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Board Members:

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

VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD MEETING

Meeting Agenda

September 11, 2024, 5:30 P.M.

Chico City Council Chamber, 421 Main Street, Chico CA

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VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA
September 11, 2024

1. VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) BOARD MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call

1.3. August 7, 2024 Special Closed Session Meeting Announcement

Chair Tuchinsky will announce 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)

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.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

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.

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.

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.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- 6.1. Program Manager Report (*Verbal Report – Dillon Raney, GSA Program Manager*)
- 6.2. Independent Auditors’ Audit (*Information only*)
- 6.3. Butte County Public Health Department Quarterly Well Permit Summary (*Information only*)

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 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 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.



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

Meeting of

June 26, 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 5:31 p.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Evan Tuchinsky
Jeffrey Rohwer
Matt Doyle
Todd Kimmelshue
Kasey Reynolds

Board Members Absent: None

Management Committee Members Present:

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1. APPROVAL OF THE 5/08/24 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

Action: Approve the Vina GSA 5/08/24 meeting minutes.

2.2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) has vacancies for two (2) positions on its Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC): the Environmental Representative and the Non-irrigated/Rangeland Representative. The Board considered one application for the Environmental Representative position. **(Dillon Raney)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Review the application and appoint an Environmental Representative to the SHAC.

Board Member Reynolds motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction in the minutes to correct public speaking member Claudia Rawlin's last name. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Rohwer

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 PRESENTATION OF VINA GSA SGMA PROJECTS

The Board received a presentation on public engagement and outreach efforts for the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program projects. **(Report – Christina Buck & Becky Fairbanks)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Accept as information

Suan Schrader and a man named Jared (no last name was provided) spoke on this item.

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

4.2 FEE STUDY UPDATE AND PRESENTATION OF OTHER GSA FUNDING MECHANISMS

The Board will receive a presentation on the current Vina GSA Fee Study, including potential fee pathways, various fee structures, and an overview of the progress made to date. **(Report – Catherine Hansford & Schaelene Rollins, Hansford Economic Consultants (HEC))**

REQUESTED ACTION: Discuss and give direction to Staff.

There were no public comments on this item.

No action was taken by the Board as this was an information only item. However, when the Consultant informed the Board that they are interested in establishing an Ad-Hoc Committee to be part of the process, the Board requested that the Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee be the Ad-Hoc Committee.

4.3. CONSIDERATION OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICO FOR THE LINDO CHANNEL SURFACE WATER RECHARGE PROJECT

Staff presented an overview of the Cooperative Agreement between the Vina GSA and the City of Chico. This agreement allocates \$10,000 for services provided by City of Chico staff in support of the Lindo Channel Surface Water Recharge Project. **(Report – Dillon Raney)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign the Cooperative Agreement between the Vina GSA and the City of Chico for the Lindo Channel Surface Water Recharge Project for the Vina Subbasin Grant Funded Project.

There were no public comments on this item.

Vice Chair Rohwer motioned to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Chico. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

4.4 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 ANNUAL OPERATIONS BUDGET

The Board reviewed and considered the proposed budget for the Vina GSA operations and SGMA compliance activities for the 2024-25 fiscal year. **(Report – Dillon Raney)**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the following resolution approving the 2024-25 operations budget for the Vina GSA.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 ANNUAL OPERATIONS BUDGET.

Board Member Reynolds motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2024-01 to approve the 2024-25 Vina GSA operations budget. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

4.5. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02 SETTING THE 2024-25 VINA GSA OPERATIONS FEE AND REQUEST OF BUTTE COUNTY TO COLLECT THE FEE ON THE 2025 TAX ROLL

After the proposed 2024/25 fiscal year budget was approved, the Board considered a resolution to establish and collect a GSA operations fee to fund the 2024/25 fiscal year budget. (**Report – Dillon Raney**)

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the following resolution establishing a Vina GSA Operations fee for the fiscal year 2024/25.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02 SETTING THE 2024-25 VINA GSA OPERATIONS FEE AND REQUEST OF BUTTE COUNTY TO COLLECT THE FEE ON THE 2025 TAX ROLL

Board Member Reynolds motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2024-02 setting the 2024-25 Vina GSA operations fee at \$2.53 per acre. The motion was seconded by Board Member Doyle.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

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

5.1 Management Committee Report (**Verbal Report – Dillon Raney**)

There were no Board or public comments on this item

6. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Regular Board meeting adjourned at 6:56 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.

There were no Board disqualifications or comments from the public on the Closed Session.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Call to Order

Chair Tuchinsky called the Closed Session to order at

4. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

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5. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chair Tuchinsky announced that no action was taken or direction was given on Consent Item 2.1, and direction was given to Legal Counsel on Item. 2.2.

6. CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Board Closed Session meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. to a Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting on **September 11, 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.



Vina GSA Financial Report FY 2024-2025 (7/1/2024 - 9/30/2024)	Fund Balance: TBD
	Balance Date: 9/11/2024

Expenditures

Budget Item	Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Amount	Notes
Professional Audit Services				
CliftonLarsonAllenLLP	6/24/24	L241375483	\$ 3,625.00	Audit services performed for 6/30/22
CliftonLarsonAllenLLP	7/10/24	L241461091	\$ 750.00	Audit services performed for 6/30/22
Total Professional Audit Services Spent			\$ 4,375.00	
Professional Audit Services Budget			\$ 15,000.00	
Remaining Balance			\$ 10,625.00	
% of Professional Audit Services Budget			29%	
Financial Services				
Total Financial Services Spent			\$ -	
Financial Services Budget			\$ 2,500.00	
Remaining Balance			\$ 2,500.00	
% of Financial Services Budget Spent			0%	
Legal Services (Excluding Defense)				
Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	4/1/24	2484	\$ 2,380.00	Legal Services performed in April 2024
Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	6/1/24	2538	\$ 3,290.00	Legal services performed in May 2024
Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	7/1/24	2567	\$ 1,845.00	Legal services performed in June 2024
Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	8/1/2024	2/5/1907	\$ 1,435.00	Legal services performed in July 2024
Total Legal Services Spent			\$ 8,950.00	
Legal Services Budget			\$ 25,000.00	
Remaining Balance			\$ 16,050.00	
% of Legal Services Budget Spent			36%	
Program Manager (w/ County Management)				
Total Program Manager Spent			\$ -	
Program Manager Budget			\$ 110,000.00	
Remaining Balance			\$ 110,000.00	
% of PM Budget Spent			0%	
Insurance				
GSRMA	7/1/24	INV-003542	\$ 1,771.00	Insurance Coverage for GSA FY 24/25
Total Insurance Spent			\$ 1,771.00	
Insurance Budget			\$ 2,000.00	
Remaining Balance			\$ 229.00	
% of Insurance Budget Spent			89%	

