

**Meeting Date:** 6/9/2016

**Report Type:** Consent

**Report ID:** 2016-00569

**Title: Appointments: Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Pass a Resolution appointing the following representatives to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors: Audie S. Foster and Deana Donohue (California American Water); Rick Jennings, Jim Peifer, Larry Carr, Dennis Rogers and Noelle Mattock (City of Sacramento); Rich Allen and Robert J. Matteoli (Del Paso Manor Water District); Paul Schubert and Travis Anderson (Golden State Water Company); Matt Lauppe and Brett Gray (Natomas Mutual MWC); Neil Schild, Kevin Thomas, and Robert "Bob" Wichert (Sacramento Suburban Water District); and Rink Sanford (Self Supplied Industry).

**Contact:** Jim Peifer, Principal Engineer, (916) 808-1416; Bill Busath, Director, (916) 808-1434, Department of Utilities

**Presenter:** None

**Department:** Department Of Utilities

**Division:** Office of the Director Admin

**Dept ID:** 14001011

**Attachments:**

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Background
- 3-Resolution

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### **City Attorney Review**

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### **Approvals/Acknowledgements**

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## Description/Analysis

**Issue Detail:** The City Council appoints specified representatives to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) Board of Directors in accordance with the SGA Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). The JPA requires that the City Council appoint the Board of Director representatives from the City of Sacramento, California American Water, Del Paso Manor Water District, Golden State Water Company, Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, Sacramento Suburban Water District, and self-supplied users. Under the JPA, the representatives the City appoints from other entities are recommended by those entities, but the City Council retains discretion to make the appointments.

Vacancies in some of these positions require that new appointments be made. These appointments will be up for renewal on August 11, 2016. The following candidates have been recommended for appointment as members or alternate members to the SGA Board of Directors by the agencies in parentheses: Council Member Rick Jennings, Council Member Larry Carr, Jim Peifer, Dennis Rogers and Noelle Mattock (City of Sacramento), Audie S. Foster and Deana Donohue (California American Water), Rich Allen and Robert J. Matteoli (Del Paso Manor Water District), Paul Schubert and Travis Anderson (Golden State Water Company), Matt Lauppe and Brett Gray (Natomas Central Mutual Water Company), Neil Schild, Kevin Thomas, and Robert "Bob" Wichert (Sacramento Suburban Water District) and Rink Sanford (Self Supplied Industry). Staff recommends appointment to the SGA Board of Directors of these candidates as members or alternate members, as indicated in the proposed Resolution.

**Policy Considerations:** The proposed action is consistent with the Joint Powers Agreement approved by the City Council on August 11, 1998. The JPA allows the City Council to appoint specified Board members and one or more persons with the required qualifications to serve as alternate Board members.

**Economic Impacts:** None

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):**

The Community Development Department, Environmental Planning Services has reviewed the project and has determined that the action of filling vacant positions is not considered a project under the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378. Filling the vacancies to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors is an organizational administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. The activity is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3).

**Sustainability:** Not Applicable

**Commission/Committee Action:** Not Applicable

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The Joint Powers Agreement that created the Sacramento Groundwater Authority authorized the City Council to appoint specified representatives to the Authority Board of Directors, from the City, adjacent water districts, water companies, and self-supplied pumpers.

**Financial Considerations:** None

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** Not Applicable

## **Background**

On August 11, 1998, the City Council approved a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that created the Sacramento North Area Groundwater Management Authority, subsequently renamed the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA).

The boundaries of the Authority are as follows: north of the American River to the Sacramento County line; bounded on the south by the American River; on the west by the Sacramento River; on the north and east by the Sacramento County line; and including the City of Folsom.

The Joint Powers Authority was established: (a) to maintain the long-term sustainable yield of the North Area Basin; (b) to manage the use of groundwater in the North Area Basin and facilitate implementation of an appropriate conjunctive use program by water purveyors; (c) to coordinate efforts among those entities represented on the governing body of the joint powers authority to devise and implement strategies to safeguard groundwater quality; and (d) to work collaboratively with other entities, including groundwater management authorities that may be formed in other areas of the County of Sacramento and adjacent political jurisdictions, to promote coordination of policies and activities throughout the region.

Signatories to the JPA are the City of Sacramento, the County of Sacramento, and the cities of Citrus Heights and Folsom. The JPA delegates to the Authority the powers to manage the North Area groundwater basin consistent with the Water Forum Agreement, and establishes a 16-member Board of Directors. The JPA requires the City, the County of Sacramento, and the cities of Citrus Heights and Folsom to appoint specified representatives to the Authority Board of Directors.

