

Board Meeting

Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2017

2:00 pm

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Chambers

575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

<http://www.sonomacountygroundwater.org>

Directors

Susan Harvey

Pam Stafford

Tom Schwedhelm

Shirlee Zane

Joe Dutton

Evan Jacobs

Lynda Hopkins

Walt Ryan

Mark Millan

Alternates

Mark Landman

Jake Mackenzie

Chris Rogers

Susan Gorin

Mel Sanchiatti

Michael Spielman

Susan Gorin

John Nagle

Debora Fudge

City of Cotati

City of Rohnert Park

City of Santa Rosa

County of Sonoma

Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Independent Water Systems

Sonoma County Water Agency

Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Town of Windsor

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Lynda Hopkins, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 2:00pm and noted that a quorum of the board was present, consisting of the following Directors: Susan Harvey, Pam Safford, Tom Schwedhelm, Joe Dutton, Evan Jacobs, Lynda Hopkins, Walt Ryan and Mark Millan. Others present included Brittany Jensen, Interim Administrator; Simone Peters, GSA Administrative Assistant and Adriana Stagnaro Minutes taker; Marcus Trotta and Ann DuBay of the Sonoma County Water Agency; Scott Morris, Legal Counsel

2. Public comment on matters not listed on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board

None.

3. Consent Calendar

a. Approve July 2017 Financial Report

b. Authorize Chair to execute Joint Powers Authority Agreement and Bylaws to obtain insurance from Golden State Risk Management Authority

c. Approve June 1, Minutes

d. Adopt Resolution SRP-17-003 Approving Participation Agreement with the Independent

Water Suppliers to allow participation in Agency

- e. **Authorize Interim Administrator to execute Legal Services Agreement with selected Counsel to serve and General Counsel of the Agency for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00**
- f. **Appoint Jay Jasperse of the Sonoma County Water Agency as Plan Manager of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan**
Pulled from the Consent Calendar as Director Hopkins will recuse herself.
- g. **Approve Agency's Interest Based Advisory Committee Appointments**
- h. **Approve revised Agency budget for Fiscal Year 2017/18**
- i. **Adopt Resolution SRP-17-004 to apply for Department of Water Resources Grant Application to fund the Development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan**
- j. **Approve August 10, 2017 Minutes**
Pulled from Consent Calendar as Minutes require revision. To be submitted for approval at next Board Meeting.
- k. **Approve September 2017 Financial Report**

Director Stafford moved to approve the consent calendar minus item 3f and 3j, **Director Millan** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Harvey moved to approve item 3f, **Director Stafford** seconded. **Chairwoman Hopkins** recused herself. Motion passed 7 (ayes)-0 (nays)-1 (abstain).

4. Directors/Subcommittee Report

None.

5. Advisory Committee Report

Next Advisory Committee meeting is Dec 4th.

6. Action Items

- a. **Approve payment schedule for FY 17/18 from Member Agencies to Agency.**
Brittany Jensen, Interim Administrator, presented the item.
No public comments were received.
Director Millan moved to approve with amended due date of 12/31/17, **Director Ryan** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Approve moving \$14,000 of FY 17/18 budget out of postcard mailings into funds for hiring a facilitator to support Advisory Committee meetings.**
Brittany Jensen, Interim Administrator, presented the item.
Public Comment was received from **Michael Hilberg**.
Director Stafford moved to approve, **Director Harvey** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Authorize Interim Administrator to contract with Center for Collaborative Policy to facilitate Advisory Committee meetings for an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00.**
Brittany Jensen, Interim Administrator, presented the item.
Public comment was received from **Michael Hilberg**.

Director Stafford moved to authorize the Interim Administrator to execute a Service agreement, **Director Jacobs** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **Authorize Interim Administrator to enter into contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. as first choice or Hansford Economic Consulting as second choice to provide Agency Fee Analysis and Rate Setting Services for an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00.**

Brittany Jensen, Interim Administrator, presented the item.

Director Harvey, moved to authorize the Interim Administrator to negotiate and execute a Service Agreement with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. with Hansford Economic Consulting as an alternate if said agreement cannot be reached with Raftelis. **Director Stafford seconded.** Motion passed unanimously.

- e. **Approve Unconditional Commitment to cease, desist from, and not repeat alleged Brown Act violation.**

Scott Morris, Legal counsel, presented the item.

Director Stafford approved the motion and **Director Ryan** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Informational Item

- a. **Overview of Basin Part Two- Santa Rosa Plain groundwater conditions and SGMA, Santa Rosa Plain Basin Advisory Panel Insights and Recommendations**

Marcus Trotta, Sonoma County Water Agency, presented the item.

No action was taken.

Public comments were received from **Duane Dewitt, Michael Hilberg and Matthew Whitman.**

8. Administrator & Plan Manager Report

- a. **2018 California Department of Water Resources Basin Boundary Modification Submission Period**

Brittany Jensen, Interim Administrator, suggested cancelling the Dec. 14 meeting. **Chairwoman Hopkins** agreed it would be cancelled.

Marcus Trotta, Sonoma County Water Agency presented an overview of the Basin Boundary Modification Submission period.

No action was taken.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:58pm.