

**NORTHERN DELTA
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

**Minutes of Wednesday, January 16, 2019
Northern Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting**

Walnut Grove Library, 14177 Market Street, Walnut Grove, CA 95690

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m by Chairman Robinson.

Those Present:

RD 3 – Dave Robinson, Chair

RD 2067 – Harvey Correia, Vice-Chair

RD 744 – Brad Van Loben Sels,
Secretary/Treasurer

RD 307 – Pete Dwyer

RD 317 – Bruce Pisoni/Lou Biagioni

RD 349 – Matt Hemly

RD 501 – Craig Nakahara

RD 3/556 – Daniel Wilson

RD 407 – Bruce Pisoni

RD 554 – Bruce Pisoni

RD 2111 – Daniel Wilson/C.J. Jensen

RD 38 /2110 – Emily Wells

Osha Meserve, General Counsel

Soluri Meserve

Erik Ringelberg, California Director

The Freshwater Trust

Chris Thomas, Policy Specialist

The Freshwater Trust

Anna Swenson, Outreach Coordinator

The Freshwater Trust

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes 7/27/18 and 12/06/18 Meetings

Action – Motion to approve the minutes of 7/27/18 & 12/06/18

Motion by Vice-Chair Correia, seconded by Member Pisoni, passed unanimously.

5. Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer/Secretary Reports

No report from Chair or Vice-Chair. Report from Treasurer Van Loben Sels: NDGSA Bank account balance is \$18,503.58. Deposit of \$16,159.58 received from Solano County, \$20.00 debit for bank wire transfer fee.

6. Update on Basin Boundary Modification Process

NDGSA BBM was not accepted by DWR. Staff will coordinate with subbasins until process potentially opens up again in 2020. Vice-Chair Correia urged staff to continue to seek BBM and low priority status. No action taken.

7. Subbasin Planning Processes

Staff is continuing to participate in subbasins GSA coordination. Money is not spent from one subbasin on a different subbasin. On January 14th DWR approved the Yolo basin modification. NDGSA budget does not rely on BBM success and NDGSA is set to participate in separate process in each subbasin. Unknown for Yolo Subbasin and depends on management structure.

NDGSA is participating in Solano Collaborative at a staff level, if they want to participate in a governance structure there may be associated costs. The next Memorandum of Understanding between GSAs in Solano Subbasin is not drafted yet. Vice-Chair attended Solano GSA Planning Process and reported that there is still a lot to be worked out in Solano Subbasin. Discussion on two types of boundary change: jurisdictional and scientific boundary modifications. The second requires significant on-the-ground data collection. During the GSP process data for scientific justification will be collected for future boundary modifications.

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority GSA submitted an Alternative Plan for the South American Subbasin. DWR has not made a decisions about that Plan but a decision may come out in the next several months. No changes in South American Subbasin until that decision is released.

8. Legal Update/Board Policies Status

Counsel Meserve suggested that the Board direct staff to investigate and propose draft groundwater policies on subjects like the definition of groundwater in the area.

Action - Staff directed to develop policy proposals for Board consideration.

9. NDGSA Funding

This month agency should get half of the Proposition 218 fees. Agency was not granted either the State Water Resources Control Board Proposition 1 grant or the Delta Conservancy grant. The feedback from SWRCB Prop 1 grant application was that the SWRCB prioritized implementation projects over planning projects. The Conservancy grant was denied because the application did not have a concrete and definite habitat restoration implementation component. Three new grants are available now and staff is assessing those opportunities.

10. NDGSA Annual Budget and Expenses

Staff presented invoices to Board.

Action – Motion to approve payment of invoices subject to funding availability while retaining a financial reserve.

Motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Vice-Chair Correia, passed unanimously with no abstentions

Board directed staff to find accountant to begin yearly audit for Fiscal Year 2018. Board may consider biennial audits for future fiscal years.

11. NDGSA Board, Steering Committee Representatives and Associate Members

Member Certification and Alternative Member documents provided to all members. Emails with digital version will be provided.

12. Staff Report

PG&E efficiency upgrade program available with on bill financing. Staff was directed to send out information to the Board.

Counsel Meserve suggested cost saving mechanisms: fewer Board meetings per year, creation of subcommittees or work groups to reduce staff time, hiring Agency staff person to do administrative tasks.

13. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9

No action taken.

14. Time and Place of Next Board and Steering Meeting, TBD

May 2019 & 9:00 a.m. is better for members. Staff to identify best dates.

15. Adjournment

Chairman Robinson adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Swenson.