The JPA requires that the City Council appoint the Board of Director representatives from the City, California American Water, Del Paso Manor Water District, Golden State Water Company, Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, Sacramento Suburban Water District, and self-supplied users. Under the JPA, the representatives the City appoints from other entities are recommended by those entities, but the City Council retains discretion to make the appointments.

Vacancies in some of these positions require that new appointments be made. These appointments will be up for renewal on August 11, 2016. This report recommends appointment of the following representatives recommended by California American Water, City of Sacramento, Del Paso Manor Water District, Golden State Water Company, Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, Sacramento Suburban Water District and Self-Supplied Industry:

| Organization                         | Representative/Alternate(s)  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| City of Sacramento                   | Rick Jennings<br>Larry Carr (alternate)<br>Jim Peifer (alternate)<br>Dennis Rogers (alternate)<br>Noelle Mattock (alternate) |
| California American Water            | Audie S. Foster<br>Deana Donohue (alternate)   |
| Del Paso Manor Water District        | Rich Allen, Vice Chair<br>Robert Matteoli (alternate)  |
| Golden State Water Company           | Paul Schubert<br>Travis Anderson (alternate)   |
| Natomas Central Mutual Water Company | Matt Lauppe<br>Brett Gray (alternate)  |
| Sacramento Suburban Water District   | Neil Schild<br>Kevin Thomas (alternate)<br>Bob Wichert (alternate)   |
| Self-Supplied Industry               | Rink Sanford   |

**Biographical information:**

**City of Sacramento**

**Rick Jennings, II**

Rick Jennings, II was born in Houston, TX and raised in Washington, DC. In 1972, he earned a football and track scholarship to the University of Maryland graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. Rick is proud to be the first college graduate in his family.

From 1980 to 1992, Rick worked his way up from Sales Representative to Regional Sales Manager for the Xerox Corporation where he won numerous awards and recognition.

Since 1997, he has served, with distinction, as the Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Fathers and Families (CFF), a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families and building communities in Sacramento. Under Rick’s leadership, CFF has become a true family resource center.

In addition to serving the needs of the community as CEO of CFF, Mr. Jennings was elected to Sacramento City Unified School Board of Directors in 1996. He was re-elected to two more terms serving 12 years representing the youth and parents of the Sacramento region.

In the 2014 June Primary, Rick was selected to the Sacramento City Council to represent District Seven. He represents the communities of Greenhaven, Pocket, the Detroit Boulevard area, Delta Shores as well as a large portion of the Valley Hi community.

Councilmember Jennings was appointed to serve on Multi-Jurisdictional Joint Powers Authority (JPA) boards on behalf of the City of Sacramento including Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), Sacramento Public Library Authority (SPLA), Sacramento Regional Transit, Sacramento Transportation Authority, Regional Water Authority, Sacramento Groundwater Authority, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) and Sacramento Area Sewer District Board (SASD).

He also represents the City's interests on their Standing Committees: Law & Legislation Committee, Budget and Audit Committee, Water Resources Ad-Hoc, and the Public Safety Ad Hoc. In addition, he has served on the Board of Directors of the following community organizations; Sacramento Sports Commission; Los Rio Advisory Foundation; 1<sup>st</sup> Tee; West Ed; Wells Fargo Advisory Board; Oak Park PAC; Church Co-Op Credit Union; SABGC.

### **Larry Carr**

Mr. Carr was first elected to the SMUD Board of Directors in November 1998 to represent Ward 6. Ward 6 comprises Meadowview, Oak Park, Parkway, Airport and Valley Hi. Mr. Carr served as President of the Board in 2000, 2001 and 2008.

Mr. Carr is the executive director of the Florin Road Partnership, a south Sacramento Property-Based Business Improvement District (PBID). The PBID administers funds collected through the district, which is charged with enhancing the image and vitality of the Florin Road corridor. He is Past President of the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, past member of both the Environmental Council of Sacramento Board of Directors and the UCLA Alumni Association.

Prior to assuming leadership of the Florin Road Partnership, Carr taught at Sacramento High School. He started the Army JROTC program and headed the AVID/MESA Academy at the school. Carr retired as a lieutenant colonel after 23 years in the U.S. Army; he was a recipient of the Legion of Merit.