Website				
Streamline	10/1/23	2B90859A-0004	\$ 300.00	23/24 Website Services
Total Website Spent			\$ 300.00	
Website Budget			\$ 2,000.00	
Remaining Balance			\$ 1,700.00	
% of Website Budget Spent				15%
Supplies				
Total Supplies Spent			\$ -	
Supplies Budget			\$ 2,000.00	
Remaining Balance			\$ 2,000.00	
% of Supplies Budget Spent				0%
Professional Services - GSP Implementation				
Stantec	8/27/24	1/28/29	\$ 12,053.20	24/25 Fee & Tax Roll Assistance
Total Professional Services Spent			\$ 12,053.20	
Professional Services Budget			\$ 25,000.00	
Remaining Balance			\$ 12,946.80	
% of Prof. Services Budget Spent				48%
Legal Defense Reserve				
Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	8/1/24	2/6/07	\$ 13,650.00	Legal defense services for July 2024
Total Legal Defense Spent			\$ 13,650.00	
Legal Defense Budget			\$ 120,000.00	
Remaining Balance			\$ 106,350.00	
% of Legal Defense Budget Spent				11%
Legal Defense Reserve Accrued FY 23/24				
Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	6/1/24	2546	\$ 19,352.00	Legal defense services for May 2024
Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	7/1/24	2568	\$ 21,471.00	Legal defense services for June 2024
Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	6/25/24	Receipt	\$ 72.00	Court Call Receipt
Total Legal Defense Accrued FY23/24			\$ 40,895.00	
Legal Defense Accrued FY23/24 Budget			\$ 40,000.00	
Remaining Balance			\$ (895.00)	
% of Budget Spent				102%
County Tax Roll Fee Support (\$0.30 per parcel)				
Total County Tax Roll Spent			\$ -	
County Tax Roll Budget			\$ 9,000.00	
Remaining Balance			\$ 9,000.00	
% of County Tax Roll Budget Spent				0%
Annual Report Professional Services Accrued FY 23/24				
Total AR Professional Services Spent			\$ -	
AR Professional Services Budget			\$ 1,850.00	
Remaining Balance			\$ 1,850.00	
% of AR Services Budget Spent				0%

Long Term Financial Planning/Fees				
Total Financial Planning Spent			\$	-
Financial Planning Budget			\$	87,000.00
Remaining Balance			\$	87,000.00
% of Financial Planning Budget Spent				0%
All Expenditures Paid To Date			\$	81,994.20
Total Budget for Expenditures			\$	441,350.00
% of Budget Spent				19%



Vina GSA Financial Report page 2
 FY 2021-2022 (7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)

Revenue				
Budget Item	Date		Amount	Notes

Proposition 218 Landowner Fees				
Total Fees Received				
Total Fees Budgeted			\$	441,350.00
% of Fees Received				0%

DWR SGMA Round 2 Grant Funding				
Total SGMA Grants Received				
Total SGMA Grants Budgeted			\$	2,347,755.00
% of SGMA Grants Received				0%

Interest				
Total Interest Received				
Total Interest Budget				
% of Interest Budget Received				#DIV/0!
All Revenue Received to Date				
Total Budget for Revenue			\$	2,789,105.00
% of Budget Received				0%

Fund Balance				
Starting Balance 7/1/2024				TBD
Expenses Paid to Date	\$			81,994.20
Revenue Received to Date	\$			-
Fund Balance 10/1/22				#VALUE!
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts Payable				#REF!
Budget Remaining				#VALUE!



Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Transmittal

Agenda Item: 5.1

Subject: SGM Grant Projects Progress Report

Contact: Becky Fairbanks **Phone:** (530) 552-3587 **Meeting Date:** September 11, 2024 **Regular Agenda**

Department Summary:

Background:

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) applied for funding through Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant Program. Vina GSA was awarded \$5.5 million for their proposed projects.

Vina GSA Board approved the approach to partner with Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation, Agricultural Groundwater Users of Butte County (AGUBC), and the City of Chico to lead portions of the grant funded work.

The Vina GSA will hear an update on two of the Sustainable Groundwater Management grant funded projects.

Fiscal Impact: None

Staff Recommendations: Informational only



Board of Directors
Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Oroville, California

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2024. We have previously communicated to you information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit in our statement of work dated October 27, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant audit findings

Qualitative aspects of accounting practices

Accounting policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2023 and 2022.

We noted no transactions entered into by the entity during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no accounting estimates affecting the financial statements which were particularly sensitive or required substantial judgments by management.

Financial statement disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties encountered in performing the audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Uncorrected misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements.

Corrected misstatements

The following material misstatement detected as a result of audit procedures was corrected by management:

- Adjustment of \$22,288 to increase accounts payable and related expenditures for professional services incurred during fiscal year 2021-22 and not recorded by the Agency until fiscal year 2022-23.
- Adjustment of \$1,020 to increase accounts payable and related expenditures for professional services incurred for fiscal year 2022-23 and not recorded until fiscal year 2023-24.

Disagreements with management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during our audit.

Management representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 26, 2024.

Management consultations with other independent accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the entity's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Significant issues discussed with management prior to engagement

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to engagement as the entity's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our engagement.

Other audit findings or issues

We have provided a separate letter to you dated June 26, 2024, communicating internal control related matters identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

With respect to the required supplementary information (RSI) accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the RSI, including whether the RSI has been measured and presented in accordance with prescribed guidelines, whether the methods of measurement and preparation have been changed from the prior period and the reasons for any such changes, and whether there were any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the RSI. We compared the RSI for consistency with management's responses to the foregoing inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. Because these limited procedures do not provide sufficient evidence, we did not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Other information included in annual reports

Other information (financial or nonfinancial information other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon) is being included in your annual report and is comprised of the list of directors. Our responsibility for other information included in your annual report does not extend beyond the financial information identified in our opinion on the financial statements. We have no responsibility for determining whether such other information is properly stated and do not have an obligation to perform any procedures to corroborate other information contained in your annual report. We are required by professional standards to read the other information included in your annual report and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements because the credibility of the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon may be undermined by material inconsistencies between the audited financial statements and other information. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report. Our auditors' report on the financial statements includes a separate section, "Other Information," which states we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance on the other information included in the annual report. We did not identify any material inconsistencies between the other information and the audited financial statements.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audits of the financial statements of Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency, which comprise the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund, as of June 30, 2022 and 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of June 26, 2024, the following representations made to you during your audits of the financial statements as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022:

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated October 17, 2023, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The financial statements include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government and all component units required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
2. We acknowledge and have fulfilled our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
4. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
5. Related party relationships and transactions, including, but not limited to, revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts

receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.

