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VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting Agenda
December 9, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
ONLINE MEETING ONLY VIA ZOOM

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1. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA - all matters listed under the consent agenda are to be considered routine and enacted by one motion.

2.1. APPROVAL OF 10/14/20 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of Vina GSA Board meeting held on 11/18/20.

2.2. APPROVAL OF THE VINA GSA MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Action: Approve the Vina GSA Financial Status Report as of 11/30/2020.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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.

5. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

6. REGULAR AGENDA

6.1. CONSIDERATION OF THE REMOVAL OF A STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SHAC) MEMBER AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR REAPPOINTMENT.

The Board will consider removing a Domestic Well Owner representative member on the SHAC who has missed more than three consecutive Committee meetings. If the removal is approved, the Board may also consider applications for this vacancy if any are available by the date of this meeting. (***Report – Kelly Peterson***)

Recommendation: The Management Committee recommends that the Board, as two separate actions:

1. Approve the removal of Joshua Pierce as one of the Domestic Well Owner representatives on the SHAC.
2. Review potential candidates, if any, and appoint one (1) applicant, if determined qualified, as the Domestic Well Owner representative to serve on the Committee until December 9, 2024.

6.2. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINBILITY PLAN (GSP)

Staff will provide an update on the development of the Vina GSP which will include development of Sustainable Management Criteria, and efforts to coordinate with other neighboring subbasins and GSAs. (***Presentation/Verbal Report – Paul Gosselin)***.

Recommendation: Accept as information and provide direction to Staff as appropriate.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

These items are provided for the Board's information. Although the Board may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Board determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.

7.1 Vina GSA Management Committee Updates

7.1.1 Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee Update ***(Report -Kelly Peterson)***

7.1.2 Rock Creek Reclamation District Update ***(Verbal Report-Paul Gosselin)***

7.1.3 Tuscan Water District Update ***(Verbal Report-Paul Gosselin)***

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** **–** The meeting will adjourn to the next regular Vina GSA Board meeting on 1/13/21.

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VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting
November 18, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
ONLINE MEETING ONLY VIA ZOOM

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1. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Called to order by Vice Chair Tuchinsky at 5:30 p.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Board Members Present:
Evan Tuchinsky
Jeffrey Rohwer
Steve Lambert
Raymond Cooper

Board Members Absent:
Ann Schwab

Staff Present:
Erik Gustafson (City of Chico Public Works Director), Paul Gosselin (BCDWRC Director), Kelly Peterson (BCDWRC Water Resource Scientist), Valerie Kincaid (Attorney O'Laughlin & Paris LLP), and Linda Herman (City of Chico Park and Natural Resources Manager).

2. CONSENT AGENDA - all matters listed under the consent agenda are to be considered routine and enacted by one motion.

2.1. APPROVAL OF 10/14/20 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of Vina GSA Board meeting held on 10/14/20.

2.2. APPROVAL OF THE VINA GSA MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Action: Approve the Vina GSA Financial Status Report as of 11/6/2020.

Board Member Rohwer requested Item 2.3 be removed from the consent agenda.

Board Member Lambert motioned to approve Items 2.1 and 2.2 on the consent agenda. Seconded by Board Member Rohwer.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Vice Chair Tuchinsky, Board Member Lambert, Board Member Rohwer, Board Member Cooper.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair Schwab

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT –

2.3 APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE VINA GSA STAKEHOLDER AVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

At its 9/15/20 meeting, the Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) approved amending its Charter to:

1. Incorporate clarifications on the process for SHAC members to include items on their meeting agendas
2. Outline the level of detail to be included in the meeting notes in regard to who agreed or disagreed when making decisions
3. Require a quorum of SHAC members when making internal decisions and when making recommendations to the Vina GSA Board.

Action: Approve the proposed revisions to the Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee Charter.

Board Member Rohwer removed this item to inquire why a SHAC member representing a domestic well user has missed several consecutive Committee meetings. and the possible removal of this member as outlined in the SHAC Charter.

Management Committee member Paul Gosselin responded that Staff has reached out to this member and has had no response. This item will be agendized for the Vina GSA Board's December meeting for possible removal of this member from the SHAC. Staff will also start to solicit applications for a new domestic well user representative.

Board Member Rohwer motioned to approve Item 2.3 on the consent agenda. Seconded by Board Member Lambert.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Vice Chair Tuchinsky, Board Member Lambert, Board Member Rohwer, Board Member Cooper.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair Schwab

4. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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Debra Lucero addressed the Board during the meeting.

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5. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

6. REGULAR AGENDA

6.1. CONSIDERATION OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT.

The Board will consider a proposed Cooperation Agreement with the Rock Creek Reclamation District, which is another Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Vina groundwater subbasin. The Agreement provides for both agencies to work together to develop a single GSP and to comply with other Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements.

Action: Approve the Cooperation Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement.

Vice-Chair Tuchinsky inquired whether the Rock Creek Reclamation District had approved the Agreement and had questions regarding the make-up of the "Membership Committee" outlined in the Agreement.

