

Enterprise Anderson Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EAGSA)

Board Members:

Melissa Hunt (City of Anderson)

James Smith (Bella Vista Water District)

Irwin Fust (Clear Creek Community Services District)

Leonard Moty (Shasta County)

Brenda Haynes (Anderson Cottonwood Irrigation District)

Julie Winter (City of Redding)

AGENDA

December 6, 2018, 2 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

James Smith, Chair, will call the meeting to order and introduce items.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

The Board will receive public comments on items not appearing on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Agency. The Board will not take any action on items presented during public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 12, 2018 MEETING

The Board will approve the minutes from the July 12, 2018 EAGSA Board meeting.
(ATTACHMENT 1)

4. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) UPDATE ON BASIN PRIORITIZATION

Pat Vellines, Regional Coordinator of the Northern Region Office of DWR, will give an update on the basin prioritization process and timeline.

5. EAGSA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Josh Watkins, City of Redding, will present the EAGSA Management Committee Report including the Committee's recommendation for a consultant to provide engineering and stakeholder outreach and engagement services for the preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). (ATTACHMENT 2)

6. STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Tania Carlone, Senior Associate Mediator, Consensus Building Institute (facilitator provided through DWR's Facilitation Support Services (FSS) Program) will give an update on the Communications & Engagement Plan.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Public communications and press release regarding watershed recovery and groundwater resources in the aftermath of the wildfires. (ATTACHMENT 3)
- b. City of Redding video link pertaining to watershed recovery and water quality management in the aftermath of the Carr Fire: https://youtu.be/L_jEWPku1xl

8. ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES – EAGSA BOARD MEETING JULY 12, 2018

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.

MINUTES

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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ATTACHMENT 2

EAGSA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – TECHNICAL CONSULTANT RECOMMENDATION

AGENDA ITEM

TO: Enterprise-Anderson Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors
FROM: EAGSA Management Committee
DATE: December 6, 2018
SUBJECT: RFP Schedule No. 5006 – TAC Results and Recommendations for GSP Consultant

RECOMMENDATION:

Select CH2M as the technical consultant to prepare the Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Enterprise and Anderson Subbasins. Consultant will also site and design a monitoring well, and put together a bid package including plans and specifications, for the EAGSA to release for the subsequent construction of the well.

BACKGROUND:

On September 5, 2018, City of Redding released a Request for Proposals (RFP) Schedule Number 5006 on behalf of Enterprise Anderson Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EAGSA). The RFP requested proposals from qualified firms to provide professional engineering services to prepare two Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), one each for the Anderson and Enterprise subbasins of the Redding Area Groundwater Basin (Redding Basin), and site and design a multi-completion monitoring well.

Three proposals were received in response to the RFP. An ad hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) consisting of representatives from EAGSA member agencies evaluated the proposals and scored each submission independently. Based on the aggregated results, two of the highest scoring consultants were selected for interviews, which were conducted on October 25, 2018. The TAC unanimously selected CH2M and presented its recommendation to the EAGSA Management Committee on November 8, 2018. The Management Committee unanimously supported presenting the TAC's recommendation to the EAGSA board.

The EAGSA was initially formed in response to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA). The EAGSA is responsible for preparing GSPs for the Anderson and Enterprise subbasins of the Redding Basin in accordance with SGMA requirements. To fund the completion of the two GSPs and the eventual construction of the monitoring well, the City, acting as the fiscal agent for the EAGSA, applied for and was awarded grant funding under the 2017 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program (SGWP). The selection made by the EAGSA board will be presented to Redding's City Council for approval to award SGWP funds and execute an engineering services contract for the tasks described in RFP Schedule No. 5006.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The work funded by the SGWP Grant includes the preparation of the GSPs and the construction of an additional multi-completion monitoring well to enhance the monitoring network within the Enterprise or Anderson subbasins.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The EAGSA Board has the option of selecting from one of the following alternatives:

1. Select CH2M as the technical consultant to prepare the GSPs for the Anderson and Enterprise subbasins, and to also site and design a multi-completion monitoring well.
2. Not select CH2M as the technical consultant and provide alternative direction to EAGSA staff.