6. No events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the financial statement date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.
7. We have not identified or been notified of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements.
8. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
9. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.

Information Provided

1. We have provided you with:
 - a. Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements such as records, documentation, and other matters.
 - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d. Complete minutes of the meetings of the governing board and related committees, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
 - e. All communications from regulatory agencies and other funding sources concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
 - f. All communications from regulatory agencies and other funding sources concerning noncompliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.
2. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
3. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
4. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
 - a. Management;
 - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - c. Others when the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

5. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
6. We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements, or waste or abuse whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
7. Outside of the existing litigation, we are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments, or unasserted claims or assessments, that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
8. There are no other material liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
9. We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
10. The entity has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets, nor has any asset been pledged as collateral, except as made known to you and disclosed in the financial statements.
11. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
12. We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
13. We have provided our views on reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions, for the report.
14. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts; and we have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
15. There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
16. The entity has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
17. We have complied with all restrictions on resources (including donor restrictions) and all aspects of contractual and grant agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in

the event of noncompliance. This includes complying with donor requirements to maintain a specific asset composition necessary to satisfy their restrictions.

18. We have followed all applicable laws and regulations in adopting, approving, and amending budgets.
19. The financial statements include all component units as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures, jointly governed organizations, and other related organizations.
20. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.
21. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
22. Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and equity amounts are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
23. Investments, derivative instruments, and land and other real estate held by endowments are properly valued.
24. Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
25. Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
26. Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
27. Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
28. Deposits and investment securities and derivative instruments are properly classified as to risk and are properly valued and disclosed.
29. Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated.
30. We have appropriately disclosed the entity's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
31. We acknowledge our responsibility for the preparation of the other information included in our annual report, which is comprised of the list of directors (other information). The other information is consistent with the financial statements and does not contain any material misstatements.

- 32. We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
- 33. We understand that you prepared the trial balance for use during the audit and that your preparation of the trial balance was limited to formatting information into a working trial balance based on management's chart of accounts.
- 34. As part of your audit, you prepared the draft financial statements and related notes. We have designated an individual who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to understand and oversee your services; have made all management judgments and decisions; and have assumed all management responsibilities. We have evaluated the adequacy and results of the service. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes. We have also ensured that the entity's data and records are complete and received sufficient information to oversee the service.

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Signature: Kamela R. Boesen Title: Director

**VINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022



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**VINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
LIST OF DIRECTORS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NAME	AGENCY	POSITION
Tod Kimmelshue	Butte County	Director
Kasey Reynolds	City of Chico	Director
Raymond Cooper	Durham Irrigation District	Director
Jeffrey Rowher	Agricultural Well Use Stakeholder	Director
Evan Tuchinsky	Non-Agricultural Domestic Well User Stakeholder	Director
Tami Ritter	Butte County	Alternate
Addison Winslow	City of Chico	Alternate
Matt Doyle	Durham Irrigation District	Alternate
Steven Koehen	Agricultural Well User Stakeholder	Alternate
Steve Kampfen	Non-Agricultural Domestic Well User Stakeholder	Alternate



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Oroville, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the list of directors but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2024 on our consideration of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Roseville, California
June 26, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**VINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	\$ 20,119	\$ 2,176
Due From Other Governments	-	12,000
	\$ 20,119	\$ 14,176
	\$ 20,119	\$ 14,176
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,105	\$ 22,568
Total Liabilities	2,105	22,568
	2,105	22,568
	2,105	22,568
NET POSITION		
Unrestricted	18,014	(8,392)
Total Net Position	18,014	(8,392)
	18,014	(8,392)
	18,014	(8,392)
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 20,119	\$ 14,176
	\$ 20,119	\$ 14,176
	\$ 20,119	\$ 14,176

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**VINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
EXPENSES		
Operating Expense	\$ 29,393	\$ 38,435
Total Expenses	<u>29,393</u>	<u>38,435</u>
PROGRAM REVENUES		
Agency Contributions	<u>55,500</u>	<u>22,000</u>
Net Program Revenues (Expenses)	26,107	(16,435)
GENERAL REVENUES		
Interest Income	<u>299</u>	<u>3</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>299</u>	<u>3</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	26,406	(16,432)
Net Position - Beginning of the Year	<u>(8,392)</u>	<u>8,040</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 18,014</u>	<u>\$ (8,392)</u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**VINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BALANCE SHEETS
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	20,119	2,176
Due From Other Governments	-	12,000
Total Assets	\$ 20,119	\$ 14,176
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,105	\$ 22,568
Total Liabilities	2,105	22,568
Fund Balance:		
Unassigned	18,014	(8,392)
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 20,119	\$ 14,176

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**VINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Agency Contributions	\$ 55,500	\$ 22,000
Interest Income	299	3
Total Revenues	55,799	22,003
 EXPENDITURES		
Current:		
Insurance	1,762	1,787
Office Expense	240	-
Professional & Specialized Services	27,391	36,648
Total Expenditures	29,393	38,435
 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	26,406	(16,432)
 Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year	(8,392)	8,040
 FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 18,014	\$ (8,392)

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**VINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency was created in 2017 in response to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Its responsibilities include sustainably managing groundwater resources in a portion of the Vina Subbasin, a portion of the larger Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin covering approximately 184,917 acres. The subbasin is located entirely within Butte County and is generally bounded by Tehama County to the north, the alluvial basin to the east (as defined by Bulletin 118), the border of the Western Canal Water District to the south, and the Sacramento River to the west.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), passed in the fall of 2014, establishes a new structure for managing groundwater resources in California. Groundwater basins and subbasins are defined in the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118 document. SGMA requires Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to manage groundwater at the local level through the development and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The GSPs must ensure sustainable conditions by 2042 while avoiding six distinct undesirable results. The decisions about sustainability will be made locally through public involvement.

A Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement establishes the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the purpose of forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and achieving groundwater sustainability in a portion of the Vina Groundwater Subbasin.

Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Member Agencies include:

- City of Chico
- County of Butte
- Durham Irrigation District

The basic financial statements present information on the financial activities of the Agency. The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the accounting policies are described below.

**VINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Basis of Presentation and Accounting

Government-Wide Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the primary government (the Agency). These statements include the financial activities of the overall Agency.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which program expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Program expenses include direct expenses, which are clearly identifiable with a specific function, and allocated indirect expenses. Program revenues include Agency contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented instead as general revenues.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Agency gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include intergovernmental revenues. Revenues from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Fund Financial Statements

The Agency is engaged in a single-governmental activity and has only a general fund. The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available (susceptible to accrual). Revenues are accrued when their receipt occurs within 60 days after the end of the accounting period so as to be measurable and available. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred.

C. Fund Balances — Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- Nonspendable fund balance — amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form or legally or contractually required to remain intact.
- Restricted fund balance — amounts with constraints placed on their use by those external to the Agency, including creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations of other governments. It also includes constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**VINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Fund Balances — Governmental Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

- Committed fund balance — amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by formal action of the Agency’s highest level of decision-making authority and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner. The underlying action that imposed the limitation needs to occur no later than the close of the reporting period.
- Assigned fund balance — amounts that are constrained by the Agency’s intent to be used for specific purposes. The intent can be established at either the highest level of decision making or by a body or an official delegated that authority.
- Unassigned fund balance — the residual classification that includes amounts not contained in the other classifications.

The Agency’s governing board establishes, modifies, or rescinds fund balance commitments and assignments by approval of the board. When restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Agency’s policy to use restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted committed, assigned, and unassigned resources as they are needed.

D. Use of Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments at June 30, 2023 and 2022 consisted of the following:

	2023	2022
Cash in County Treasury	\$ 20,119	\$ 2,176

The Agency maintains all of its cash and investments in the County of Butte’s pooled cash and investments. On a quarterly basis, the County of Butte allocates interest to participants based upon their average daily balances. Required disclosure information regarding categorization of investments and other deposit and investment risk disclosures can be found in the County of Butte’s financial statements. The County of Butte’s financial statements may be obtained by contacting the County of Butte’s Auditor-Controller’s Office at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 120, Oroville, CA 95965.

**VINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

GASB Statement No. 40 requires additional disclosures about a government's deposits and investment risks that include credit risk, custodial risk, concentration risk, and interest rate risk. The Agency has no deposit or investment policy that addresses a specific type of risk.

Investments held in the County's investment pool are available on demand and are stated at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value.

NOTE 3 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Agency is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions and natural disasters. The Agency purchases commercial liability insurance. There were no settlements in excess of the insurance coverage in any of the three prior fiscal years.

NOTE 4 CONTINGENCIES

The Agency is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the Agency's legal counsel, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the agency.

NOTE 5 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On July 27, 2023, The Agency approved a resolution to allow for the placement of special assessments on the Butte County secured property tax roll for fiscal year 2023/24 to achieve compliance with the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act of 2014. The Agency established an operating budget projecting \$256 thousand of revenue from special assessments and \$7 thousand of revenue from fee agreements for fiscal year 2023/24.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**VINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amount	Variance with Final Budget
REVENUES				
Agency Contributions	\$ 15,000	\$ 67,500	\$ 55,500	\$ (12,000)
Interest	127	127	299	172
Total Revenues	<u>15,127</u>	<u>67,627</u>	<u>55,799</u>	<u>(11,828)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Insurance	1,787	1,762	1,762	-
Office Expense	240	240	240	-
Professional and Specialized Services	12,500	65,000	27,391	37,609
Contingency	600	2,796	-	2,796
Total Expenditures	<u>15,127</u>	<u>69,798</u>	<u>29,393</u>	<u>40,405</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,171)</u>	26,406	<u>\$ 28,577</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year			<u>(8,392)</u>	
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR			<u>\$ 18,014</u>	

See accompanying Notes to Required Supplementary Information — Budget and Budgetary Reporting.

**VINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amount	Variance with Final Budget
REVENUES				
Agency Contributions	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 7,000
Interest	127	127	3	(124)
Total Revenues	<u>15,127</u>	<u>15,127</u>	<u>22,003</u>	<u>6,876</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Insurance	1,787	1,787	1,787	-
Office Expense	240	240	-	240
Professional and Specialized Services	12,500	12,500	36,648	(24,148)
Contingency	600	600	-	600
Total Expenditures	<u>15,127</u>	<u>15,127</u>	<u>38,435</u>	<u>(23,308)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	(16,432)	<u>\$ (16,432)</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year			<u>8,040</u>	
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR			<u>\$ (8,392)</u>	

See accompanying Notes to Required Supplementary Information — Budget and Budgetary Reporting.

**VINA GROUNDWATER AGENCY
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

NOTE 1 BUDGET AND BUDGETARY REPORTING

The Agency prepares and legally adopts a final budget on or before June 30 of each fiscal year. The Agency operation, commencing July 1, is governed by the proposed budget, adopted by the Board of Directors in June of the prior year.

After the budget is approved, the appropriations can be added to, subtracted from, or changed only by approval of the board. All such changes must be within the revenues and reserves estimated as available in the final budget or within revised revenue estimates as approved by the Agency.

An operating budget is adopted each fiscal year on the modified accrual basis. Additionally, encumbrance accounting is utilized to assure effective budgetary control. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end represent the estimated amount of the expenditures ultimately to result if the unperformed contracts in process at year-end are completed or purchased commitments satisfied. Such year-end encumbrances are reported as reservations of fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be honored during the subsequent year and included in the subsequent year's budget. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end.

The legal level of budgetary control (the level on which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is at the object level. Object category levels of expenditures are as follows: salaries and benefits, services and supplies, and other charges.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2022, expenditures for professional and specialized services exceeded appropriations by \$24,148, primarily due to professional fees.

OTHER REPORT



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER
MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Board of Directors
Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Oroville, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) of the County of Butte (County) for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Agency's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Agency's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2023-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Agency's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings. Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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Roseville, California
June 26, 2024

**VINA GROUNDWATER AGENCY
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

2023-001 Expense Cutoff

Type of Finding: Material Weakness in Internal Control over Financial Reporting.