A motion was made by Board Member Lambert to approve the Cooperation Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement. Motion was seconded by Board Member Rohwer.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Vice Chair Tuchinsky, Board Member Rohwer, Board Member Lambert, Board Member Cooper.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair Schwab

Vice-Chair Tuchinsky noted that the effective date of 11/19/20 on the Agreement copy provided in the Board Agenda packet should be changed to 11/18/20, which is the date of this Vina GSA Board meeting.

6.2. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINBILITY PLAN (GSP)

Staff will provide an update on the development of the Vina GSP which will include development of Sustainable Management Criteria, and efforts to coordinate with other neighboring subbasins and GSAs. (***Presentation – Paul Gosselin***).

This was an informational item only. No action was taken.

Paul Gosselin provided an update on the GSP process and there was no direction to Staff from the Board.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

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7.1 Vina GSA Management Committee Updates

7.1.1 Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee Update ***(Report -Kelly Peterson)***
7.1.2 Update on the DWR Technical Support Services Facilitation Services with Consensus Building Institute (CBI) ***(Verbal Report-Paul Gosselin)***
7.1.3 Tuscan Water District Update ***(Verbal Report-Paul Gosselin)***

Management Committee member Kelly Peterson provided an update on the October Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) meeting in which the SHAC members also discussed the truancy of one of the domestic well user representatives, and the potential recruitment process.

Vice-Chair Tuchinsky asked Vina GSA Board Legal Counselor Valerie Kincaid whether the Board could take action on both the potential removal of this domestic well user representative and consider candidates for the vacant position at the December Vina GSA Board meeting.

Ms. Kincaid replied yes but that the Board must take action on the removal first before consideration of potential SHAC candidates.

There was no further direction to Staff on the other Communications and Reports Items.

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** **–** The meeting adjourned by Vice Chair Tuchinsky at 6:39 p.m. to the next regular Vina GSA Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. on December 9, 2020.

	Vina **Groundwater Sustainability Agency** **Agenda Transmittal**	**Agenda Item: 2.2**

Subject: **Vina GSA Financial Report-November 2020**

Contact: Kelly Peterson	**Phone: 530-552-3588**	**Meeting Date: 12-9-20**	**Consent Agenda**

Department Summary:

Attached is the financial report for the 2020-2021 fiscal year for the Vina GSA as of 11/30/20.

Fiscal Impact: None

Staff Recommendation: Approve the financial report.

Vina GSA Financial Report		Fund Balance:	$ 12,671.05
FY 2020-2021 (7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021)		Balance Date:	11/30/2020

Expenditures

Budget Item	Date	Amount	Notes
Legal			
O'Laughlin & Paris	8/25/20	$ 1,785.00	
O'Laughlin & Paris	10/6/20	$ 1,330.00	
O'Laughlin & Paris	11/10/20	$ 630.00	
Total Legal Spent		$ 3,745.00	
Legal Budget		$ 10,000.00	
% of Legal Budget Spent		37%	
Insurance			
Golden State Risk Management Authority	7/7/20	$ 1,800.00	GSA insurance
Total Insurance Spent		$ 1,800.00	
Insurance Budget		$ 1,800.00	
% of Insurance Budget Spent		100%	2020 fees increased by $300
Audit			
Total Audit Spent		$ -	
Audit Budget		$ 2,000.00	
% of Audit Budget Spent		0%	
Contingency			
Total Contingency Spent		$ -	
Contingency Budget		$ 1,080.00	
% of Contingency Budget Spent		0%	
Website			
Digital Deployment		$ 240.00	Website Hosting Services
Total Website Spent		$ 240.00	
Website Budget		$ 240.00	
% of Website Budget Spent		100%	
All Expenditures		**$ 5,785.00**	
Total Budget for Expenditures		**$ 15,120.00**	
% of Budget Spent		**38%**	page 1

Vina GSA Financial Report

FY 2020-2021 (7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021)

Revenue

Budget Item	Date	Amount	Notes
Member Agency Contributions			
City of Chico	7/28/20	$ 5,000.00	
Durham Irrigation District	9/17/20	$ 1,000.00	
Durham Irrigation District	9/17/20	$ 1,000.00	
Durham Irrigation District	9/29/20	$ 1,000.00	
Durham Irrigation District	10/29/20	$ 1,000.00	Additional $1K in payments are planned
Total Member Agency Contributions Received		$ 9,000.00	Note: Butte County's FY 20-21 contributions ($7K)were posted in previous FY and included in carry over balance
Total Member Agency Contributions Budget		$ 15,000.00	
% of Member Agency Contributions Budget Received		93%	
Interest	7/1/20	$ 41.99	Interest from last quarter
	10/15/20	$ 36.55	Interest from last quarter
Total Interest Received		$ 78.54	
Total Interest Budget		$ 120.00	
% of Interest Budget Received		65%	
All Revenue		**$ 9,078.54**	
Total Budget for Revenue		**$ 15,120.00**	
% of Budget Received		**93%**	Includes the Butte County contribution made last FY

