



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent
February 6, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Appointment: Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA)

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** appointing Neil W. Schild as the representative and Steve Hanson as the alternate from Sacramento Suburban Water District, Richard Allen as the representative and John Downing as the alternate from Del Paso Manor Water District, and Tom Glover from California American Water Company to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority. Neil W. Schild and Steve Hanson serve on the Sacramento Suburban Water District Board, Richard Allen and John Downing serve on the Del Paso Manor Water District Board, and Tom Glover serves on the California American Water Company Board.

Contact: Gary A. Reents, Utilities Director, 808-1433

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Utilities

Division: Administration

Organization No: 3311

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City Council previously appointed Byron Buck as the representative for Sacramento Suburban Water District and Frank Allio for Del Paso Manor Water District. Mr. Buck was not re-elected to the Sacramento Suburban Water District board, and Mr. Allio retired from the Del Paso Manor Water District board. The California American Water Company position for SGA representative is vacant.

Policy Considerations: The proposed action is consistent with the Joint Powers Authority approved by City Council.

Rationale for Recommendation: The JPA that created the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (authority) designates the City Council as the appointing authority for SGA Board members representing specified adjacent water districts, districts, water companies, and self-supplied pumpers. This includes the representatives for Sacramento Suburban Water District, Del Paso Manor Water District and The California American Water Company.

Financial Considerations: The proposed action will have no financial impact to the City.

Environmental Considerations: The appointment of these SGA Board members is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No goods or services are being purchased.

Approved by: 
Gary A. Reents, Utilities Director

Recommendation Approved:

Don 
Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background**

- On August 11, 1998, the City Council approved a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which created the Sacramento North Area Groundwater Management Authority subsequently renamed the SGA.
- Signatories to the JPA are the City, the County of Sacramento, and the Cities of Citrus Heights and Folsom.
- The JPA delegates to the Authority the powers to manage the groundwater basin consistent with the Water Forum Agreement and establishes the membership of the Authority to include:
 - A member of the Board or designee for each private purveyor
 - One representative of agricultural interests in the North Area
 - One member of self-supplied groundwater users in the North Area
- The JPA requires that the City Council appoint representatives from the City, Arden Cordova Water Company, California American Water, Del Paso Manor Water District, the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, the Sacramento Suburban Water District, and self-supplies users.
- The City Council previously appointed Byron Buck as the SGA representative and Neil Schild as the alternate for Sacramento Suburban Water District to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority. Mr. Buck was not re-elected to their board. The City Council previously appointed John Downing as the SGA representative and Frank Allio as their alternate for Del Paso Manor Water District. Mr. Allio has retired from their board. The California American Water Company position for SGA representative is vacant.
- Sacramento Suburban Water District has requested the appointment of Neil W. Schild as their SGA representative and Steve Hanson as an alternate, Del Paso Manor Water District has requested the appointment of Richard Allen as their SGA representative and John Downing as an alternate, and the California American Water Company has requested the appointment of Tom Glover as their SGA representative. Brief biographies of these individuals are attached as Attachment 2.

Biographies:

Neil W. Schild

Mr. Neil Schild has served on the Operations and Maintenance Committee, Alternate Director for Sacramento Groundwater Authority and alternate for the Regional Water Forum representing SSWD for the past two years.

Mr. Schild was elected to the Sacramento Suburban Water District in 2004. Mr. Schild is a Professional Engineer currently employed by MWH, Americas. Mr. Schild worked for the US Bureau of Reclamation in Denver and Sacramento.

Mr. Schild holds a BS degree in Agricultural Engineering from Kansas State University.

Stephen R. Hanson

Mr. Steve Hanson was elected to the Arcade Water District Board in 2000 and served through the 2002 consolidation with Northridge Water District to become a Sacramento Suburban Water District Board member until December 2002. He was also elected to the Arcade and American River Fire Districts, serving from 1992 through 2000.

Richard Allen

Mr. Richard Allen was elected to the Del Paso Manor Water District Board of Directors in November 2000. For the past two years, he has served as the Board President. For approximately fifteen years, Rich has been a Water Resource Technician with the California Department of Water Resources. Prior to his current position, he worked for the Department of Conservation serving California for nearly 29 years.

John Downing

Mr. John Downing was appointed to the Del Paso Manor Water District Board of Directors in May 2000. He is a retired business owner. He has served as the District representative for the Sacramento Groundwater Authority since 2003.

Tom Glover

Mr. Tom Glover is General Manager for the Northern Division (Sacramento office) of California American Water Company (Cal Am). He serves as the Cal Am representative to the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority.

Mr. Glover holds a BS degree in Civil Engineering. He is a registered Professional Engineer in California.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SACRAMENTO
SUBURBAN WATER DISTRICT, THE DEL PASO MANOR WATER DISTRICT, AND
THE CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO THE SACRAMENTO
GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SGA)**

BACKGROUND

- A. On August 11, 1998, the City Council approved a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which created the Sacramento North Area Groundwater Management Authority, now known as the SGA.
- B. The JPA requires that the City Council appoint representatives from the City, Arden Cordova Water Company, California-American Water Company, Del Paso Manor Water district, the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, the 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 Neil W. Schild as the SGA representative and Stephen R. Hanson as the alternate from Sacramento Suburban Water District, Richard Allen as the SGA representative and John Downing as the alternate from Del Paso Manor Water District, and Tom Glover as the SGA representative from California American Water Company to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority.