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Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

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
- 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**

January 15, 2025

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

1.1. Call To Order

1.2. Roll Call

1.3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1. APPROVAL OF THE 12-11-24 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 minutes. The Board cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

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

The Board will revisit the discussion of selecting a preferred funding mechanism for the Vina GSA's long-term fee structure, tabled at the December 11, 2024, board meeting. The Fee Study Workshop and Board meeting in December included a presentation on potential funding mechanisms, results from alternative fee modeling, and feedback from the public and the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC). The Board will now consider selecting a funding mechanism to 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.

4.2. UPDATE ON THE 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 update will cover adjustments to the program, ongoing spatial analysis outputs, and budget considerations being reviewed by Agricultural Groundwater Users of Butte County and Land IQ. **(Report – Tovey Giezentanner, Agricultural Groundwater Users of Butte County)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Accept as information.

4.3. CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE VINA GSA AND ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT GSA AND THE TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT

The Board will consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Tuscan Water District (TWD) to facilitate coordination and collaboration on groundwater management activities within the Vina Subbasin. The proposed MOU outlines the roles, responsibilities, and areas of cooperation between the Vina GSA, Rock Creek Reclamation District GSA, and TWD to ensure sustainable

groundwater management and compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).
(Report – Dillon Raney, GSA Program Manager)

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Tuscan Water District and authorize the Board Chair to execute the agreement or provide direction to staff.

4.4. CONSIDERATION OF STREAMING AND RECORDING VINA GSA MEETINGS

The Board will consider whether to continue streaming and recording Vina GSA meetings. Consistent technical issues have impacted the reliability of streaming and recording, raising questions about the feasibility and effectiveness of continuing these services. The Board will discuss the benefits, challenges, and potential alternatives to ensure transparency and accessibility in public meetings.
(Report – Dillon Raney, GSA Program Manager)

REQUESTED ACTION: Provide direction to Staff on whether to continue streaming and recording Vina GSA meetings.

4.5. DISCUSSION ON INCLUDING A STANDING ITEM FOR BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS

The Board will discuss initiating the process to include a standing agenda item at future meetings that allows Board Members to propose topics, projects, or issues for future agendas. This discussion will focus on the benefits, process, and considerations for adding such a standing item to support effective planning and decision-making. **(Report – Dillon Raney, GSA Program Manager)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Provide direction to Staff on whether to include a standing agenda item in future meetings for Board Members to propose topics for future agendas.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

5.1. Program Manager’s Report **(Information Only - Dillon Raney, GSA Program Manager)**

6. 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.

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 February 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.