Carr lives in the Parkway community in Sacramento and has served as president of the Parkway Neighborhood Association. He is also a past president of the South County Neighborhood Accountability Board (a youth first-offender diversion program), has served as steering committee chair of the EnterFund Micro Enterprise Loan Program, as an executive committee member of 100 Black Men of Sacramento mentoring program, as a board member of the Sacramento Commerce and Trade Organization, and as a member of the Special District Advisory Committee of the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission.

He earned a bachelor's degree in political science at Norfolk State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of California, Los Angeles.

### **Jim Peifer**

Jim Peifer currently manages the Government Affairs section of the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities. Jim has 22 years of combined consulting and public sector experience in water management. Previous work includes preparing numerous urban water management plans, water supply plans, conservation plans and development of water supply development and water use efficiency programs. Jim has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Davis and is a registered professional engineer.

### **Dennis Rogers**

Dennis Rogers is currently district director for Sacramento City Council District 7. Prior to that, he was Vice President of Public Policy for the Sacramento Metro Chamber and Senior Vice President of Governmental and Public Affairs for the North State Building Industry Association.

### **Noelle Mattock**

Noelle Mattock currently serves as a Program Specialist for the Government Affairs section of the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities. Noelle has 15 years of combined consulting and public sector experience in water policy and regulatory development and analysis. Noelle has a Master's of Public Policy and Administration degree from Sacramento State University.

### **California American Water**

#### **S. Audie Foster**

Ms. Foster offers more than 15 years of experience in the water utility industry to the board. His proven experience in working successfully with the business, city officials and community organizations makes him the ideal person to represent California American Water on the board of SGA. Mr. Foster earned a bachelor's degree in organizational management from Ashford University and an Associates of Applied Science in water and wastewater technologies from Kirkwood Community College. In Illinois, he holds a Grade A Water Operations Certification. In Iowa, he holds a Grade 2 Wastewater Operators Certification and a Grade 4 Water Operations Certification.

#### **Deana Donohue**

Deana Donohue is an experienced civil engineer specializing in the planning and design of potable water, recycled water, and wastewater infrastructure facilities. She has served as the project manager and engineer on several major pipeline design projects,

water master-planning projects, and recycled water master planning projects. Hydraulic analysis is one of Ms. Donahue's areas of expertise. Ms. Donahue is a Past President of the American Public Works Association, Sacramento Chapter and continues to be actively involved in that Chapter. In addition, she is also the co-author of "Modeling: Coming Theory and Engineering Judgement to Achieve a Reasonable Result" that was created for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's Interceptor Master Plan 2000 modeling efforts.

## **Del Paso Manor Water District**

### **Richard Allen**

Mr. Richard Allen was elected to the Del Paso Manor Water District Board of Directors in 2000. Mr. Allen was born and raised in Sacramento and has been a resident of Del Paso Manor since 1986. He retired from Department of Water Resources in 2010 where he held the position of Water Resource Technician, ending a 32 year career with the State of California. He is currently on the Del Paso Manor Water District as representative on the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board and is seeking re-appointment.

### **Robert J. Matteoli**

Mr. Matteoli, Director, Del Paso Manor Water District, is a Professional Civil Engineer, State of California. Mr. Matteoli attended the University of California, Davis: Chemical Engineering B.S., June 1971, Chemical Engineering M.S., September 1973.

Mr. Matteoli retired from state service in October 2004. His work experience includes forming and supervising the Regional Board's Sacramento Office's Confined Animal Regulatory Unit and major duties applied to the Interagency Dairy Enforcement Task Force. He served as Senior Engineer for the Southern Region of the Sacramento Office for area engineering tasks and was assigned to enforce pollution laws against the Sacramento and San Joaquin dairy industry. He was involved in developing a groundwater monitoring program for toxic substances, and drafting a surface and groundwater sampling manual for toxic substances while learning flood fighting techniques and Incident Command. While working for the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Sacramento Office he was promoted to Senior Water Resources Control Engineer in charge of the Toxics Unit. His primary projects included the State well drilling program periphery to Aerojet General Corporation (AGC), the groundwater well monitoring rig, and the off-site source identification. He developed the work plan and implemented the State's initial off-site groundwater investigation at McClellan AFB. He has worked preparing, reviewing, issuing, revising, and rescission of state waste discharge requirements, complaint inspections, preparation of Cleanup and Abatement Orders and Cease and Desist

Orders, Clean Water Grant administration, and timber harvest inspections. In his position as Project Evaluator his job tasks consisted of Plan of Study approval, project report review, liaison and coordination, and revenue program review.