Fund Balance

Starting Balance 7/1/2020	$	9,377.51
Expenses	$	5,785.00
Revenue	$	9,078.54
Fund Balance 11/30/20	**$**	**12,671.05**

	Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Transmittal	Agenda Item: **6.1**

Subject: Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee Member Removal and New Appointment

Contact: Kelly Peterson Phone: (530) 552-3588 Meeting Date: December 9, 2020 Regular Agenda

Department Summary: The Vina GSA is working towards securing groundwater sustainability in the Vina subbasin with assistance from the Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC). The purpose of the SHAC is to provide input and recommendations to the GSA Board on the development and implementation of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The SHAC is made up of representatives reflecting the beneficial users of groundwater as identified in SGMA and includes the social, cultural and economic diversity of population and area stakeholders within the GSA's jurisdiction in order to provide stakeholder perspectives and a forum for stakeholder/public participation. Details on the roles and other functions of the SHAC are described in the Committee's Charter found on the GSA's website at https://www.vinagsa.org/

The SHAC's Charter describes membership and member terms which indicates,

> "SHAC members serve at the will of the GSA Board and may be removed by the Board with or without cause upon a super majority vote by the Board. SHAC members may also be removed from the Committee at such time as they no longer meet the membership requirements or for failure to attend three consecutive meetings unless there are extenuating circumstances as determined by the GSA Board".

One member, Joshua Pierce representing one of the two domestic well owner seats on the SHAC, has been absent at four consecutive meetings from August through November of 2020. There has been no indication from correspondence with Mr. Pierce that he will continue his participation in the SHAC. The Management Committee recommends that the Vina GSA Board remove this member from the SHAC.

If a vacancy exists on the SHAC, the Management Committee recommends that the Vina GSA Board appoint a qualified applicant to serve in the open position. As of December 4, 2020, no applications have been received; however, applicants may ask to be considered to serve in this position at the December 9, 2020 meeting. Staff or the Board will need to verify that applicants are eligible to serve on the SHAC. As stated in the application and charter to be eligible, SHAC members must live or work within or represent an organization with a presence in the portion of the Vina subbasin within the Agency's jurisdiction.

The application also states that the Board will encourage candidates with experience and familiarity with groundwater and groundwater management and will also give preference to applicants who:

- have the backing of multiple organizations or individuals and / or;
- have experience working with diverse community-based groups;
- can represent the interests of disadvantaged populations or interests that are otherwise under-represented.

Notice of the open application period for this potential vacancy was provided on multiple occasions. Based on discussions at the November 2020 Vina GSA Board meeting, staff announced that applications will be accepted from interested residents living or working within the subbasin, for the domestic/household groundwater well user SHAC representative in anticipation of this seat being vacant in December of 2020. Notices describing the potential vacancy and open application period were also distributed to the Butte County Department of Water and Resources Conservation Department's SGMA email list (over 800 recipients) through the Water Commission newsletter on November 24, 2020 and again in a separate notice on November 30, 2020. Additionally, an advertisement was placed in the Chico Enterprise Record on December 2, 2020. A copy of the application packet is attached.

Fiscal Impact: None

Staff Recommendation: The Management Committee recommends that the Vina GSA Board 1) remove Joshua Pierce from the Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee; and 2) Review potential candidates, if any, and appoint one qualified applicant meeting eligibility requirements to serve on the Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee as a domestic well owner representative with a term ending December 9, 2024.

Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Advisory Committee Application
Version: September 10, 2019

Purpose
This document provides information and an application for interested applicants to complete and submit for consideration for appointment to the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) Advisory Committee (AC). The Agency Board is responsible for these appointments as further described in the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Establishing the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Agency's AC Charter.

Deadline and Submittal
Applications are to be submitted to VinaGSA@gmail.com. The first deadline for applications was August 30, 2019; however applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

AC Overview
The Agency's purpose is to secure groundwater sustainability for the Vina subbasin. The purpose of the AC is to provide input and recommendations to the Agency Board on groundwater sustainability plan development and implementation as further described in the AC Charter. The composition of the AC is intended to represent the beneficial uses and users of groundwater identified in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Terms will be four-years (after initial staggered terms), and interested individuals can apply to become a member of the AC.

The Agency Board will appoint 7 at-large members. This application is for these 7 at-large seats:
- Agricultural groundwater users (3)
- Domestic well users (2)
- Environmental representative (1)
- Business association representative (1)

In addition, one AC member will be appointed by the following entity:
1. Cal Water – Chico (1)

Eligibility Requirements for Advisory Committee Members
AC members must live or work within or represent an organization with a presence in the portion of the Vina subbasin within the Agency's jurisdiction.

The Agency Board encourages candidates with experience and familiarity with groundwater and groundwater management. The Agency Board will also give preference to applicants who:
- have the backing of multiple organizations or individuals and / or;
- have experience working with diverse community-based groups;
- can represent the interests of disadvantaged populations or interests that are otherwise under-represented on the AC.

