

Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting Agenda

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Date: Thursday, October 15, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM

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

No public comments or questions will be taken online.

Requests to Address Board

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 *Approval of the 08-20-26 and 08-27-06 Wyandotte Creek GSA Special Board Meeting Minutes

Requested Action: Approve the 08-20-26 and 08-27-06 Wyandotte Creek GSA meeting minutes.

4. Regular Agenda

4.1 *Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Fee Corrections and Appeals Process

Following adoption of the revised SGMA fee in May 2026, staff developed a process for property owners to request correction of a fee based on parcel location, user group classification, or a fee calculation error. The proposed process establishes requirements and timelines for submitting and reviewing correction requests, provides an opportunity to appeal the Program Manager's determination to the Board of Directors, and describes how approved adjustments will be processed. Staff has also prepared a Fee Correction Request Form and updated website information to assist fee payors.

The process requires the fee to first be paid as charged, with correction requests submitted by April 30 of the applicable fiscal year. The Program Manager is authorized to review and act on requests, and a fee payor who is dissatisfied with that determination may appeal to the Board. **(Report – Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting)**

Requested Action: Approve the proposed SGMA Fee Corrections and Appeals Policy and Process and Fee Correction Request Form.

4.2 *Establish Minimum Fee Amount for Direct Billing of the SGMA Fee

Most Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) fees are collected through the Butte County property tax roll. For properties or entities that do not receive a property tax bill, the Program Manager may issue a direct bill. In some cases, the administrative cost of issuing and collecting a direct bill may exceed the amount of revenue collected.

Resolution No. 2026-05 would establish a minimum fee amount of \$50 for direct billing and authorize the Program Manager, or the Board's designee, to refrain from issuing direct bills below that amount. Future Board approved adjustments to the SGMA fee would also be applied to the \$50 threshold. **(Report – Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting)**

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-05 establishing a minimum fee amount of \$50 for direct billing of the SGMA fee.

4.3 *Consideration of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Operations Budget Adjustment

The Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Operating Budget (Resolution No. 2025-01) on June 26, 2025. The Board also approved an amendment to the budget of \$1,000,000 at the August 27, 2026 special meeting to reflect an increase in DWR SGM Round 2 Grant revenue and associated project expenditures. This request is to authorize a further, final adjustment to the FY 2025-26 budget to align with the actual expenditures from the grant funds in an amount determined by the County Auditor's office. This final adjustment is estimated to be between \$150,000 and \$300,000 and will be covered by existing grant revenues in the Agency's designated fund. The final adjustment is for accounting purposes and will have no effect on the fee setting budget or the SGMA regulatory fee. **(Report – Joshua Horowitz, GSA Legal Counsel)**

Requested Action: Authorize the Interim GSA Program Manager to determine, in consultation with County Auditor's staff, the final budget adjustment required to balance the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget Amendment and to report back on that final adjustment amount at the next board meeting. The Board will be asked to adopt a resolution at its next meeting authorizing the final adjustment amount to ensure that it is appropriately documented.

4.4 *Consideration of Professional Services Agreement No. 2026-05 with Davids Engineering for Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Ongoing SGMA Implementation Support Services

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency to carry out its Groundwater Sustainability Plan year after year, including annual reports to the Department of Water Resources, groundwater monitoring and data management, periodic evaluations, and the day-to-day operations of the agency. For the past several years, much of this work has been supported by DWR grant funding, which is now concluding, so Wyandotte Creek GSA is moving to an agency-funded model. To support that transition, Wyandotte Creek GSA issued RFP #26-01 for ongoing SGMA implementation support services, and following a competitive selection process, Davids Engineering was selected. The proposed agreement is a master contract, with specific work authorized through individual task orders. **(Report - Christina Buck, Asst. Director Butte County Water and Resource Conservation)**

Requested Action: Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Davids Engineering, authorize the Board Chair to execute the agreement, and authorize the Program Manager to execute task orders that are funded and consistent with the Board-adopted annual budget for the applicable fiscal year, including any adopted adjustments and amendments.

5. Reports and Correspondence

5.1 Program Manager and Management Committee Update (Verbal Report)

5.2 *Butte County Public Health Department Quarterly Well Permit Summary. (Information Only)

5.3 *Correspondence (Information Only)

6. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

This is the time for the public to address the Board on items not listed on the agenda. The Wyandotte Creek GSA Board is prohibited by State law from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

7. Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting will be adjourned. A regular meeting of the Wyandotte Creek GSA Board will be scheduled in December 2026 as determined by the Board.

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