

**MINUTES OF THE
VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Meeting of
September 11, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Chico City Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Chico CA
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM (viewing/listening only)

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

1.1. Call to Order

The Vina GSA meeting was called to order by Chair Tuchinsky at 5:32 p.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Evan Tuchinsky
Jeffrey Rohwer
Matt Doyle
Todd Kimmelshue

Board Members Absent: Kasey Reynolds

Management Committee Members Present:

Christina Buck, Becky Fairbanks, and Kamie Loeser (Butte County Department of Water & Resource Conservation (BCDWRC), Linda Herman (City of Chico), and Valerie Kincaid (Legal Counsel).

1.3 August 7, 2024 Special Closed Session Meeting Announcement

Chair Tuchinsky announced the results of the 8-7-24 Vina GSA Special Closed Session meeting in which the Board discussed the following:

Item 3.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(4)

The Vina GSA Board met in a Special Closed Session on 8/7/24 at 5:30 p.m. with the Management Committee and legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation. All Board members were present, with Alternate Tami Ritter sitting in for Board member Kimmelshue. Direction was given and no final action was taken."

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 APPROVAL OF THE 06/26/24 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve the Vina GSA meeting minutes.

2.2 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Action: Approve the Vina GSA Financial Status Report as of 09/11/2024.

2.3 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF VINA GSA PROGRAM MANAGER AS VINA GSA ADMINISTRATOR AND GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) MANAGER

Action: Approve the appointment of the GSA Program Manager as the GSA Administrator and Plan Manager.

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Vice Chair Rowher motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Board Members Kimmelshue, Doyle, Vice Chair Rohwer, and Chair Tuchinsky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Board Member Reynolds

ABSTAIN: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

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 minutes. The Board cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

There were no public comments.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 PRESENTATION ON SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT (SGM) GRANT PROJECTS PROGRESS

The Board will receive a presentation on the progress of the SGM Grant Projects. This update will cover the status of ongoing projects, key milestones achieved, and any challenges or adjustments that have arisen. The presentation aims to keep the Board informed on the implementation and management of these projects, ensuring they align with the goals and objectives of the Vina GSA. (*Report – Becky Fairbanks, Christina Buck, and Tovey Giezentanner, SGM Grant Project Managers*)

REQUESTED ACTION: Accept as information.

Jim Brobeck and Greg Brislain provided comments on this item.

The Board provided comments and accepted the report. No direction was given.

5.2 INTRODUCTION TO BUTTE COUNTY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN / SB 552

The Board will receive a presentation on the initiation of the County's Drought Resilience Plan per Senate Bill 552, Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities. *Report – Kamie Loeser, Director, Butte County Water & Resource Conservation*)

REQUESTED ACTION: Accept as information

No action was taken by the Board as this was an information only item.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Management Committee Members Loeser and Buck provided updates on the following items:

6.1 Program Manager Report (*Verbal Report – Dillon Raney, GDA Program Manager*)

6.2 Independent Auditors' Audit (*Information only*)

6.3 Butte County Public Health Department Quarterly Well Permit Summary (*Information only*)

The Program Manager was unable to attend the meeting, so Item 6.1 was not reported.

Anne Dawson provided comments on Item 6.3

There was no action or direction given by the Board on these items.

7. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Regular Board meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m. to a Vina GSA Closed Session in Conference Room 2 in the Chico Council Chamber Building.

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 minutes, or time limit as determined by the chair.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Call to Order

Chair Tuchinsky called the Closed Session 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:

Chair Tuchinsky reported all Board Members, except Board Member Reynolds, were present at the Closed Session. No action was taken on the above items and direction was given to legal counsel on Closed Session item 4.1.

6. CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Closed Session adjourned at 7:03 p.m. to a Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting on November 13, 2024, 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.