Disclosures
- All meetings of the AC will be open to the public and subject to the Brown Act.
- Information provided in the AC application is not regarded as confidential with the exception of the applicant's

references, address(es), phone number(s), and email address(es).

Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Advisory Committee Application

Date submitted:

First and last name:

Address, phone number and email address:

Describe how you meet eligibility (circle one): *Link to subbasin map*

- Resident living within the jurisdiction of the Vina GSA

- Employed at an organization with a presence within the jurisdiction of the Vina GSA

Which at-large seat(s) are you applying for:
Applicant may select all that apply

☐ Agricultural representative (3 seats available)
☐ Domestic well representative (domestic use only) (2 seats available)
☐ Environmental representative (1 seat available)
☐ Business association representative (1 seat available)

1. **Describe how you will represent the interest group(s) indicated above and communicate with other members of these interest group(s)**:

2. **Current Occupation(s):**
   Within the last 12 months

3. **Current License(s) and / or Certifications:**
   Professional or occupational, date of issues / expiration, including status

4. **Relevant Education / Experience:**
   Applicant may attach resume containing this information and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating the application.

5. **Other Relevant Board(s) / Commission(s) / Committee(s) on which you serve / have served (paid or volunteer):**
   Please list name of organization, title and date of service

6. **Letters of Support:**
   For at-large seats, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate support from local organizations and community groups engaged in issues related to the interest that the applicant seeks to represent (i.e. environmental, business, agriculture, rural communities) by attaching letters of support. Submission of letters of support are not required, but are encouraged in order to demonstrate the applicant's ability to represent the interests of the stakeholder seats for which they are applying. Please list the organization, author and date of the letters of support attached here:

7. **References**
   List at least two personal and / or professional references. Provide the name, affiliation, title, phone number, and email address of each reference.

8. **Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve and, in your opinion, how you feel you can contribute to the Vina GSA Advisory Committee:**

NOTE: The Agency will keep all applications on file for one year from the date of receipt of the application.

	Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Transmittal	Agenda Item: **7.1.1**

Subject: Management Committee Report - Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee Update

Contact: Kelly Peterson Phone: (530) 552-3588 Meeting Date: November 17, 2020 Regular Agenda

Department Summary: The Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) met virtually last month on November 17, 2020, and the draft meeting notes are attached.

At the last meeting, the SHAC:

- Approved the previous meeting notes (9/15/20 and 10/20/20)

- Received an update from the Vina GSA Management Committee, including a newly created inter-basin coordination webpage to share updates and meeting materials available at: https://www.buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management-Act/Inter-basin-Coordination

- Reviewed the scope of the Project and Management Actions (PMAs) and continued the brainstorming conversation on the PMA ideas and concepts generated at the October SHAC meeting available here: https://miro.com/app/board/o9J_kl38ntE=/

- Identified additional potential PMAs and information needs. After some discussion, SHAC members determined they were not ready to share levels of support about ideas generated until they had more information, particularly related to the legal implications and efficacy of groundwater recharge.

The SHAC received an overview presentation of the Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) key components and offered some preliminary comments and clarifying questions. The SHAC will have a more in-depth SMC discussion during the next meeting.

SHAC membership details, meeting materials, detailed meeting notes and recordings of the meetings are on the Vina GSA website: https://www.vinagsa.org/

All SHAC meetings are open to the public and scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in an online format using Zoom. The SHAC will meet again via video conference on December 15, 2020 at which time they will consider in addition to other items, approval of the November 2020 meeting summary and receive an overview of Sustainable Management Criteria from the consultant team.

Fiscal Impact: None

Staff Recommendation: Accept as an information item.

Meeting Brief

- The Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) met virtually on November 17, 2020.
- **Meeting Notes:** The SHAC approved the previous meeting notes (9/15/20 and 10/20/20).
- **Updates:** The SHAC received an update from the Vina GSA Management Committee, including a newly created inter-basin coordination webpage to share updates and meeting materials [Access here].
- **Project and Management Actions (PMA):** The SHAC reviewed the scope of the PMAs and continued the brainstorming conversation on the PMA ideas and concepts generated at the October SHAC meeting [access online board]. SHAC members identified additional potential PMAs and information needs. After some discussion, SHAC members determined they were not ready to share levels of support about ideas generated until they had more information, particularly related to the legal implications and a better understanding of terms.
- **Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC):** The SHAC received an overview presentation of the SMC key components and offered some preliminary comments and clarifying questions. The SHAC will have a more in-depth SMC discussion during the next meeting.
- **Next Meeting:** The SHAC will meet again via video conference on December 15, 2020 from 9:00-12:00.