CONCLUSION

The EAGSA is responsible for completion of the GSPs for each subbasin by January 31, 2022 in accordance with SGMA regulations. Under SGMA, these basins should reach sustainability within 20 years of implementing their sustainability plans. The selection of a consultant for the preparation of these plans will allow the EAGSA to proceed with fulfilling its regulatory obligations.

ATTACHMENT 3

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESS RELEASE

November 20, 2018

Bella Vista Water District

Committed to Providing Clean, Safe Water for All Our Customers. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider.

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Local Water Agencies Preparing for Watershed Impacts due to the Carr, Delta and Hirz Wildfires

November 05, 2018

The District is working with neighboring water agencies and the State Division of Drinking Water to ensure safe drinking water for our customers throughout the upcoming rainy season. In addition, a regional plan is being developed to share available groundwater to minimize or eliminate the reliance on surface water sources that may be impacted this winter as a result of the wildfires.

Each winter, water agencies in the Redding area experience an increase in sediment flow into Whiskeytown Lake, Shasta Lake, and the Sacramento River. This summer's devastating wildfires have burned a substantial portion of these watersheds. Depending on rainfall intensity this winter, it is likely that surface water supplies will have an increase in ash and sediment load, and this could be more than our surface water treatment systems were originally designed to remove.

The District is prepared to reduce or suspend all surface water diversions this winter and use groundwater resources exclusively for all customers and help supply neighboring agencies through existing system interties to ensure safe drinking water is available throughout the region. Sacramento River water quality will be closely monitored throughout the winter and spring so that we can make informed decisions regarding the strategies that will ensure safe drinking water is always supplied to our customers.

A number of agencies are actively involved in efforts to minimize the impacts of erosion and sediment to surface waters. For more information see the shastareddingrecovers.org website and click on the "Get Rain Ready" tab: <https://stories.opengov.com/reddingca/published/bDZJVdJK>



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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 5, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.

P-145-650

Redding Water Division to implement new strategies to ensure safe drinking water

The City of Redding is working with our neighboring water agencies and with the State Division of Drinking Water to implement a number of strategies that will ensure safe drinking water for our customers throughout the upcoming rainy season. In addition, a regional plan is being developed to share available groundwater to minimize or eliminate the reliance on surface water sources this winter that may be impacted by erosion debris.

Each winter, water agencies in the Redding area experience an increase in sediment (turbidity) from Whiskeytown Lake, Shasta Lake, and the Sacramento River. This summer's devastating wildfires have burned a substantial portion of these watersheds. Depending on rainfall intensity this winter, it is almost certain that surface water supplies will see an increase in ash and sediment load, which could potentially be more than our surface water treatment systems were originally designed to remove.

The City of Redding is prepared to suspend all surface water diversions this winter, and use groundwater resources exclusively for all customers, and help supply neighboring agencies through existing system interties to ensure safe drinking water is available throughout the Redding area. Currently, a temporary pump station is being constructed near City Hall which will allow groundwater from our Enterprise pressure zone to be pumped to the higher pressure zones on the north and west side of the City. There is sufficient groundwater capacity with these wells to supply the entire City and our neighboring water agencies during the winter months when demands are much lower. In addition, Sacramento River water quality will be closely monitored throughout the winter and spring so that we can make informed decisions regarding the strategies that will ensure safe drinking water is always supplied to our customers.

In addition to the groundwater supply work, the City has been actively engaged in efforts to minimize the impacts of erosion and sediment to the surface waters. The City is actively soliciting bids on a \$600,000 project to provide erosion control along the Sacramento River Trail

and culvert protection at all fire area culverts that may be impacted by burned areas. To ensure a comprehensive and coordinated effort, the City is coordinating closely with other public agencies implementing similar projects and has also teamed up with local partners to provide free straw wattles and bales for homeowners to install on their private property. Our City staff is continuing to work on protecting inlets in the streets, cleaning high priority channels, like Carter Creek, and will be actively monitoring all areas of concern before, during, and after storm events.

For more information check out the shastareddingrecovers.org website and click on the “Get Rain Ready” tab <https://stories.opengov.com/reddingca/published/bDZJVdJK>.

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