

**Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 10, 2015**

**Opening:**

1. Director Schneider called the SSCAWA meeting to order at 9:35 am at the Herald Firehouse in Herald, California.
2. Members present were Bob Mahon, Gary Silva Jr., Gary Silva Sr., Leo VanWarmerdam, John Mulrooney and Mike Kenefick. Also present were Mike Wackman, Rebecca Smith and Wendy Sparrowk.
3. Public Comment – Nothing to report.

**Consent Items:**

1. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. The minutes for the December 9, 2014 meeting were reviewed. The Treasurer's Report and bills since the December meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Director Mulrooney to approve the Consent items and authorize payment of the bills; motion second by Director Kenefick; motion approved by 6/0/3.**

**Information /Action Items:**

1. Formation of New JPA – Mike Wackman
  - A. Meeting with Sacramento County – The meeting with Darrel Eck was canceled. Sac County is anxious to proceed prior to passing of GW Sustainability Plan. Sloughhouse RCD and City of Galt are still on board. Plan will be expensive so it is important to have everyone involved.
  - B. Joint Powers Agreement Draft – Rebecca Smith  
Drafts were passed out to review. The Authority would add 3 new members and each member will have 1 seat plus an alternative for a total of 6 Authority members. It will still be a government agency and meetings will need quorum, etc.
2. Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Rebecca Smith  
Rebecca outlined the new GW Sustainability Plan and budget. Our area will have one year to adopt a GWS Plan. Steps will need to be followed: choose designated agency, public agency, develop plan.  
If local agencies don't act on this legislature by June 2016, the State Water Resources Control Board could take control over the basin. There are state funds for a grant to develop a GWS Plan. There was discussion of including the CASGEM program into the GWS Plan and the basin governed by North San Joaquin county. Rebecca discussed the Authority updating the GWM Plan as an alternative to the regulation Sustainability Plan. She feels there isn't a need to reinvent a whole new plan. She reported that Northern

Sacramento County is eager to see the direction of South County.

The direction now is to get the JPA reestablished with the new members and acknowledge ourselves as lead agency for GWS Plan and apply for grants.

3. Other Business – Audit Report – Wendy Sparrowk

The 4 year audit is being finalized and will cost \$5000.

4. Director Comment – Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be April, 2015 . With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

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Ronald Lowry, Chairman