Condition: The Agency did not properly accrue for payments made for professional services which were performed prior to June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Criteria or specific requirement: Under generally accepted accounting principles, expenditures for goods and services should be recorded to the correct period regardless of when the payment is made.

Effect: An audit adjustment of \$1,020 increasing accounts payable and professional services expenses was made for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

An audit adjustment of \$22,288 increasing accounts payable and professional services expenses was made for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

Cause: The Agency did not consider payments to vendors subsequent to year-end when reviewing cut-off for the year-end close. For fiscal year 2023, the Agency split an invoice into two payments over two fiscal years without accruing for the payment on June 30 made in the subsequent fiscal year.

Repeat Finding: This is a repeat finding.

Recommendation: We recommend the Agency implement additional closing procedures to identify expenditures recorded in the wrong accounting period, such as reviewing payments made after the year-end cut-off for proper reporting.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The Agency agrees with the finding and the proposed adjusting journal entries. In future years, the Agency will implement new accounting procedures to identify expenditures recorded in the wrong accounting period.

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**Butte County Public Health Department
Environmental Health Division**

Well Permit Summary

Quarter 3 (April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024) of Water Year 2024

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Definitions

Permits Issued – Number of new water well permits issued as new construction. This excludes repairs, destructions, abandonments.

Permits Finaled – Number of water well permits that have been finaled (i.e. final construction completed and well is operational). This excludes repairs, destructions, abandonments.

Small Diameter Wells - A well with an eight-inch or smaller diameter well casing.

Large Diameter Wells - A well with larger than eight-inch diameter well casing.

Repair – Well repair; this includes but is not limited to casing replacement, re-lining or perforation.

Deepening – Well deepening; increasing the depth of an existing well.

Well Destruction – Well is destroyed (sealed off) by an approved method.

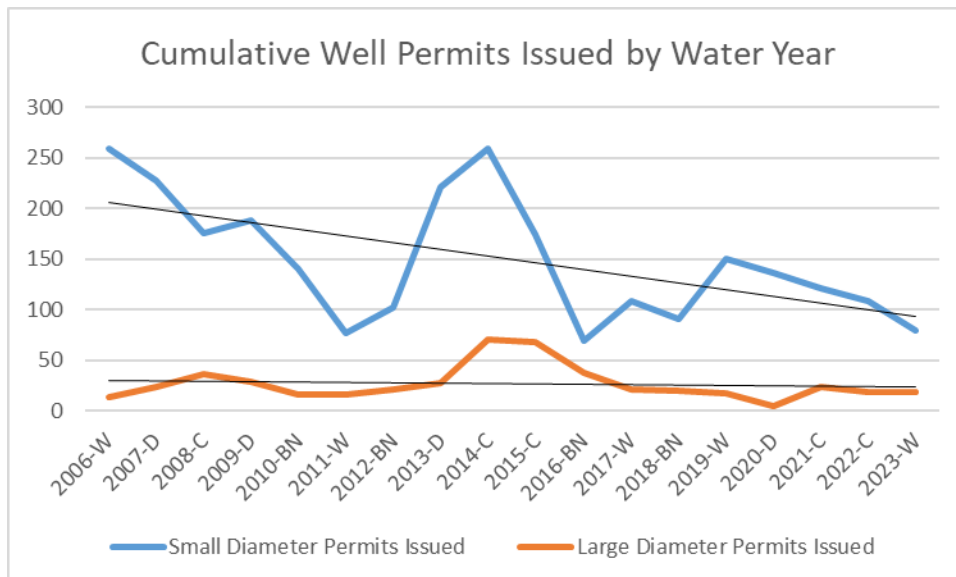
Dry Well – Well that is no longer producing water or has reduced production to a point where it can no longer sustain a residence (< 1 gpm).

Water Year - A water year is a 12-month period that extends from October 1st to September 30th. Water year can be classified into Wet (W), Above Normal (AN), Below Normal (BN), Dry (D) or Critical (C).

Executive Order N-7-22 – Effective March 28, 2022 and impacting permits that have not been issued to date. Implements increased drought response and established requirements for water well permit reviews to include Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and ground water impact considerations prior to permit issuance.

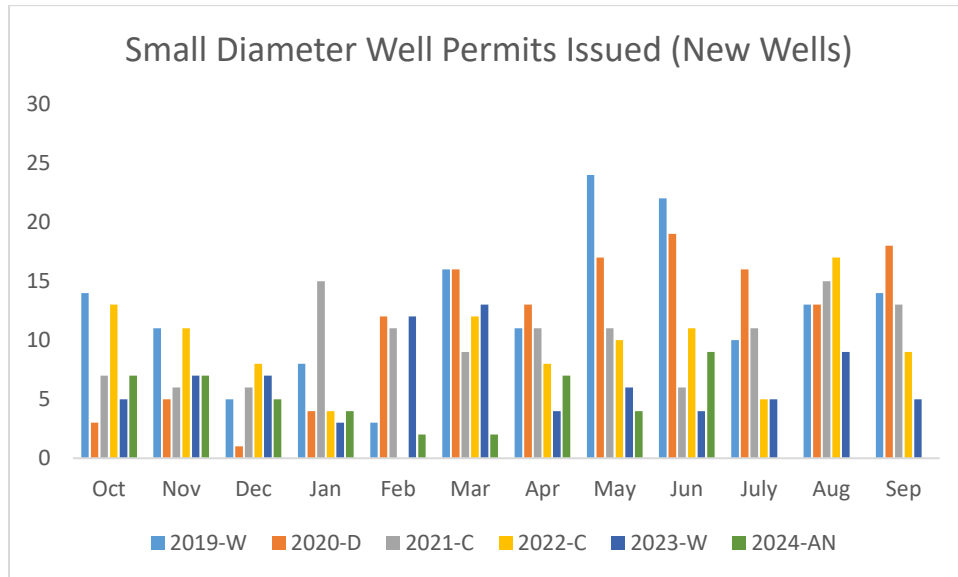
Cumulative Well Permit Data

Cumulative (WY) Well Permits Issued		
Water Year	Small Diameter Permits Issued	Large Diameter Permits Issued
2006-W	260	14
2007-D	228	24
2008-C	176	36
2009-D	188	29
2010-BN	140	16
2011-W	77	16
2012-BN	102	21
2013-D	221	28
2014-C	259	71
2015-C	175	68
2016-BN	69	38
2017-W	109	21
2018-BN	91	20
2019-W	151	18
2020-D	137	5
2021-C	121	24
2022-C	108	19
2023-W	80	19
2024-AN	47	4



