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Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

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

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- Evan Tuchinsky, Chair
- Jeff Rohwer, Vice Chair
- Matt Doyle
- Tod Kimmelshue
- Katie Hawley

PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION:

Public comment will be accepted in-person at the meeting or may be submitted by email prior to the meeting to VINAGSAPUBLICCOMMENTS@CHICOCA.GOV. If you would like to address the Board at this meeting, you are requested to complete a speaker card and hand it to the Board Clerk prior to the conclusion of the staff presentation for that item. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker on all items and an overall time limit of thirty minutes for agenda items has been established. If more than 10 speaker cards are submitted for agenda items, the time limitation may be reduced to one and a half minutes per speaker.

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**

February 26, 2025

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 1-15-25 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

Action: Approve the Vina GSA meeting minutes.

3. 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.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. UPDATE ON DEMAND REDUCTION STRATEGIES PROJECT

The Board will receive an update on the Demand Reduction Strategies (DRS) project, including recent changes based on feedback from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in late November 2024, the Vina GSA Board in January 2025, and the Local Expert Group (LEG) in February 2025. The update will include the revised Extend Orchard Replacement (EOR) pilot program concept and explain how the funds will be spent. **(Report – Tovey Giezentanner, Agricultural Groundwater Users of Butte County)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Accept as information.

4.2. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT FEE REPORT ON LONG-TERM FUNDING FOR THE VINA GSA

The Board will consider the DRAFT Fee Report, which details the two-part fee structure approved at the January 15, 2025, meeting. The report outlines the rationale for the Part 1 governance fee, which applies to all parcels to support GSA operations, and the Part 2 fee, which applies to groundwater users to fund monitoring and sustainable groundwater management. The Board will review the report's findings and provide direction on any necessary revisions before final adoption. **(Report – Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting)**

REQUESTED ACTION:

1. Determine whether to implement an annual fee adjustment or establish an initial fee structure that accounts for inflationary increases.
2. Approve the allocation of cost components between Part 1 and Part 2 as detailed in the Fee Report.
3. Approve the proposed cost distribution of 90% to Agricultural users and 10% to Domestic users for the Part 2 fee.
4. Provide feedback or recommend revisions to the Fee Report before final acceptance.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

5.1. Program Manager Report (Information Only - Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)

5.2. Community & Environmental Advocacy Group Meeting Summary (Information Only- Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)

6. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Board Members may propose topics, projects, or issues for inclusion on a future agenda. Proposals will be noted for consideration by the Chair and Program Manager, subject to feasibility and alignment with the Agency’s priorities. No discussion or action will be taken on proposed items at this meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Board meeting will adjourn to Closed Session after tonight’s Vina GSA Regular 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.

4.4 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #24CV04275.

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 March 12, 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.