretary be paid hourly with mileage. Directors present were polled on the salaries of the General Manager and Secretary. No changes were made to the current salaries.
3. Clay Water District possible withdrawal – A letter was distributed by Clay Water District to officially withdrawal from SSCAWA and will pay the final installment for 2025.
4. DWR Stream Gauge grant update – All stream gage awards will go through SHRCD and all awards and tasks will be managed by SHRCD.

5. Review of SSCAWA Strategic Plan– The SSCAWA Strategic Plan was emailed with the meeting packet for Directors to review the direction of the Authority when applying for previous grants applications. There was discussion of the future of the Authority without CWD. GID and OHWD are water authorities and SHRCD cannot join the current Authority as it is a different type of authority.
6. Draft Budget 2025/26 – The draft budget for SSCAWA was reviewed thoroughly. An item was added to the budget for engineering/grant applications. CWD will need to be taken out of installment income. **Motion was made by Director Hensleigh to adopt the draft budget for 2025/26 with the membership change; motion second by Director Mulrooney; motion approved 6/0/3.**
7. Director Comments – Nothing to report.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Leo VanWarmerdam, Chairman

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