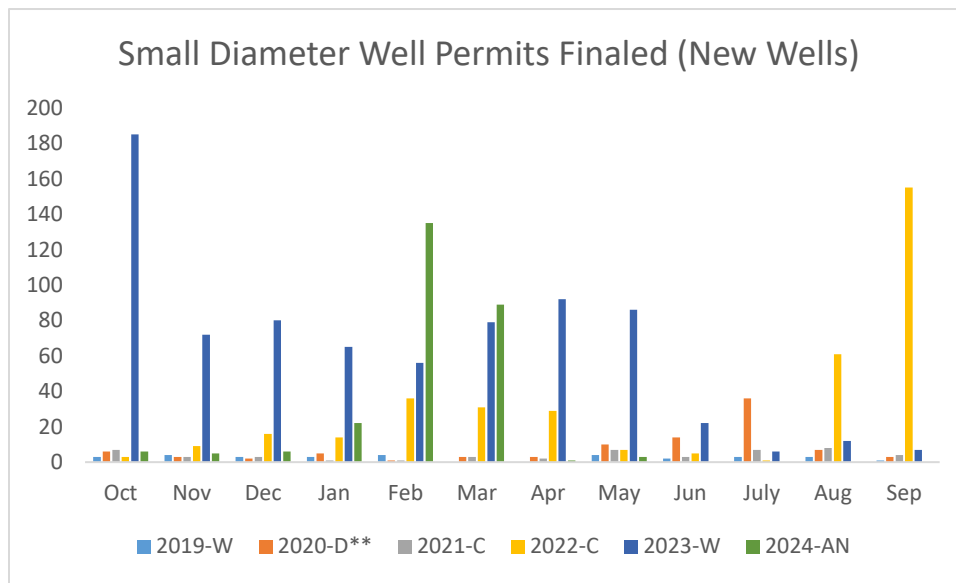
Small Diameter Well Permit Data - Issued

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Total
2015-C	18	7	6	15	11	22	27	15	13	18	17	6	175
2016-BN	4	5	7	6	8	17	9	12	16	14	12	3	113
2017-W	7	7	5	2	8	19	19	17	17	5	2	1	109
2018-BN	6	3	2	3	6	4	10	13	12	10	13	9	91
2019-W	14	11	5	8	3	16	11	24	22	10	13	14	151
2020-D	3	5	1	4	12	16	13	17	19	16	13	18	137
2021-C	7	6	6	15	11	9	11	11	6	11	15	13	121
2022-C	13	11	8	4	0	12	8	10	11	5	17	9	108
2023-W	5	7	7	3	12	13	4	6	4	5	9	5	80
2024-AN	7	7	5	4	2	2	7	4	9				47



Small Diameter Well Permit Data - Finaled

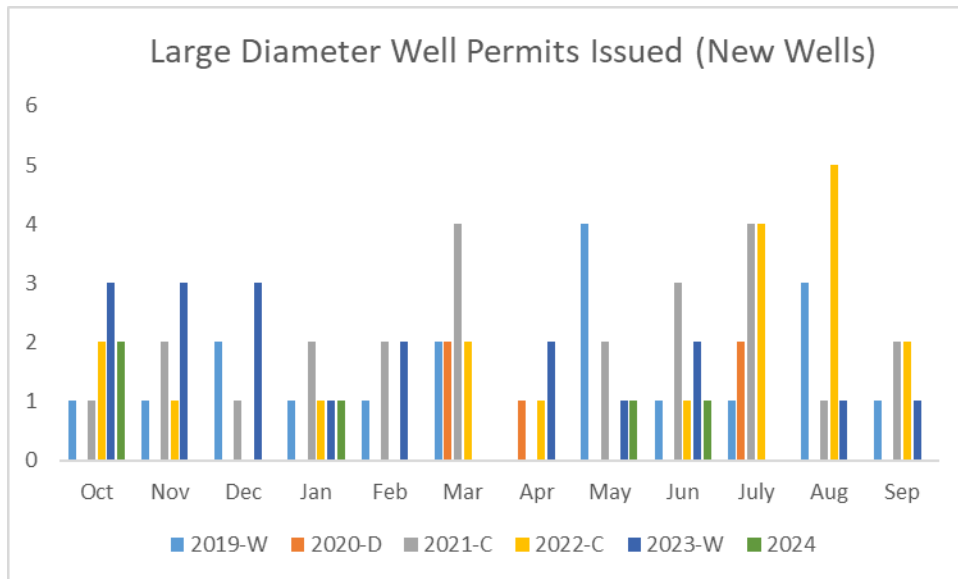
Water Year	Small Diameter Well Permits Finaled (New Wells)												Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	
2016-BN	7	4	3	4	3	1	1	4	5	1	3	0	36
2017-W	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	0	5	0	24
2018-BN	1	4	3	1	1	4	2	4	6	1	5	3	35
2019-W	3	4	3	3	4	0	0	4	2	3	3	1	30
2020-D**	6	3	2	5	1	3	3	10	14	36	7	3	93
2021-C	7	3	3	1	1	3	2	7	3	7	8	4	49
2022-C	3	9	16	14	36	31	29	7	5	1	61	155	367
2023-W	185	72	80	65	56	79	92	86	22	6	12	7	762
2024-AN	6	5	6	22	135	89	1	3	0				267



**Water Year 2020 and forward - Implemented improvements to the well permit process and working on backlog status updates.

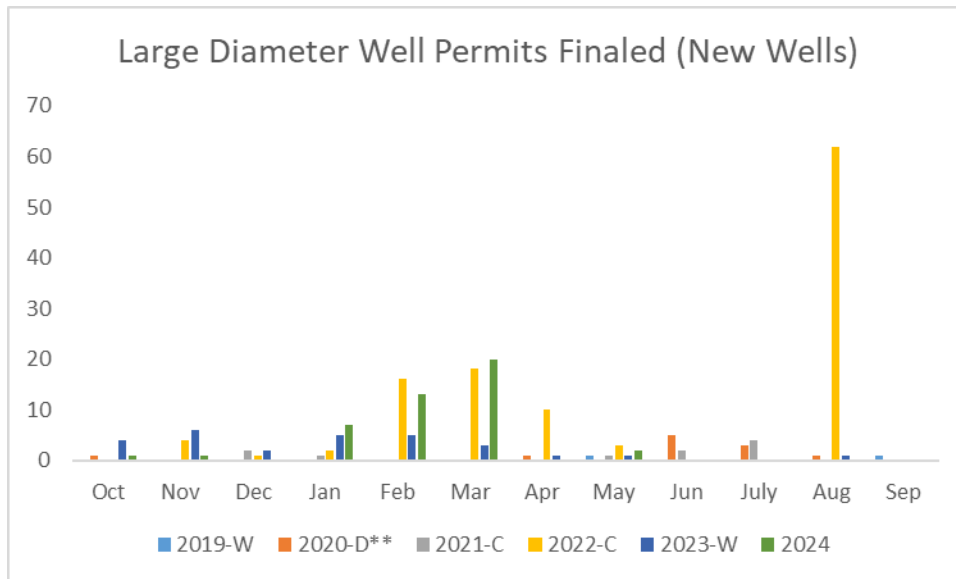
Large Diameter Well Permit Data - Issued

