

Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023

Opening:

1. The SSCAWA meeting was called to order by Chairman VanWarmerdam at 9:45 a.m. at the Herald Firehouse, Herald, California.
2. Members present were Leo VanWarmerdam, John Mulrooney, Gary Silva Jr, Ken Mitchell and Mark Stretars. Also present were Mike Wackman, Stephen Julian, Wendy Sparrowk, Delores Gregorio, Teresa Flewellyn, Tish Espinosa, Mark Beck, Dennis Johnson, Chris Henley, Herb Garmes and Michelle Hanson.
3. Public Comment - Nothing to report.

Consent Items:

1. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. The minutes for the 1/17/23 meeting were reviewed. The Treasurer's Report and bills since the last meeting were reviewed. Invoicing and transparency of invoices was discussed. **A motion was made by Director Mulrooney to approve the Agenda, Minutes, TR, and bills; motion second by Director Stretars; motion approved 5/0/4.**

Information /Action Items:

1. Audit Review – Michelle Hanson, CPA reviewed the SSCAWA 5 year audit from 2018-2022. She feels every 5 years is adequate and feels the Authority can work on an accrual basis rather than cash basis if possible. Any personnel changes should be noted in Board minutes and any 'utility' expenses are okay to pay between meetings. The audit report will be distributed to the County of Sacramento and State Controller.
2. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act -
 - a. Cosumnes Basin update – Mike Wackman gave a Cosumnes Basin update.
 - b. Cosumnes Basin Monitoring –The overall groundwater levels are up. SGMA uses 2013-15 levels for threshold. The usage of satellite meter data was discussed. It could be done through CGA but quality would still need to be manually monitored once a year.
3. Watershed Coordinator Quarterly Report - Stephen Julian reviewed the detailed Watershed Coordinator's update report handout and discussed the RCD grant which encompasses the whole watershed.
4. Grant Opportunities for SSCAWA – Reported in other Information/Action items.
5. CGA Staffing Update – Stephen Julian reviewed the progress in the first year of CGA. The Authority Directors are in support of the CGA progress.

6. DOC Grant - The status of the DOC grant was reviewed and bi-monthly invoicing was discussed. Details of work completed is outlined on invoicing to DOC.
7. Budget 2023-24 –
 - a. The draft budget for 2023/24 was reviewed. It was decided to delete Audit for this period budget and include an actual-year ending expenses column for next year. **Motion was made by Director Mulrooney to approve draft budget for 2023/24; second by Director Mitchell; motion approved 5/0/4.**
 - b. Review of SAFCA funds – The MOU with SAFCA to fund a Watershed Coordinator position was reviewed. This MOU was in place before CGA was formed. Only \$25,000 was needed and the remaining \$50,000 was not requested.
8. Director Comments - Nothing to report.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Leo VanWarmerdam, Chairman
