

Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Oroville City Council Chamber,
1735 Montgomery St, Oroville, CA 95965

WYANDOTTE CREEK GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2025

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

Board Members Absent: Directors Goodson & Wristen

Staff Present: Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager; Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Projects Manager; Kamie Loeser, Butte County; Chris Heindell, Thermalito Water & Sewer District.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. *Approval of the 10-23-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA Special Board Meeting Minutes

Requested Action: Approve the 10-23-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA meeting minutes.

3.2. *Consideration for Approval of Contract Amendment No. 2 with Larry Walker Associates

The Board considered approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Contract between the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Larry Walker Associates. The proposed amendment reallocates funding within Component 2 and adds available grant funds to support completion of the Component 4 pilot project, consistent with the SGM Grant Agreement 4600015879 Amendment 3. The amendment results in a contract increase of \$605,000 and updates the Cost Breakdown Tables to reflect the revised budgets. All other terms of the Contract remain unchanged. **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager)**

Requested Action: Approve Contract Amendment No. 2 with Larry Walker Associates.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Vice Chair Bynum made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Daley seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

4. Regular Agenda

4.1. *Fee Study Update and Consideration of Fee Structure Approach

Consultants provided an update on the Fee Study. The presentation summarized recent Advisory Committee (WAC) and stakeholder outreach, reviewed the proposed fee mechanism, and highlighted adjustments to the potential new fee structure made in response to feedback received. The Board discussed the preferred approach for moving forward with the updated fee adoption process and provided direction on whether to proceed with a new fee structure that is similar to Vina GSA or further evaluate potential modifications to the existing fee structure. **(Report – Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting & Schaelene Rollins, Rollins PR Consulting)**

Public Comment: Tod Kimmelshue

Motion: Director Daley made a motion to move forward with a regulatory Fee. Vice Chair Bynum seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

Motion: Vice Chair Bynum made a motion to proceed with Part 1 and Part 2 fees with Part 1 being a parcel fee. Director Daley seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

4.2. *Groundwater Levels Sustainable Management Criteria

The Board received an update on groundwater levels in the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin, including the updated domestic well inventory, domestic well risk assessment results, and proposed refinements to the groundwater level Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) network. The presentation also outlined options to address the Department of Water Resources' Recommended Corrective Actions for revising Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) to better protect domestic wells while maintaining operational flexibility. This item followed the discussion held with the Wyandotte Creek Advisory Committee (WAC) and was presented for Board consideration and direction. **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager & Laura Foglia, Larry Walker Associates)**

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Director Daley made a motion to amend the definition of Undesirable Results to remove the non-dry year condition so that two (or 25%, whichever is greater) RMS wells within a management area reaching their Minimum Threshold for two consecutive years constitutes an undesirable result. Vice Chair Bynum seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

Motion: Chair Connelly made a motion to approve the updated groundwater level RMS network map. Director Daley seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

Motion: Vice Chair Bynum made a motion to set the Minimum Thresholds (MT) so that 5% of domestic wells could potentially be impacted if the MT was reached. Director Daley seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

4.3. *Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Periodic Evaluation and Amendments Schedule Update

The Board received an update on the schedule for completing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Periodic Evaluation and associated amendments. The current schedule targets completion by March 1, 2026, using existing Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) grant funds. Staff and the consulting team are evaluating whether to extend the schedule to December 2026 to allow for incorporation of additional data through Water Year 2026, conduct additional stakeholder engagement, integrate stakeholder feedback, and ensure alignment between the 2026 Annual Water Year Report, the Periodic Evaluation, and the Plan Amendments.

If the schedule is extended, a supplemental agreement with Larry Walker Associates (LWA) would be needed to complete work after the grant term. Staff will present estimated cost implications at the meeting. **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager)**

Motion: Vice Chair Bynum made a motion to extend the schedule and finalize the Periodic Evaluation and GSP amendments by December 2026 to incorporate additional data and forthcoming guidance, acknowledging that a supplemental agreement with LWA will be needed to complete the work after the grant period. Director Daley seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

4.4. *Presentation on Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Projects

The Board received a presentation on the progress of the SGM Grant Projects. This update covered the status of ongoing projects, key milestones achieved, and any challenges or adjustments that have arisen. The presentation aimed to keep the Board informed on the implementation and management of these projects, ensuring they align with the goals and objectives of the Wyandotte Creek GSA. **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager)**

Requested Action: Accept as information.

5. Reports and Correspondence

5.1. GSA Program Manager Update (*Verbal Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager*)

The program manager updated the board on the additional special board meeting scheduled for December 18th and that the Ad Hoc would most likely be convening in early 2026.

5.2. *Permit Summary Update - Quarter 4 Water Year 2025 Well

6. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

Public Comments: None

7. Adjourn The Meeting

The meeting adjourned to the next scheduled special meeting of the Wyandotte Creek GSA Board on **December 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm.**

Recordings - All meetings are audio recorded.

*Materials included in Packet