Action Items

Item	Lead	Completion
• Include discussion about domestic well user representation during the December SHAC meeting.	Vina GSA Management Committee	
• Provide an additional map to illustrate recharge opportunities.	Vina GSA Management Committee	
• Compile and share a glossary of key terms related to PMAs	Vina GSA Management Committee	

Summary

The Vina SHAC met on November 17, 2020 via video conference, as a result of COVID-19. 23 participants attended, including Vina SHAC members, GSA member agency staff, a technical consultant, and members of the public. Below is a summary of key themes and next steps discussed at the meeting. This document is not intended to be a meeting transcript. Rather, it focuses on the main points covered during the group's discussions.

1. Introductions & Agenda Review

The SHAC members, facilitator, technical consulting teams, and staff introduced themselves. The facilitator gave a brief overview of the agenda.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

A SHAC member shared he had received a call from an environmental stakeholder who expressed concern with the lack of representation on the SHAC for flood zones (e.g., Cherokee Canal),

related to Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) and flood control. P. Gosselin (Butte County) shared that the SHAC could suggest adding another member to the SHAC if warranted. Any interested party can attend the public meetings and can contact the Vina GSA Management Committee [see full list here]. In addition, D. Rice (Rock Creek Reclamation District) shared he will now be attending SHAC meetings. In collaboration with Butte County, Rock Creek Reclamation District will be conducting a feasibility study for flood control and recharge opportunities to mitigate flooding.

3. Meeting Notes Review & Consideration

The SHAC approved the revised 9/15/20 SHAC meeting notes [access here] and the 10/20/20 SHAC meeting notes [access here].

4. Vina GSA Management Committee Reports

a) Vina GSA Board Updates: The next GSA Board Meeting is November 18th [more information on the website]. The Board will consider the approval of the revised Vina SHAC Charter, a cooperation agreement with Rock Creek Reclamation District, an update on facilitation support services, and other routine items. In addition, K. Loeser (Durham Irrigation District) will be sharing information for participation on a free Ethics online training. The training will include a presentation on the Brown Act.

b) Inter-basin coordination updates: Butte County has created an inter-basin coordination webpage on its website to share updates, meeting agendas, summaries and other meeting materials. The webpage is live and available at: https://www.buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management-Act/Inter-basin-Coordination

Discussion | Public Comment

a) A SHAC member asked if the inter-basin coordination meetings were open to the public. The meetings remain at a staff-level, but meeting materials are publicly available.

5. Projects and Management Actions (PMA)

The SHAC received a presentation focused on PMAs purpose, criteria, and scope, building on the brainstorming conversation on PMA ideas and concepts [access slides]. Initially, the facilitation team intended to identify additional potential PMAs, review some of the information needs identified previously, and conduct initial polls to gage the SHAC members level of support for the PMA ideas generated from the October SHAC meeting [access online board]. After some discussion, SHAC members determined they were not ready to express levels of support until they had more information, particularly related to the legal implications, a description of PMA terms and efficacy of PMAs related to groundwater recharge. Additionally, the SHAC was interested in a map showing potential recharge areas.

Discussion:

a) *Information Needs:* During the previous meeting, SHAC members identified a list of information needs. The list below identifies the information needs and the action taken to provide that information by the Vina GSA Management committee.

Information Needs	Action Taken
Water Resources Element in General Plan 2030	In meeting materials [access here]
Updated model technical information	Shared via email on 10/16 [access correspondence here]
Existing relevant land use ordinances	Will be included in GSP General Plan paragraph
Information about voluntary inter-basin coordination agreements	Article 8 Inter-basin Agreements [Access here]
Information about Paradise-Chico Intertie	In meeting materials [access here]
Efficacy of recharge programs (regional studies and existing studies)	Will continue to be revisited
Legal implications	Will continue to be revisited
List of key terms	Will be provided at the December meeting

In addition to the list of PMAs, the SHAC will identify a list of concerns or considerations to keep in mind for future regulatory measures to ensure the PMAs have a net benefit to the basin and will not negatively impact others. J. Turner (Geosytenc) also explained that recharge projects through the Water Board have to undergo analyses, studies, and permitting. As a suggestion, a SHAC member suggested including developing regulatory measures regarding recharge as a PMA for consideration.

b) *Preliminary PMA ideas and concepts:* The table below captures a modified and classified list of preliminary PMAs generated from other GSPs and an initial brainstorming activity during the November SHAC meeting. During the meeting, the SHAC provided additional PMA ideas, shown below in red.

