

Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2023

Opening:

1. The SSCAWA meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mulrooney at 1:00 pm via teleconference set up by a Zoom call and in-person at the Sacramento County Farm Bureau, Elk Grove, California.
2. Members present were John Mulrooney, Tony Merola, Pat Kirby, Gary Silva Jr, Paul Hensleigh and Mark Stretars. Also present were Mike Wackman, Stephen Julian and Wendy Sparrowk.
3. Public Comment - Nothing to report.

Consent Items:

1. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. The minutes for the 7/12/22 and 7/19/22 meetings were reviewed. The Treasurer's Report and bills since the last meeting were reviewed. Wendy Sparrowk asked for approval to reissue misplaced check #1872 to Wackman Consulting for May 2022 project manager services for \$6380. It was confirmed that this check was not cashed. **A motion was made by Director Kirby to approve the Agenda, Minutes, TR, reissue check and bills; motion second by Director Stretars; motion approved 6/0/3.**
2. Resolution No. 2021/22 - Making findings related to remote meetings. **Motion was made by Director Kirby to make findings; motion second by Director Stretars; motion approved 6/0/3.**

Information /Action Items:

1. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act -
 - a. Cosumnes Basin update - Mike Wackman reported that the Cosumnes DWR grant application will be awarded in May. The RCD grant opens in March for land repurposing projects. The SGMA annual report is due in April. EKI has the data and SCI is reviewing fee studies for future assessments. It is proposed that 5% of the next fee be retained by each GSA for implementation. GSA fee options were briefly discussed and agreed that fees be kept as low as possible.
 - b. Cosumnes Basin Monitoring results – CGA contracted with MLJ for monitoring last April and October. Stephen Julian will be monitoring in future. Access agreements need to be updated.
2. Watershed Coordinator Quarterly Report - Stephen Julian has been working mainly on the Cosumnes DWR grant application this quarter.
3. Grant Opportunities for SSCAWA – Mike Wackman discussed SWEEP grants (Sustainable Water Enhancement & Efficiency Program with California Dept.of Food & Ag). Mike would like to look into grants for SSCAWA that do not compete with grants CGA is looking at. **Director Kirby made a motion that the Board approves staff proceeding to look for grant options; second by Director Silva; motion approved 6/0/3.**
4. CGA Staffing Update – There is a CGA public workshop on February 4 in Herald. CGA is

looking at staff budget for next year and may get outreach help from SHRCD.

5. DOC grant – Mike Wackman reviewed DOC grant progress.
6. Approve letter of engagement for audit – A letter of engagement for a 5 year audit (7/1/17-6/30/22) for \$5000 was presented by Michelle Hanson CPA. **Motion was made by Director Mulrooney to accept the letter of engagement for the audit; second by Director Kirby; motion approved 6/0/3.**
7. Director Comments - Director Silva asked about SSCAWA getting county funds to help with flood damage construction in the area. FEMA and FSA funds were discussed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Leo VanWarmerdam, Chairman
