

**SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Wednesday, January 14, 2015; 9:00 am  
10060 Goethe Road  
Sacramento, CA 95827  
(SASD South Conference Room No. 1212 – Sunset Maple)

The Board will discuss all items on this agenda, and may take action on any of those items, including information items and continued items. The Board may also discuss other items that do not appear on this agenda, but will not act on those items unless action is urgent, and a resolution is passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote declaring that the need for action arose after posting of this agenda.

The public shall have the opportunity to directly address the Board on any item of interest before and during the Board's consideration of that item. Public comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Board is welcomed, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 9:00 a.m.**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public who wish to address the Board may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - Minutes of November 12, 2014 Board meeting.  
*Action: Approve Consent Calendar items*
- 4. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CLERK**
  - Appoint an interim clerk while the Clerk of the Board is on leave.  
*Action: Appoint Ramon Roybal as Interim Clerk in accordance with Section 13(b) of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA).*
- 5. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**
  - The regularly scheduled Board meeting for November 11, 2015 falls on Veterans Day.  
*Action: Approve a deviation from Section 3.09(b) of the Rules of Procedure and set the date of the November 2015 Board meeting as November 4, 2015.*
- 6. SOUTH COUNTY AG PROGRAM UPDATE**
  - Update on the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's South County Ag Program.  
*Action: Information presentation.*
- 7. SCGA GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT UPDATE**
  - Update groundwater management activities.  
*Action: Information update.*

## **8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update
- b) Form 700
- c) GAP Committee

## **9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Upcoming meetings –**

**Next SCGA Board of Directors Meeting –** Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 9 am;  
10060 Goethe Road, South Conference Room No. 1212 (Sunset Maple).

**AGENDA ITEM 3: CONSENT CALENDER**

**BACKGROUND:**

Minutes of the November 12, 2014 SCGA Board meeting.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*Action: Approve Consent Calendar items.*

**SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)**  
**Governing Board Meeting**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**November 12, 2014**

**LOCATION:** 10060 Goethe Road, Room 1212  
Sacramento, CA 95827  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Bruce Kamilos called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep):

Rick Bettis, Conservation Landowners  
Christine Thompson, Public Agencies Self-Supplied  
Ron Lowry, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District  
Dave Ocenosak, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District  
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company

Board Members (Alternate Rep):

Todd Eising, City of Folsom  
Britton Snipes, City of Rancho Cordova  
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento  
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District

Staff Members:

Darrell Eck, Executive Director  
Heather Peek, Clerk  
Ping Chen, SCGA

Others in Attendance:

Mark Roberson, Water Forum  
Jim Blanke, RMC Water and Environment  
Rodney Fricke, Aerojet Corp.  
Jesse Roseman, TNC  
Mike Wackman, OHWD

Alex Peterson, Kennedy Jenks Consultants  
Jafar Faghieh, HDR  
Chris Peterson, West Yost Associates

*Member Agencies Absent*

*City of Elk Grove*  
*Sacramento County Water Agency*  
*Agricultural Interests*  
*Agricultural-Residential*  
*Commercial/Industrial Self-Supplied*  
*Rancho Murieta Community Services District*  
*California-American Water Company*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The draft meeting minutes for the September 11, 2014 Board meeting were reviewed for final approval.

*Motion/Second/Carried* – Mr. Bettis moved, seconded by Mr. Schubert, the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

*Action: Approve Consent Calendar items.*

**4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Kamilos nominated Mr. Ocenosak as Chair and Mr. Ewart as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority for calendar year 2015.

Ms. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Schubert, to elect Mr. Ocenosak as Chair. Mr. Schubert moved, seconded by Mr. Ocenosak, to elect Mr. Ewart as Vice Chair. The motions carried unanimously to approve the nominations of Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2015.

*Action: Elect Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority for calendar year 2015 in accordance with Section 3.069(a) of the Rules of Procedure.*

**5. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY LEGISLATION**

Mr. Eck provided an overview of the various requirements of the Groundwater Sustainability legislation signed by Governor Brown on September 16, 2014. A copy of a letter by Butte

County Water and Resource Conservation which detailed further analysis of the legislation was provided in the board package and also discussed.

A number of concerns were raised by the board during the ensuing discussion including; the potential effect of the legislation on the current structure of the Authority, expanded stakeholder participation in a Sustainability Agency, the potential for increased scrutiny and reporting related to agricultural pumping, potential collaboration with adjacent subbasins, and specifics of State DWR's definition of 'sustainability'.