Table 1. Modified List of PMAs (Nov 2020)

Type	Ideas and Concepts
Groundwater Recharge	**Other recharge** a) FloodMAR b) Recharge basins c) Stormwater recharge (land application) d) Injection wells e) Scientific analysis and report on recharge areas f) Develop regulatory measures (re. recharge)
	In-lieu recharge g) Paradise-Chico Connection h) Table A Water i) Purchase other water sources (lower cost)

	Wastewater j) Wastewater recycling (land application) k) Wastewater reuse (beyond traditional sewer) l) Wastewater "scalping"
Demand Management	**Multi-agency / incentive- based conservation** • Incentive-based groundwater pumping reductions • Irrigation efficiency (tax relief) • Promoting urban conservation / water efficient appliances • Encouraging native plants, drought-tolerant plants, and xeriscaping • Pressure regulated sprinklers • Automatic water metering technology • Rainwater harvesting / tanks • Domestic greywater catching systems for landscapes
	Land-use agencies (City/County)/ Zoning Ordinances • Low impact development / Green infrastructure • Preserving rice production • Swimming pool regulations • Moratorium on artificial lakes • Well moratorium • Preserving grazing lands – discouraging expansion of irrigated ag. • Well depth regulations
	Vina GSA Actions • Groundwater pumping allocations (with metering) • Voluntary land fallowing • Non-native vegetation removal
Augment Stream Flow	• Environmental water purchase
Water Quality	• Groundwater contamination clean up (emerging contaminants)
Domestic Well Mitigation	• Deepening wells (consider removing) • Connecting to existing water purveyors (consider removing)
Other/ Cross-cutting projects	• GIS mapping of wells • Greater inter-agency coordination • Monitoring water use intensity and land use panel • Expansion of water districts to "white areas" • Coordination with general plan updates • Upper watershed work / forest management • Water markets

c) Initial Polling & Temperature Check:

The SHAC began discussing levels of support regarding Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge (Flood-MAR**)** [more information access here]. A few SHAC members expressed their support. One SHAC member requested a better map of potential recharge projects. One concern is that most of the projects illustrated in the map are focused on the western and southern parts of the Vina Basin, but very little focused on the northern area. Another SHAC member shared lack of support for recharge, due to previous experience with state water law. This member expressed distrust about the potential motives and goals behind the state's encouragement of recharge, which may be driven by a desire to move water to other parts of California.

Other SHAC members highlighted that Joshua Pierce (Domestic Well User) has missed four consecutive meetings, raising concerns about appropriate representation from domestic well users during important discussions. This has been noted and will be brought to the Vina GSA Board meeting in December. Once the position is vacated, the GSA board may immediately seat a new representative from qualified applicants.

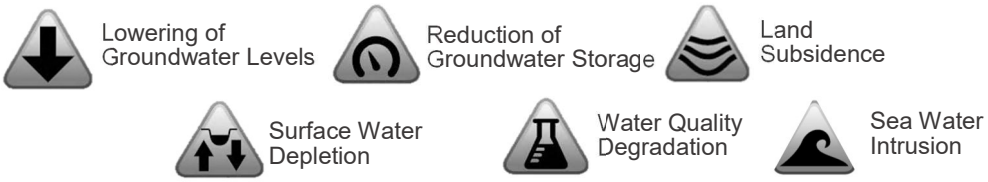
After some discussion, SHAC members did not feel ready to express initial levels of support, as they need more information. Some of the key concerns include legal implications of recharge programs, consequences to rate payers (i.e., domestic ag. Pumpers), efficiency level at various depths, and the limitations of existing regional groundwater models. P. Gosselin (Butte County) shared that the various considerations will be addressed at a later stage (i.e., cost/benefit, efficacy, intended purpose, legal implications, etc.).

Outcomes & Next Steps | PMAs

a) The Vina GSA Management Committee will provide a better map of potential recharge projects, a discussion paper on legal implications of artificial recharge and a glossary of key terms identified in the brainstorming session. During the next meeting, they will gather additional terms or concepts to include in the glossary.
b) The facilitation team and management committee will revisit the approach for PMA discussions at future meetings.
c) Some of the SHAC's suggestions for future PMA conversations include (1) starting with less controversial topics (e.g., demand management), (2) providing a paragraph describing key concepts to ensure all SHAC members are on the same page, (3) adding a survey alongside the terms or encouraging SHAC members to consider their likes and dislikes before the next PMA discussion, and (4) providing more information about legal implications and efficiency of artificial recharge.

6. Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) Overview - Discussion

The SHAC received an overview presentation and held preliminary discussion of SMC key components in preparation for a more in-depth SMC discussion at December SHAC meeting [access presentation slides| Best Management Practices report]. The SMC is the umbrella that includes: Sustainability Goal (qualitative), Undesirable Results (quantitative), Minimum Thresholds (quantitative), and Measurable Objectives (quantitative). Overall, sustainability is demonstrated by the avoidance of Undesirable Results for the six sustainability indicators below. What is considered "significant and unreasonable" is determined by local GSAs and stakeholders.



