

Enterprise Anderson Groundwater Sustainability Agency

MINUTES

July 12, 2018
Special Meeting – 2:00 p.m.

City of Anderson Council Chambers
1887 Howard Street – Anderson, CA 96007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair James Smith with the following Board Members present: Melissa Hunt, Irwin Fust, Brenda Haynes, Leonard Moty, and Chair James Smith. Board Member Julie Winter was absent.

Chair Smith asked each member of the Board of Directors, agency staff, and those present in the audience to introduce themselves and state who they represent.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

David Ledger, Shasta Environmental Alliance, requested more advanced notice of these hearings be given to the public.

Board Member Melissa Hunt also stated she would like to have more advanced notice of the meetings.

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By motion made, seconded (Moty/Fust), and carried by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the minutes of the August 10, 2017.

Vote: AYES: Board Members Moty, Fust, Hunt, Haynes, and Chair Smith.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Board Member Winter.

INTRODUCTION OF FACILITATOR FOR GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT

City of Redding representative Josh Watkins introduced Tania Carlone from the Consensus Building Institute.

Ms. Carlone gave an overview of what services she will be providing the EAGSA and answered questions from the Board.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2018-01

Josh Watkins, City of Redding, gave a staff report and answered questions from the Board.

By motion made, seconded (Moty/Fust) and carried by a 5-0 vote, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2018-01 authorizing the City of Redding to release a Request for Proposals to provide engineering services for the preparation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and identification of monitoring well locations(s) for the Anderson and Enterprise Subbasins on behalf of the Agency.

Vote: AYES: Board Members Moty, Fust, Hunt, Haynes, and Chair Smith.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Board Member Winter.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2018-02

John Jones, Anderson Cottonwood Irrigation District, gave a staff report and, together with Josh Watkins, answered questions from the Board regarding the prioritization scoring method (0 – 42) used for determining whether Ground Water Basins are rated at low – Medium – High and stated that the time period to receive public comments on the scoring method will end on August 20, 2018.

Mike Otterbeth, retired Hydro-Geochemist for the US Geological Survey, recommended the Board not oppose the higher score rating for the Anderson subbasin but allow it to remain so that the work required to protect the subbasin, and its water, will take place sooner.

By motion made, seconded (Haynes/Hunt), and carried by a 5-0 vote, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2018-02 opposing the Department of Water Resources' Draft 2018 SGMA Basin Prioritization which reprioritized the Anderson Subbasin from medium priority to high priority.

The Board further directed staff to research the current scoring method and to work with the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) to determine if it would be feasible to have the prioritization scoring for the Anderson subbasin reduced to a low category and, if necessary, to schedule a special meeting to formalize the request a reduction in prioritization scoring prior to the August 20, 2018, deadline for public comment on the Department of Water Resources' Draft 2018 SGMA Basin Prioritization.

Vote: AYES: Board Members Haynes, Hunt, Fust, Moty, and Chair Smith.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Board Member Winter.

ADJOURNMENT

2:34 p.m. The EAGSA Board adjourned.

James Smith, Chair

ATTEST:

Juanita Barnett, City Clerk / Clerk of the Board

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