### **Golden State Water Company**

#### **Paul Schubert**

Paul Schubert, a California native, has resided in Sacramento County since 1990 and worked for Golden State Water Company since 1989 in various roles. In 2002 he became the Northern District Manager with responsibility for the operations of three Customer Service Areas located in northern California: Arden Cordova, Bay Point, and Clearlake. Subsequently, Paul became involved in the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA), Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) and the Regional Water Authority (RWA). He served as Chair of the SGA in 2009, the Chair of the SCGA in 2012 and spent several years on the RWA Executive Committee.

#### **Travis Anderson**

Travis Anderson was born and raised in California where he attended Woodland High School. He joined the Marine Corps in 1980 and returned to California in 1989. He began working for Golden State Water Company in 1993 where he currently serves in the capacity of Water Supply Superintendent and Chief Treatment Plant Operator for the Arden Cordova Customer Service Area in that company.

### **Natomas Central Mutual Company**

#### **Matt Lauppe**

Matt Lauppe was elected to the Natomas Board in 2008, Matt is third generation rice farmer, and is following in his fathers and grandfathers footsteps farming rice and serving on the Natomas Board.

#### **Brett Gray**

Mr. Brett Gray was hired as the Assistant General Manager of the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company in 2010.

Mr. Gray previously worked for Madera Irrigation District as the Chief of Operations and Maintenance. Mr. Gray holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor's of Science in Agricultural Engineering from California Polytechnic State University.

## **Sacramento Suburban Water District**

### **Neil W. Schild**

Mr. Schild was elected as a Board Member for Division 2 of the Sacramento Suburban Water District in 2004, 2008 and 2012. Neil is a Professional Engineer currently employed part-time with MWH, Americas. He is currently managing projects that involve environmental restoration related to the diversion of water from streams throughout CA.

Director Schild is currently the district alternate representative on the Regional Water Authority, ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority, Workers' Compensation Program Committee and ACWA Federal Affairs Committee. He continues to serve on the Finance and Audit Committee for SSWD. Director Schild has served in previous years as the President of the SSWD Board of Directors.

Mr. Schild worked for the US Bureau of Reclamation in Denver and Sacramento. He retired from the Bureau in 1993 after 34 years of service. Mr. Schild worked primarily in the water and power operations and maintenance fields during that tenure. He retired as the Deputy Regional Director for the Mid-Pacific Region of the Bureau.

He holds a BS degree in Agricultural Engineering from Kansas State University. Neil and his wife Arlis moved to Sacramento in 1972 raised four children and have lived in the District since that time.

### **Kevin Thomas**

Mr. Thomas was elected in November 2010 to the Sacramento Suburban Water District Board of Directors. He represents Division 4, which includes Arden Arcade, Carmichael, and Foothill Farms.

Kevin was born and raised in Sacramento, attended El Camino High School and is currently enrolled at CSU Sacramento where he is a senior studying computer science. He works for The People's Advocate, one of the state's largest grass roots taxpayer's organizations, where he engages in all levels of government from neighborhood organizations to federal legislation. Kevin's experience at The People's Advocate ignited a passion for serving his community and making it a better place to live. In his spare time he enjoys reading and yoga.

### **Bob Wichert**

Mr. Wichert graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and worked for over eighteen years at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District as a mechanical engineer.

While at SMUD Mr. Wichert worked on hydroelectric power projects and was personally responsible for establishment of the SMUD Greenergy © renewable power program. He has lived in Division 3 for almost fifteen years. Up until October of 2014 he ran his own

business, Robert P Wichert Professional Engineering, Inc. He now works for RagingWire Data Centers as a Senior Mechanical Engineer.

### **Self-Supplied Industry**

#### **Rink Sanford**

Mr. Sanford has been in the Sacramento region and General Manager at North Ridge Country Club for 16 years. Mr. Sanford has an undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University and an AOS degree in Culinary Arts from California Culinary Academy.

Mr. Sanford is very passionate about issues that have an impact on our industry and our environment and would appreciate your consideration in this appointment to the SGA Board of Directors.

## RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### A RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SGA)

#### BACKGROUND

- A. On August 11, 1998, the City Council approved a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that created the Sacramento North Area Groundwater Management Authority subsequently renamed the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA).
- B. The JPA requires that the City Council appoint representatives to the Authority Board of Directors from the City of Sacramento, California American Water, Del Paso Manor Water District, Golden State Water Company, Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, Sacramento Suburban Water District, and self-supplied users.

#### BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby appoints the following representatives and alternate representatives to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors:

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