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**VINA GSA AND ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT GSA
JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

March 11, 2025

1. VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) BOARD MEETING

1.1. Call To Order: at 3:34 p.m.

1.2. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Hawley – City of Chico
Derek Sohnrey – Durham Irrigation District
Jim Graydon – Domestic Well Users Representative
Tod Kimmelshue – Butte County (Vice Chair)
Jeffery Rohwer – Agricultural Well Users Representative (Chair)

2. Consent Agenda

2.1. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11, 2026 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Action:

A motion to approve February 11, 2026, Vina GSA meeting minutes was made by Board Member Graydon. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Kimmelshue

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

3. Business from the Floor

Members of the public were invited to address the Vina GSA Board at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda.

Public Commenters: <NONE>

4. ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT (RCRD) GSA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

4.1. Call to Order

4.2. Roll Call

5. JOINT MEETING AGENDA

Staff and the consultant team provided project updates on components of the Vina GSA Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant Program. As final reports are completed, they will be made available on the GSA's [website](#) and emailed to the Boards and Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

3.1 Feasibility of Enhanced Recharge in the Lindo Channel - Project recap

The Boards received a final project update on the Lindo Channel Groundwater Recharge Alternative Feasibility Analysis, including field results, modeling, recharge potential, flow thresholds, and potential infrastructure, permitting, and operational considerations for future implementation. The study concludes March 31, 2026. **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, GSA Project Manager; Joe Turner, Geosyntec; David Jaffee, West Yost Associates)**

PUBLIC COMMENTERS:

1. Jim Brobeck
2. Aurelia Gonzalez

ACTION:

Accepted as information.

3.2 Demand Reduction Strategies Project Recap

The Boards received a presentation of the main outcomes from the Demand Reduction Strategies two pilot projects: Extended Orchard Replacement and Precision Irrigation. The study concludes March 31, 2026. **(Report – Tovey Giezentanner, AGUBC Project Manager; Joel Kimmelshue, Land IQ)**

PUBLIC COMMENTERS:

1. Anne Dawson
2. Aurelia Gonzalez
3. Cheetah Tchudi

ACTION:

Accepted as information.

3.3 Surface Water Supplies Feasibility Analysis Recap

The Boards received a presentation on the main outcomes from the feasibility analysis of two water supply projects: 1. South Vina Extension - would utilize Western Canal Water District or Table A water to irrigate parcels in south Vina, 2. Ridge to Valley – would utilize Paradise Irrigation District water to irrigate parcels along Comanche Creek south of Chico. The report will be available on the project [webpage](#). **(Report – Christina Buck, Butte County; Maddie Munson, Water and Land Solutions)**

PUBLIC COMMENTERS:

<NONE>

ACTION:

Accepted as information.

3.4 Inter-basin Coordination Analysis Recap

The Boards received a presentation on highlights from the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Evaluation for the North Sacramento River Corridor as reported in the finalized Technical Memo and webinar available online: [Inter-Basin Coordination Analysis and Modeling Project - Implemented by Butte County - Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency](#). **(Report – Christina Buck, Butte County)**

PUBLIC COMMENTERS:

1. Jim Brobeck

ACTION:

Accepted as information.

3.5 Tuscan Water District Update

General Manager Tovey Giezentanner provided the Boards an update on Tuscan Water District (TWD), including formation and early actions to comply with the Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCO) Conditions of Approval, Proposition 218 assessment implementation, governance milestones, groundwater recharge and surface water supply projects, Proposition 4 readiness, and coordination with the Vina GSA on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan five-year evaluation. Mr. Giezentanner addressed TWD's role, authority, and defined framework for how TWD will pursue projects in the Vina Subbasin. *(Report – Tovey Giezentanner, General Manager Tuscan Water District)*

PUBLIC COMMENTERS

<NONE>

ACTION:

Accepted as information.

3.6 Other Sustainable Groundwater Management Updates

The Boards received an update on recharge activities, status of GSP Periodic Evaluation work, and Inter-basin Coordination from staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTERS

<NONE>

ACTION:

Accepted as information.

3.6.1 Update on 1242.1 Recharge Pilot (Verbal Report – Christina Buck, Butte County)

3.6.2 Update on GSP Periodic Evaluation (Verbal Report – Christina Buck, Butte County)

3.6.3 Inter-Basin Coordination (Verbal Report – Kamie Loeser, Butte County)

6. JOINT BOARD ADJOURNMENT

The Vina GSA/RCD GSA Joint Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to the Vina GSA Regular Meeting after tonight's Vina/RCD GSA Joint Board Meeting.

*****RECONVENE TO VINA GSA REGULAR BOARD MEETING*****

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

7.1. Correspondence

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

8. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS:

Board Members may propose topics, projects, or issues for inclusion on a future agenda. Proposals will be noted for consideration by the Chair and Program Manager, subject to feasibility and alignment with the Agency's priorities. No discussion or action will be taken on proposed items at this meeting.

Director Hawley requested that Staff bring an item to the Board to review how stakeholder input will be/is incorporated into meeting summaries and the decision-making process.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA adjourned at 7:13 p.m. to a Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting on **April 8, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.** at the Chico City Council Chamber Building at 421 Main Street, Chico, CA and online via Zoom for viewing only.