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Total
2015-C	5	7	4	1	4	7	6	1	5	14	11	3	68
2016-BN	5	5	5	5	4	2	2	3	1	1	2	3	38
2017-W	1	0	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	0	5	0	21
2018-BN	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	4	2	3	20
2019-W	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	4	1	1	3	1	18
2020-D	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	5
2021-C	1	2	1	2	2	4	0	2	3	4	1	2	24
2022-C	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	4	5	2	19
2023-W	3	3	3	1	2	0	2	1	2	0	1	1	19
2024	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1				5



Large Diameter Well Permit Data – Finaled

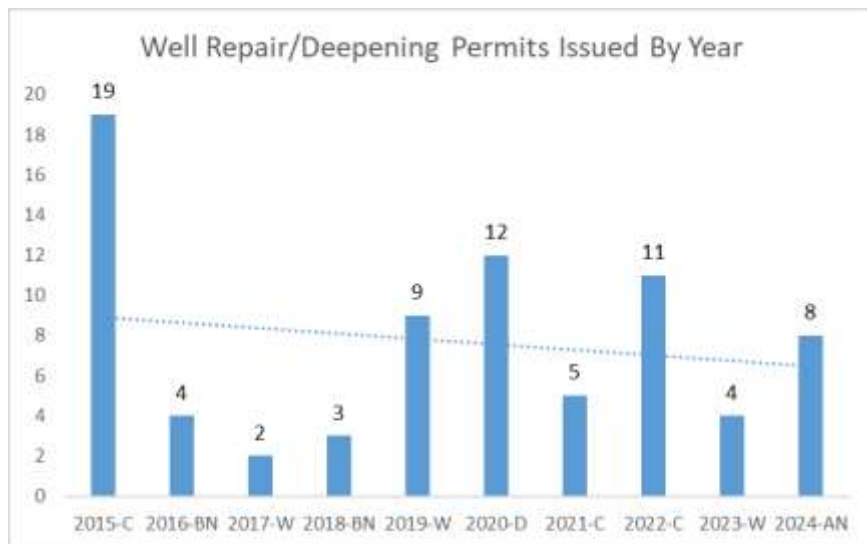
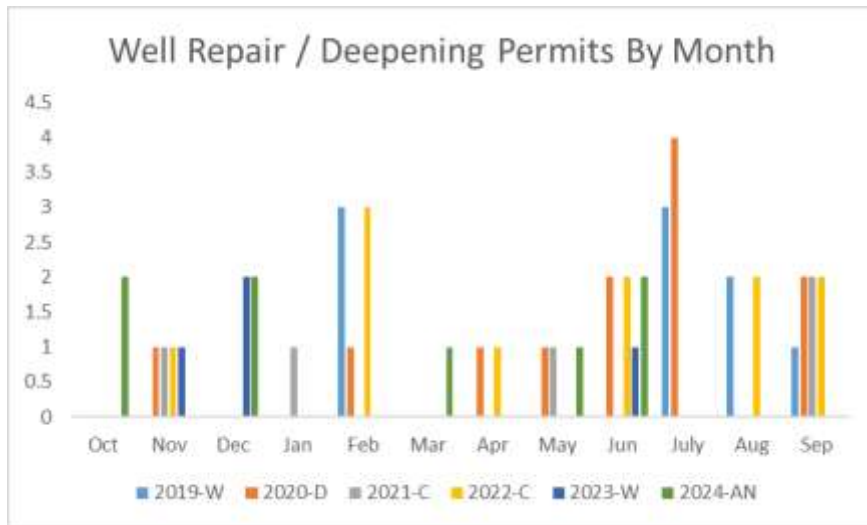
Water Year	Large Diameter Well Permits Finaled (New Wells)												
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Total
2016-BN	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
2017-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
2018-BN	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	7
2019-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2
2020-D**	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	3	1	0	11
2021-C	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	10
2022-C	0	4	1	2	16	18	10	3	0	0	62	0	116
2023-W	4	6	2	5	5	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	28
2024	1	1	0	7	13	20	0	2	0				44