*Action: Information update.*

## **6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

a) SCGA Financial Reports – Mr. Eck reported that as of September 30, 2014, total expenditures had been over \$64,000 which was about 27% of the budget.

b) GAP Committee – The committee met on October 8, 2014, and talked about design features for a groundwater banking program. The various components included were overall: project design, improvement and hydro-geologic information, hydrologic assurances, financial and legal assurances, monitoring program and local participation. The committee planned to utilize a document detailing those features for further discussions of the structure and implementation of the GAP. The information in the document included a number of different groundwater banking programs throughout the state, evaluated their strengths and weaknesses, and identified a list of components important successful implementation of a groundwater banking program. Some of the more critical components identified were various assurances that might be necessary based upon the operation a groundwater bank in relation to the basin itself and stakeholder participation.

Mr. Wackman mentioned that Omochumne-Hartnell Water District was collaborating with Rancho Murieta CSD on a groundwater recharge project which might have the potential to be folded into groundwater banking type of program. Mr. Eck replied that whatever the objective and outcome was for that project, it would be appropriate for the Authority to be informed.

## **7. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Ewart stated that the City of Sacramento had issued a request for proposal regarding the development of a groundwater master plan for their water system and that an important component of the proposal called for the consultant to collaborate with SCGA as well as SGA. Mr. Ewart stated that generally speaking, the master plan would analyze where to site any new groundwater wells, would assess the suitability of the City's existing wells, would analyze the cumulative impacts of expanded groundwater capacity, and the implantation of conjunctive use program that would span both the north and central basins. Proposals were expected by December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Upcoming Meetings –**

**Next SCGA Board of Directors Meeting** – Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 9 am; 10060 Goethe Road, South Conference Room No. 1212 (Sunset Maple).

By:

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Chairperson

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Date

**AGENDA ITEM 4: APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CLERK**

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 13(b) of the JPA (Section 4.05(b) of the Rules of Procedure) makes provision for the appointment of a clerk by the Board. Among other things, the clerk is responsible for taking roll during Board meetings, taking and transcribing meeting minutes, and maintaining a record of actions taken by the Board. The current clerk is on medical leave and someone is needed to perform these duties until she returns.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*Action: Appoint Ramon Roybal as interim clerk in accordance with Section 13(b) of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA).*



**AGENDA ITEM 5: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 3.09(b) of the Rules of Procedure set the schedule of Board meetings. According to this Section Board meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of odd numbered months. The regularly scheduled Board meeting for November 2015 falls on November 11, Veterans Day.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*Action: Approve a deviation from Section 3.09(b) of the Rules of Procedure and set the date of the November 2015 Board meeting as November 4, 2015.*

**AGENDA ITEM 6: SOUTH COUNTY AG PROGRAM UPDATE**

**BACKGROUND:**

Regional San, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, is developing the South Sacramento County Agriculture & Habitat Lands Recycled Water Program (South County Ag Program). The South County Ag Program would offer multiple benefits, including providing a safe and reliable supply of tertiary-treated water for agricultural uses, reducing groundwater pumping, supporting habitat restoration efforts and providing near-term benefits to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Today's presentation will be made by Jose Ramirez with the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District.

More information on the South County Ag Program can be found at:  
*<http://www.regionalsan.com/south-county-ag-program>*

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*Action: Information presentation.*

**AGENDA ITEM 7: SCGA GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

**BACKGROUND:**

Staff will provide an update of groundwater use and groundwater elevation monitoring during the current drought conditions.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*Action: Information update.*

**AGENDA ITEM 8: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a) Sustainable Groundwater Management Update
- b) Form 700
- c) GAP Committee Meeting