Discussion | SMC

a) *Modeling:* In response to a SHAC member's question about modeling, C. Buck (Butte County) explained that one of the requirements is to quantify the "sustainable yield number." However, pumping within sustainable yield is not evidence for sustainable management. Modeling plays a role, helping identify sustainable conditions and guide decision making; however, a model cannot be used to claim sustainability. It needs to be backed by monitoring data. Further, J. Turner (Geosyntec) shared that every management action or project proposed has to address undesirable results identified.

b) *Funding and implementation:* One SHAC member asked when and by whom is the decision of how the PMAs will be financed. J. Turner (Geosyntec) explained that part of the PMA criteria to be assessed includes how projects will be funded and when. Not all projects need to be funded by the GSA; some projects can be implemented by private individuals, which may reduce costs. The PMA chapter will identify cost and funding source. For example, if a GSA would like to facilitate local recharge Flood MAR by drafting a programmatic CEQA online. The decision-making body is the Vina GSA.

c) *Groundwater levels as a proxy*: J. Turner (Geosyntec) explained the GSA can choose to use groundwater levels as a proxy to measure groundwater storage, land subsidence, surface water depletion, etc.

d) *Regional Modeling*: A SHAC member highlighted that the DWR Best Management Practices report shared described the benefits of developing models that encompass the whole region. This ties to his concern that demand from Glenn and Colusa will prevent Vina from achieving sustainability goals. He suggested using maps and figures to communicate modeling output with the public. C. Buck (Butte County) shared that one of regional models is SVSIM, developed by DWR, with the objective to understand impacts to streams by potential groundwater transfers. This model did not come out in time for Butte County's Basin Setting process, but neighbors to the north are using it, providing an opportunity to compare across models, complement our understanding, and refine the approach at the 5-year update.

Outcomes & Next Steps | SMC

a) J. Turner (Geosyntec) is preparing a presentation in the next months. This presentation will include "strawman" SMC statements to get the SHAC's opinion, based on experience in other basins. It is up to all the stakeholders to define what is sustainable. Geosyntec will share scientific information and proposals, and the SHAC will have the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and propose modifications.

b) A. Hussein (Geosyntec) will lead the PMA process and looks forward to the SHAC's input on how to frame PMAs in the GSP. Based on his experience in other subbasins, he shared that the fact that the SHAC is actively engaged and providing feedback is key for the success of a GSP. He highlighted that one of the key portions of GSP is the implementation section (post Feb 2021). Some GSPs are going well and others are having to revisit or relitigate some of the issues that could have been solved during GSP development.

7. Next Steps

The Vina SHAC will reconvene on December 15, 2020 from 9am-12pm via videoconferencing.

Participants

Participant	Representation/Affiliation	Present
Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) Members		
Anne Dawson	Domestic well user	Y
Bruce Smith	Business representative	Y
Cheri Chastain	CSU Chico	Y
Christopher Madden	Butte College	Y
Gary Cole	Agricultural well user	Y
George Barber	California Water Service	Y
Greg Sohnrey	Agricultural well user	Y
James Brobeck	Environmental representative	Y
Joshua Pierce	Domestic well user	N
Samantha Lewis	Agricultural well user	Y
Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Member Agency Representatives		
Christina Buck	Butte County	Y
Paul Gosselin	Butte County	Y
Kelly Peterson	Butte County	Y
Erik Gustafson	City of Chico	Y
Linda Herman	City of Chico	Y
Jeff Carter	Durham Irrigation District	N
Kamie Loeser	Durham Irrigation District	Y
Colin Klinesteker	Mechoopda Indian Tribe	Y
Darren Rice	Rock Creek Reclamation District	Y
Technical Consultants		
Joe Turner	Geosyntec	Y
Amer Hussain	Geosyntec	Y
Facilitator		
Tania Carlone	Consensus Building Institute	Y
Mariana Rivera-Torres	Consensus Building Institute	Y

Approximately four members of the public attended the meeting.

Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Advisory Committee Application

308 Nelson Avenue, Oroville 95965

RE: At Large Member Vacancy

To Whom It May Concern

I have been informed there is an opening on the Advisory Committee and I would appreciate consideration for appointment to the committee as a domestic well user. Over the years I have had the good fortune of interacting with Water Agencies in regards to sustainability and water conservation. An application with resume is attached for your review. If additional information is needed please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Sam Goepp
[redacted]

references, address(es), phone number(s), and email address(es).

Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Advisory Committee Application

Date submitted: 308 Nelson Avenue, Oroville 95965

First and last name: Sam Goepp

Address, phone number and email address: [redacted]

Describe how you meet eligibility (circle one): *Link to subbasin map*

- Resident living within the jurisdiction of the Vina GSA
- Employed at an organization with a presence within the jurisdiction of the Vina GSA

Which at-large seat(s) are you applying for:
Applicant may select all that apply

- ☐ Agricultural representative (3 seats available)
- ☒ Domestic well representative (domestic use only) (2 seats available)
- ☐ Environmental representative (1 seat available)
- ☐ Business association representative (1 seat available)

1. **Describe how you will represent the interest group(s) indicated above and communicate with other members of these interest group(s):**

2. **Current Occupation(s):** Retired
   Within the last 12 months

3. **Current License(s) and / or Certifications:**
   Professional or occupational, date of issues / expiration, including status

4. **Relevant Education / Experience:** See Attached Resume
   Applicant may attach resume containing this information and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating the application.