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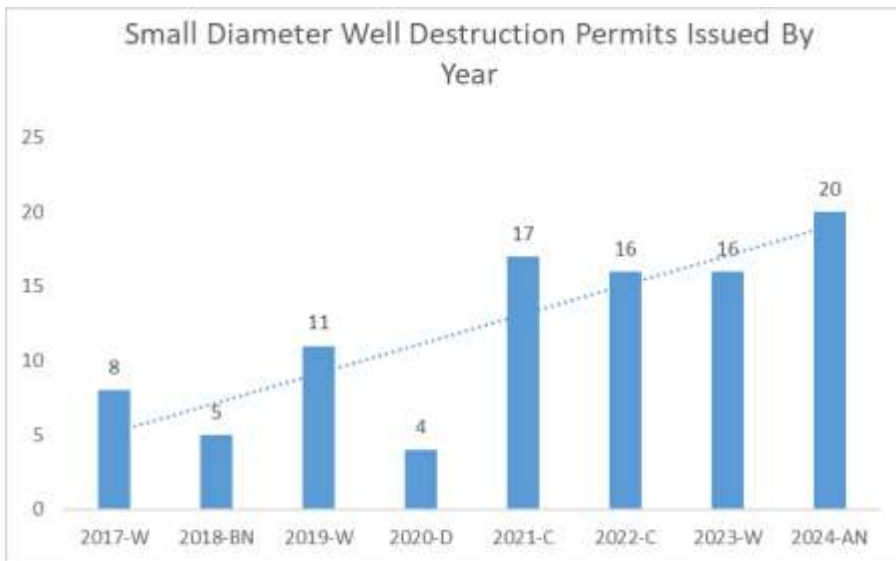
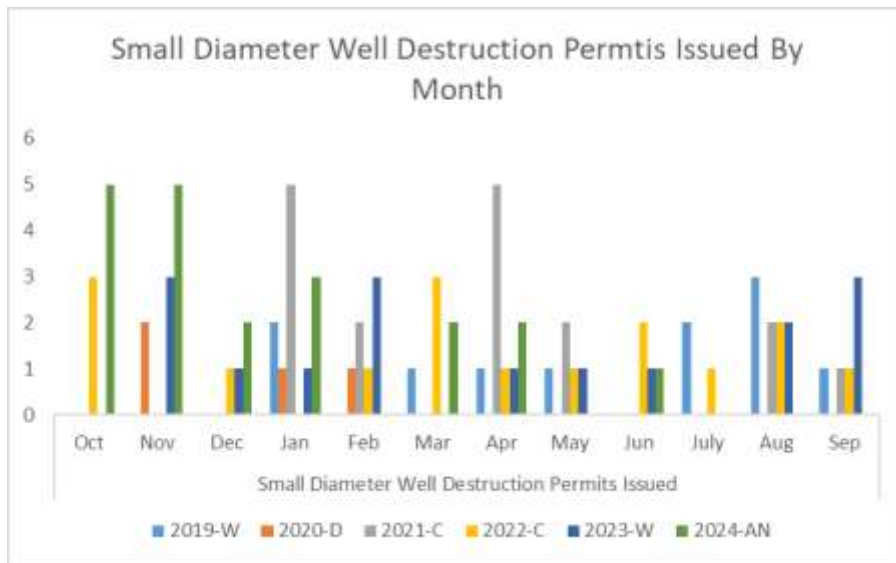
Well Repair and Deepening Data

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Total
2015-C	1	0	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	3	4	2	19
2016-BN	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	4
2017-W	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
2018-BN	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
2019-W	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	9
2020-D	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	4	0	2	12
2021-C	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	5
2022-C	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	11
2023-W	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
2024-AN	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	2				8



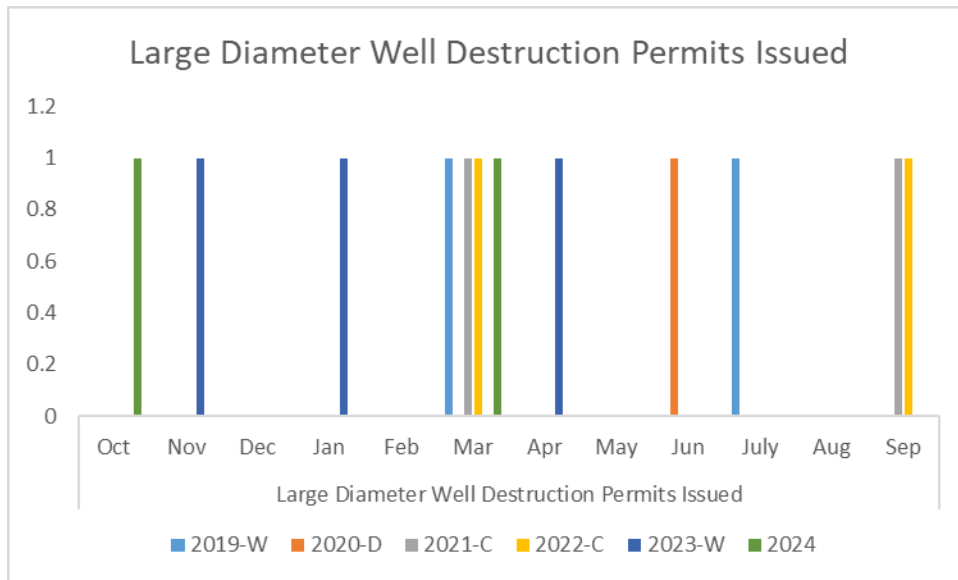
Well Destruction Data – Small Diameter Wells

Water Year	Small Diameter Well Destruction Permits Issued												Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	
2017-W	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	8
2018-BN	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5
2019-W	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	3	1	11
2020-D	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2021-C	0	0	0	5	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	2	17
2022-C	3	0	1	0	1	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	16
2023-W	0	3	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	2	3	16
2024-AN	5	5	2	3	0	2	2	0	1				20



Well Destruction Data – Large Diameter Wells

Water Year	Large Diameter Well Destruction Permits Issued												Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	
2017-W	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
2018-BN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2019-W	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
2020-D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
2021-C	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
2022-C	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
2023-W	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
2024	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2



Dry Well Data

Water Year	Dry Small Diameter Wells												Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	
2021-C											11	7	18
2022-C	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	4	2	14
2023-W	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	12
2024-AN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Dry well data started being collected August 2021.

Water Year	Dry Large Diameter Wells												Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	
2021-C											1	0	1
2022-C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024-AN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Dry well data started being collected August 2021.

Dry Wells Reported to the Butte County Division of Environmental Health			
Water Year	Small Diameter wells (8" or smaller)	Diameter wells (> 8")	Total
2021 (C)	18	1	19
2022 (C)	14	0	14
2023 (W)	12	0	12
2024	0	0	0
Total	44	1	45

Dry Well Reports to the Butte County Division of Environmental Health by Community						
	Water Year				Total	Average Depth of dry wells (feet)
	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Chico	15	5	3	0	23	109
Durham	4	6	1	0	11	--
Cohasset	1	0	1	0	2	121
Berry Creek	0	1	0	0	1	--
Oroville	0	1	3	0	4	95
Bangor	0	1	0	0	1	--
Forest Ranch	0	2	0	0	2	520
Palermo	0	1	0	0	1	--
Total	20	17	8	0	45	

Executive Order N-7-22 Data

Cumulative Number of Wells Under Executive Oder N-7-22			
By Subbasin	Small Diameter	Large Diameter	Totals
BUTTE	0	22	22
VINA	5	10	15
WYANDOTTE	1	11	12
			49
By GSA	Small Diameter	Large Diameter	Totals
Biggs-West Gridley Water District	0	6	6
Butte County	0	6	6
Butte Water District	0	4	4
Richvale Irrigation District	0	2	2
Reclamation District No. 2106	0	2	2
Rock Creek Reclamation District	0	1	1
Vina	5	10	15
Western Canal	0	1	1
Wyandotte Creek	1	11	12
			49

