

Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2016

Opening:

1. Vice Chairman Lowry called the SSCAWA meeting to order at 9:40 am at the Herald Firehouse in Herald, California.
2. Members present were Ron Lowry, Bob Mahon, John Mulrooney, Mike Kenefick, Rick Wohle, Gary Silva Jr. (9:50) and Leland Schneider. Also present were Mike Wackman, Rebecca Smith, Bill Kutzer, Pat Kirby, Wyatt Arnold (DWR) and Wendy Sparrowk.
3. Public Comment – Nothing to report.

Consent Items:

1. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. The minutes for the 10/11/2016 meeting were reviewed and the Treasurer's Report and bills since the last meeting were reviewed, **A motion was made by Director Mulrooney to approve the Agenda, Minutes, TR and bills; second by Director Kenefick; motion approved 7/0/2.**

Information /Action Items:

1. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act –
 - A. Action taken by member agencies –
 - i. Galt Irrigation District – The comment period for GID's GSA posting ends 3/13/17.
 - ii. Clay Water District – Planning a public hearing with help from Rebecca Smith.
 - iii. City of Galt – Plan to file as a GSA.
 - B. Update on Water Forum supported coordination effort – The last coordination meeting was 12/12/16 and SSCAWA offered to be the lead agency. Members at the meeting agreed this would be the best option to move ahead with the GS Plan. White spaces in the basin will be covered by the County. Mr. Brooks will ask for names in these areas. Deadlines and State Water Board fines for lack of compliance are a factor in keeping the process moving forward. Management of the Plan and name of SSCAWA were discussed. Discussion held of forming a TAC (technical advisory council) to gather the best technical data for the GS Plan. Board Members discussed the options of forming an MOU or JPA for the process of the GS Plan. It was decided to let the Water Forum Coalition group decide the best option of an MOU or JPA.
2. California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) –
 - A. Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Association MOU – Mike Wackman reported that he is waiting for Sacramento County and City of Galt to sign the MOU for the association.
3. Board of Supervisors meeting on Cosumnes Basin – The Cosumnes Basin will be reviewed at the Board of Supervisors meeting today. A letter from SSCAWA was submitted for the meeting stating our desire to act as lead agency for CASGEM in the basin.
4. Director Comments – Director Schneider stated that our Ag Authority has been active since 1997 and he would like us to keep moving forward with an MOU or JPA. Director Mulrooney may attend the Board of Supervisors meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 am.

Leo VanWarmerdam, Chairman