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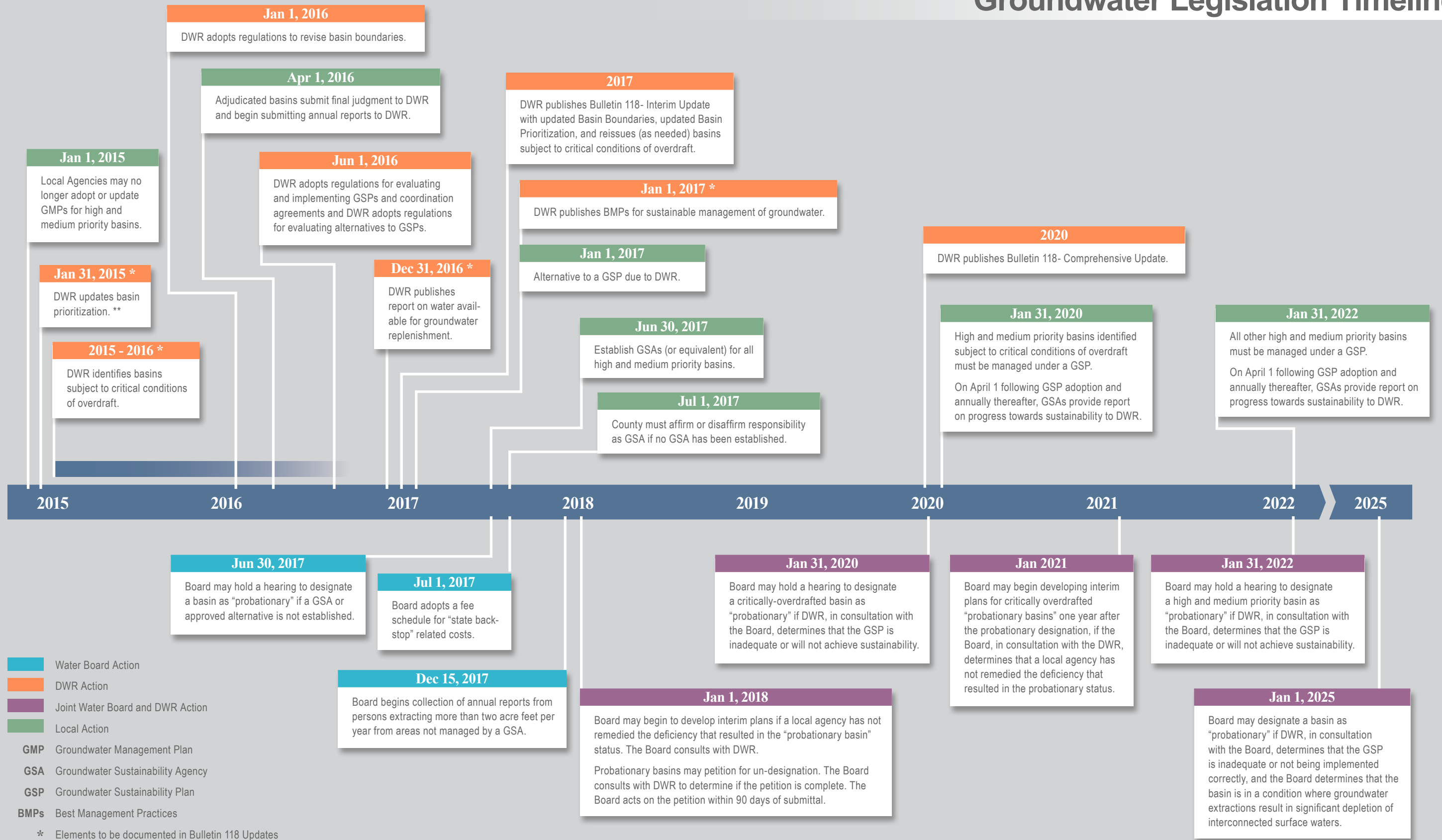
**TO: SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD**

**FROM: DARRELL ECK**

**RE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a) **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update** – The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 went into effect on January 1, 2015. Staff is working with SGA and other agencies and organizations to evaluate alternatives for compliance with the new law. Attached is a schedule prepared by state DWR for compliance with the Act. This schedule is more comprehensive than what was previously provided and includes requirements for local actions as well as actions to be taken by the state Water Board, state DWR, and joint actions by both the Water Board and DWR. Dates of particular interest to the Groundwater Authority include:
- Alternative to a Groundwater Sustainability Plan to DWR – January 1, 2017
  - Establish Groundwater Sustainability Agency – June 30, 2017
  - Adopt Groundwater Sustainability Plan – January 31, 2022
- b) **Form 700** - At the beginning of each year the State of California requires designated positions within the Groundwater Authority to file a Conflict of Interest Form 700 (see Groundwater Authority Policy 100.2 for disclosure categories). The forms are to be submitted to the SCGA office no later than April 1, 2015. Please address them c/o Ramon Roybal, 827 Seventh Street, Room 301, Sacramento, CA 95814. Forms can be located on line at the following website: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>
- c) **GAP Committee** – The GAP Committee will reconvene on February 11, 2015 to discuss the previously released Design Features for a Groundwater Banking Program and to discuss these features as it relates to groundwater sustainability. Staff will report back on progress made and for feedback from the Board.

# Groundwater Legislation Timeline



- Water Board Action
- DWR Action
- Joint Water Board and DWR Action
- Local Action
- GMP** Groundwater Management Plan
- GSA** Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- GSP** Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- BMPs** Best Management Practices

\* Elements to be documented in Bulletin 118 Updates  
 \*\* Basin prioritization will be updated prior to each Bulletin 118 Update (estimated to be every 5 years)