

Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Special Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

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

WYANDOTTE CREEK GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 23, 2025

1. Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting was called to order 2:00 PM

2. Roll Call:

Board Members present: Janet Goodson, Bruce Wristen, Kyle Daley, William Bynum, Bill Connelly

Staff present: Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager; Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Projects Manager; Christina Buck, Assistant Director, BC Water & Resource Conservation

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. *Approval of the 09-24-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA Board Meeting Minutes

Public Comment(s): None

Motion: Director Goodson made a motion to approve the 9-24-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA meeting minutes. That motion was seconded by Vice Chair Bynum.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Directors Goodson, Wristen, Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, and Chair Connelly

4. Special Agenda

4.1. *Presentation on Interconnect Surface Waters (ISWs)

The Board received a presentation on Interconnected Surface Waters (ISW) within the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin, including an overview of current Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC), data gaps, and Department of Water Resources (DWR) corrective actions. The presentation summarized results from recent technical work, including model-based stream gain and loss estimates and development of a preliminary ISW monitoring network. The Board reviewed the proposed ISW representative monitoring sites and the approach and timeline for developing ISW-specific SMCs. **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager & Laura Foglia, Larry Walker Associates)**

Public Comment(s): Duke Sherwood

Action: No action was taken during this presentation. Board action occurred following the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems presentation.

4.2. * Presentation on Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs)

The Board received a presentation on Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) in the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin. The presentation summarized the updated GDE mapping, results of the depth-to-groundwater and rooting depth analyses, and identification of potential representative monitoring sites. The discussion also highlighted findings from the refined analysis of GDE access to groundwater under varying hydrologic conditions and outline the proposed approach and timeline for developing GDE-specific Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs). **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager & Byron Amerson, Environmental Science Associates)**

Public Comment(s): Christina Buck

Motion: Director Goodson made a motion to approve the selected ISW and GDE representative monitoring sites and approve the proposed approach and timeline to develop ISW and GDE Sustainable Management Criteria. That motion was seconded by Vice Chair Bynum.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Directors Goodson, Wristen, Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, and Chair Connelly

4.3. *Consideration of a Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Procurement Policy

At its September 25, 2025 meeting, the Board provided direction to Staff and Legal Counsel to prepare a draft procurement policy for the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). The draft policy was presented to the Board for consideration. Adoption of the policy will establish clear procedures for how the GSA procures goods and services, including Staff contract execution authority and Board oversight thresholds. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager; Gavin Ralphs, GSA Legal Counsel)**

Public Comment(s): None

Motion: Director Goodson made a motion to adopt the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Procurement Policy as presented. That motion was seconded by Director Daley.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Directors Goodson, Wristen, Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, and Chair Connelly

4.4. *Formation of Financial and Administrative Systems Ad Hoc Committee

As the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) continues to progress as an organization, it will be important to determine the financial and administrative systems and processes that best support its long-term operations. To help guide this work, Staff requested the formation of an ad hoc committee that can collaborate with Staff and Legal Counsel on evaluating options and providing input. The ad hoc committee will be temporary,

expected to serve for roughly nine months, while the GSA refines its approach to financial and administrative management. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Public Comment(s): None

Motion: Director Wristen made a motion to form a Financial and Administrative Systems Ad Hoc Committee and appoint Director Daley and Chair Connelly to serve on it. That motion was seconded by Director Daley.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Directors Goodson, Wristen, Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, and Chair Connelly

4.5. *Consideration of Contract with Hansford Economic Consulting for Fee Study

At its August 28, 2025 meeting, the Board directed staff to proceed with a new fee study with Hansford Economic Consulting (HEC). The Board approved a professional services agreement with HEC in the amount of \$104,000 to prepare the fee study. The scope of work includes budget projections, development of fee structure options, stakeholder and community outreach, preparation of a Proposition 26-compliant report to implement a SGMA regulatory fee, and support for Board consideration and adoption. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Public Comment(s): None

Motion: Director Goodson made a motion to waive the competitive procurement process and approve Professional Services Agreement No. 25-03 with Hansford Economic Consulting in the amount of \$104,000 to prepare a new fee study. That motion was seconded by Director Wristen.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Directors Goodson, Wristen, Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, and Chair Connelly

5. Reports and Correspondence

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

The program manager provided their report which included:

- An update on the Fee Study and the upcoming stakeholder outreach.
- Informed the board of an additional meeting to be scheduled on December 18th.
- Informed the Board on an upcoming public meeting for the Data Gaps and Data Gap Identification and Data Improvement project.

5.2. Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Projects Update *(Information Only)*

6. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

This was the time for the public to address the Board on items not listed on the agenda.

Public Comment(s): None

7. Adjourn the Meeting

The Wyandotte Creek GSA Board adjourned at 3:30 PM. The next schedule meeting is on **November 20, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.**

Recordings - All meetings are audio recorded.