5. **Other Relevant Board(s) / Commission(s) / Committee(s) on which you serve / have served (paid or volunteer):**
   Please list name of organization, title and date of service
   Durham Recreation & Park District, Board Member
   2010 to present

6. **Letters of Support:**
For at-large seats, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate support from local organizations and community groups engaged in issues related to the interest that the applicant seeks to represent (i.e. environmental, business, agriculture, rural communities) by attaching letters of support. Submission of letters of support are not required, but are encouraged in order to demonstrate the applicant's ability to represent the interests of the stakeholder seats for which they are applying. Please list the organization, author and date of the letters of support attached here:

7. **References**
List at least two personal and / or professional references. Provide the name, affiliation, title, phone number, and email address of each reference.

UPON REQUEST

8. **Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve and, in your opinion, how you feel you can contribute to the Vina GSA Advisory Committee:**

As a retired G.M. of a Recreation & Park District in Southern California I have over 40+ years of experience working cooperatively with Water Agencies. We irrigation 46 miles of street scapes and over 600 acres of parks with Recycled water and water effluent irrigation systems. Our parks were also developed with retention basins which also served to recharge ground water.

NOTE: The Agency will keep all applications on file for one year from the date of receipt of the application.

Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Advisory Committee Application
Version: September 10, 2019

Purpose

This document provides information and an application for interested applicants to complete and submit for consideration for appointment to the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) Advisory Committee (AC). The Agency Board is responsible for these appointments as further described in the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Establishing the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Agency's AC Charter.

Deadline and Submittal

Applications are to be submitted to VinaGSA@gmail.com. The first deadline for applications was August 30, 2019; however applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

AC Overview

The Agency's purpose is to secure groundwater sustainability for the Vina subbasin. The purpose of the AC is to provide input and recommendations to the Agency Board on groundwater sustainability plan development and implementation as further described in the AC Charter. The composition of the AC is intended to represent the beneficial uses and users of groundwater identified in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Terms will be four-years (after initial staggered terms), and interested individuals can apply to become a member of the AC.

The Agency Board will appoint 7 at-large members. This application is for these 7 at-large seats:

- Agricultural groundwater users (3)
- Domestic well users (2)
- Environmental representative (1)
- Business association representative (1)

In addition, one AC member will be appointed by the following entity:

1. Cal Water – Chico (1)

Eligibility Requirements for Advisory Committee Members

AC members must live or work within or represent an organization with a presence in the portion of the Vina subbasin within the Agency's jurisdiction.

The Agency Board encourages candidates with experience and familiarity with groundwater and groundwater management. The Agency Board will also give preference to applicants who:

- have the backing of multiple organizations or individuals and / or;
- have experience working with diverse community-based groups;
- can represent the interests of disadvantaged populations or interests that are otherwise under-represented on the AC.

Disclosures

- All meetings of the AC will be open to the public and subject to the Brown Act.
- Information provided in the AC application is not regarded as confidential with the exception of the applicant's

Samuel W. Goepp

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EXPERIENCE

President, Board of Directors – Durham Recreation & Park District 8/2.2009 to present

Asked to fill vacancy and then elected in 2010, 2014 and 2018

Board of Directors-California Association of Park & Recreation Indemnity 9/30/1985 to 1/1/16

Board Member of self- insurance pool providing workers compensation and liability coverage

Rookie Almond Farmer-1/1/2009 to present-6 acre hobby ranch and home

Interim position – City of San Bernardino 8/31/2013 – 10/1/2013 Consultant position to review operations and make recommendations to streamline delivery of services

Interim Position – Valley-Wide Recreation & Park District 1/1/2012 – 7/1/2012 -Manage day to day operations and recruit a General Manager

General Manager – Valley-Wide Recreation & Park District 1985 – 2008 Responsible for the Administration of a 800 square mile independent special district with a five member elected Board of Directors. The District had fourteen employees, one park and a budget of $360,000 in 1985. Upon retirement in 2008 the District had a $12 million dollar operating budget with 76 parks totaling 1,000 acres, 7 community centers with a full range of programs, an aquatic center, 45 lighted soccer/ballfields and a full-time staff of 24. Custodial and park maintenance were contract services.

Director of Parks of Parks & Recreation – Suisun City, Ca 1977-1985 – Hired as first Director responsible for establishing the department and developing a park system that grew to 8 parks and 1 community center during my tenure. One year after leaving the City Council named a park in my honor.

Center Director – City of El Cajon 1974-1977 – First full-time job responsible for supervision of a neighborhood recreation center

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INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS INITIATED

-DESIGN BUILD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY CENTERS & PARKS

-STANDARD DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS FOR STREETSCAPES AND PARKS

-CONTRACT SERVICES FOR PARKS, BUILDINGS, TREE TRIMMING

PUBLICATIONS AND ARTICLES

-LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES-COMMUNITY POLICING PARTNERSHIPS

- CONTRACT SERVICES

-CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS-JPA GYMNASIUM WITH MENIFEE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND VALLEY-WIDE

- STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR NEW PARK CONSTRUCTION

- DESIGN BUILD PARKS AND BUILDINGS