

Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2025

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Director Goodson

Meeting called to order at 2:10 PM.

2. Roll Call:

Board of Directors

Present: Bruce Wristen; Janet Goodson; Kyle Daley.

Absent: William Bynum; Bill Connelly.

Management Committee & Staff

Present: Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager; Kamie Loeser, Butte County Water & Resource Conservation, Chris Heindell, Thermalito Water & Sewer District; Alyssa Stutz, City of Oroville.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. *Approval of the 05-22-25 & 06-26-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA Board Meeting Minutes

Requested Action: Approve the Wyandotte Creek GSA meeting minutes.

3.2. *Consideration of Amendment No. 1 to the Contract with Hansford Economic Consulting

The Board approved Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Hansford Economic Consulting to increase the contract budget by \$5,495, from a not-to-exceed of \$19,000 to \$24,995. The amendment reflects additional services related to the evaluation of applying the Vina GSA SGMA fee structure to the Wyandotte Creek GSA and support for final project deliverables. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Contract with Hansford Economic Consulting and authorize the GSA Program Manager to sign.

No Public Comment Received

Motion: Director Wristen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. That motion was seconded by Director Daley.

The motion passed with the following vote:

AYAS: Bruce Wristen; Janet Goodson; Kyle Daley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: William Bynum; Bill Connelly.
ABSTAIN: None

4. Regular Agenda

4.1. *Presentation and Discussion: Evaluation of Potential Fee Structure for the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency

At the direction of the Board, Hansford Economic Consulting was retained to assess how the recently adopted Vina GSA fee structure could be applied in the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin. The consultant presented findings from the analysis, along with a supporting memo outlining potential options and considerations. **(Report – Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting)**

Public Comment(s):

- Greg Brislain

Action: The board received the presentation and accepted as information.

4.2. *Review and Discussion of Draft Five Year 2026-2030 Revenue Needs and Potential Fee Study Update

At the May 22, 2025 meeting, the Board directed staff to evaluate long-term budget needs and current Proposition 218-authorized fee structure. In response, staff prepared a projected five-year budget based on updated operational experience and a clearer understanding of SGMA-related costs. The Board received the presentation and discussed both the FY 2026–2030 budget projection and a potential Fee Study update. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

No Public Comment Received

Action: The board received the presentation and directed staff to initiate a new fee study process with Hansford Economic Consulting.

4.3. Consideration of Response Letter to the 2024–2025 Butte County Grand Jury Report: “Palermo Needs Clean Water”

Board will consider approving a response letter to the 2024–2025 Butte County Grand Jury report titled “Palermo Needs Clean Water.” The Grand Jury directed the Wyandotte Creek GSA Board to respond to Finding 6 and Recommendation 2. A draft response letter has been prepared for the Board’s review and authorization for submittal. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Motion: Director Wristen made a motion to approve the draft response letter to the 2024–2025 Butte County Grand Jury and authorize the Wyandotte Creek GSA Directors to sign and the program manager to submit the letter on behalf of the Agency. That motion was seconded by Director Daley.

No Public Comment Received

The motion passed with the following vote:

AYAS: Bruce Wristen; Janet Goodson; Kyle Daley.
NOES: None
ABSENT: William Bynum; Bill Connelly.
ABSTAIN: None

5. Reports and Correspondence

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

This verbal report was skipped.

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

5.3. Joint GSP Evaluation for the North Sacramento River Corridor Technical Memo (Information Only)

5.4. Strengthening Regional Modeling Collaboration SGM Implementation (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 WC 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.

No Public Comments received.

7. Adjourn The Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM. A special meeting of the Wyandotte Creek GSA Board is scheduled on **September 25, 2025 at 2:00 pm.**