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City of SACRAMENTO

City Council Report

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Title: Appointments: Sacramento Groundwater Authority

Location: Citywide

Issue: The City Council appoints specified representatives to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors. Vacancies in these positions require new appointments to be made.

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution appointing the following California American Water representatives to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) Board of Directors: S. Audie Foster and Grady Stevens (alternate).

Contact: Dave Brent, Director, (916) 808-1400; Jim Peifer, Supervising Engineer, (916) 808-1416, Department of Utilities

Presenter: None

Department: Department Of Utilities

Division: Government Affairs - Utilities

Dept ID: 14001071

Attachments:

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3-Resolution

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
Joe Robinson
12/19/2013 9:53:40 AM

City Treasurer Review

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
Russell Fehr
12/11/2013 11:18:34 AM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Dave Brent - 12/16/2013 9:16:49 AM

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The City Council appoints specified representatives to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors. Vacancies in these positions require new appointments to 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:

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.

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.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): No goods or services are being purchased.

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 (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, 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 the California American Water:

Organization	Representative/Alternate
California American Water	S. Audie Foster / Grady Stevens

Biographical information:

S. Audit Foster

Mr. 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.

Grady Stevens

Mr. Stevens is currently the Operations Manager for the Northern Division of California American Water. He has been employed with American Water for nearly 30 years and has a strong background in water system operations including production, storage, distribution and customer service. Mr. Stevens holds both T3 and D3 operator certificates as issued by the California Department of Public Health. Grady currently is the California American Alternate Representative to the Regional Water Authority and a past member of the Sacramento Area Water Works Association.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

January 7, 2014

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT 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 (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, 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:

Organization	Representative/Alternate
California American Water	S. Audie Foster / Grady Stevens