



City of Sacramento City Council

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Meeting Date: 2/26/2013

Report Type: Consent

Title: Appointments: Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA)

Report ID: 2013-00166

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution appointing the following Sacramento Suburban Water District representatives to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors: Tom Fellenz and Todd Robison (alternate).

Contact: Dave Brent, Director, (916) 808-1420; Jim Peifer, Supervising Engineer, (916) 808-1416 - Department of Utilities

Presenter: None

Department: Department Of Utilities

Division: Department Administration

Dept ID: 14001011

Attachments:

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City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
Joe Robinson
2/19/2013 9:10:09 AM

City Treasurer Review

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
Russell Fehr
2/8/2013 10:21:40 AM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Dave Brent - 2/14/2013 2:55:29 PM

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City Council appoints specified representatives to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors. Vacancies in these positions require that new appointments be made. The directors will be appointed until the end of the current term, which expires on August 11, 2016.

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

Economic Impacts: None

Environmental Considerations: The Community Development Department, Environmental Planning Services has reviewed the project and has determined that the project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

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 adjacent water districts, water companies, and self-supplied pumpers.

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

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

Background

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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 (Authority).

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, 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 Company, Del Paso Manor Water District, Golden State Water Company (as successor to the Arden Cordova 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.

This report recommends appointment of the following representatives recommended by their respective entities:

Organization	Representative/Alternate
Sacramento Suburban Water District	Tom Fellenz Todd Robison (alternate)

Biographical Information:

Tom Fellenz

Thomas Fellenz was elected to the Sacramento Suburban Water District in 2006. He is Chief Counsel for the California High Speed Rail Authority and has practiced law for 21 years and civil engineering for 11 years.

Mr. Fellenz earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from UC Davis and a law degree from McGeorge School of Law. He has lived in the District for 22 years and currently resides in Sacramento with his wife and two children.

Todd L. Robison

Mr. Todd Robison was elected to the Sacramento Suburban Water District in 2010 to represent Division 3 and is currently serving as Vice-President of the board.

Todd grew up in the Sacramento area, graduated from River City Senior High School in West Sacramento and attended a local community college. He has worked primarily in retail management, holding positions as trainer, assistant manager, store manager, and district manager. In 2009, he opened a coffee drive-thru in Sacramento, which he operates with his family.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

February 26, 2013

APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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 (Authority).
- B. The JPA requires that the City Council appoint representatives to the Authority Board of Directors from the City, California American Water, Del Paso Manor Water District, Golden State Water Company (as successor to the Arden Cordova 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 to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors:

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