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Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Chico City Council Chamber, 421 Main Street, Chico CA

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Meeting ID: 869 8360 0705

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BOARD MEMBERS:

- Evan Tuchinsky, Chair
- Jeff Rohwer, Vice Chair
- Matt Doyle
- Tod Kimmelshue
- Kasey Reynolds

PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION:

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When submitting public comments via email, please indicate the item number your comment corresponds to in the subject line. Comments submitted will be sent to the full GSA Board members electronically prior to the start of the meeting. Email comments will be acknowledged and read into the record by name only during the public comment period for each agenda item. Emailed comments received prior to the end of the meeting will be made part of the written record but not acknowledged at the meeting.

**VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY REGULAR
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

December 11, 2024

1. VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1. APPROVAL OF THE 11/13/24 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve the Vina GSA meeting minutes.

3. SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY HONORING MS. LINDA HERMAN

The Board will consider a resolution commending Linda Herman for her 40 years of dedicated public service, including 28 years with the City of Chico. She is retiring as the Parks & Natural Resources Manager for the City of Chico. Linda has been an instrumental representative on the Vina GSA Management Committee, playing a vital role in the development and implementation of the Vina GSA and its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). This resolution recognizes her exemplary service and contributions as she attends her final Vina GSA Board meeting. *(Report – Kasey Reynolds, Vina GSA Board Director)*

REQUESTED ACTION: Adopt the resolution honoring Linda Herman for her outstanding service and contributions to the Vina GSA and the community.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Board at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda; comments are limited to three (3) minutes. The Board cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. CONSIDERATION OF A LONG-TERM FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THE VINA GSA

The Board will consider selecting a preferred funding mechanism for the Vina GSA's long-term fee structure. This decision follows the Board Fee Study Workshop, which presented fee options, results from alternative fee modeling, and feedback gathered from the public and the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC). The selected funding mechanism will guide Staff and the consultant in finalizing the Fee Study and preparing for implementation. *(Report – Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting)*

REQUESTED ACTION: Select a preferred funding mechanism for the Vina GSA's long-term fee structure and provide direction to Staff and consultants to proceed with drafting the Fee Study and preparing for implementation.

5.2. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED MONITORING NETWORK LOCATIONS

The Board will consider approving the finalized proposed monitoring network locations for the Vina Subbasin. These locations were discussed at the previous Board meeting and have been refined based on Board, SHAC and public input received. Additionally, Staff will provide an update on the initial application to the California Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP) to support the implementation of the monitoring network expansion. *(Report – Ryan Fulton, Larry Walker & Associates)*

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the final proposed monitoring network locations for the Vina Subbasin or provide direction to staff.

5.3. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROGRAM MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH LARRY WALKER ASSOCIATES AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 VINA GSA STREAM GAGE PROJECT FUNDING

The Board will consider authorizing the Program Manager to execute a contract with Larry Walker Associates (LWA), not to exceed \$15,000, to complete the California Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP) application process. This contract will allow LWA to develop and submit the necessary application materials to secure funding for the proposed monitoring network expansion in the Vina Subbasin. The Board will also consider approving Resolution No. 2024-03, which authorizes the Chair to sign the funding request, acceptance, and execution for the Vina GSA Stream Gage Project. These actions are necessary to meet the December 31, 2024, CalSIP evaluation deadline and to advance the GSA's monitoring network expansion goals. *(Report – Dillon Raney, GSA Program Manager)*

REQUESTED ACTION: Authorize the Program Manager to execute a contract with Larry Walker Associates, not to exceed \$15,000, to complete the CalSIP application process. Approve Resolution No. 2024-03, authorizing the Board Chair to sign the resolution for the Vina GSA Stream Gage Project funding request.

5.4. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SHAC)

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) currently has two vacancies on its Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC): one for a Domestic Well User Representative and one for a Non-irrigated/Rangeland Representative. Applications for the Domestic Well User position were accepted through November 30, 2024, while applications for the Non-irrigated/Rangeland Representative position are being accepted on a rolling basis. The Board will review four applications received for the Domestic Well User position and consider appointing one applicant to fill the vacancy. *(Report - Dillon Raney, GSA Program Manager)*

REQUESTED ACTION: Review the applications for the Domestic Well User position and appoint one applicant to the SHAC.

5.5. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2025 VINA GSA BOARD AND SHAC MEETING CALENDAR

The Board will review and consider the Management Committee's recommended meeting calendars for the Vina GSA Board and SHAC for 2025. *(Report - Dillon Raney, GSA Program Manager)*

REQUESTED ACTION: Adopt the 2025 Vina GSA Board meeting calendar and approve the 2025 SHAC meeting calendar or provide direction to Staff.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

6.1. GSA Program Manager's Report (Verbal Report – Dillon Raney, GSA Program Manager)

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Board meeting will adjourn to Closed Session after tonight's Vina GSA Board Meeting.

1. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS OR BOARD DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Members of the public may address the board at this time on the closed session item only; comments are limited to three (3) minutes, or time limit as determined by the chair.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Call to Order

4. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

4.1 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(4) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

4.2 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #23CV02789.

4.3 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #22CV00321.

5. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Report on any action taken during the closed session.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Closed Session will adjourn to a Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting on January 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Chico City Council Chamber Building at 421 Main Street., Chico, CA and online via Zoom for viewing only.