



PETALUMA VALLEY
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Board Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019

Consent Calendar: Item 2A

- Minutes, June 27, 2019

Consent Calendar: Item 2B

Year-to-date (FY 2019-2020) financial report:

- Total income: \$24,501
- Total expenses: \$4,411
- Final Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget numbers will be available at October Board meeting.

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Member Agency Contributions

- Invoices for first of three payments were sent in July
- All payments received
- In-kind contributions will be received quarterly

Agenda Item 4: Advisory Committee Report

- Advisory Committee hasn't met since last Board meeting
- Next meeting is September 11
- Agenda includes:
 - Basin Setting section for the GSP, including Current and Historical Groundwater Conditions and initial Water Budget discussion
 - Sustainable Management Criteria – initial discussion

Agenda Item 5A: Agricultural Water Conservation

Agenda Item 5B: Facilitation Services

- Current facilitation contract with Consensus and Collaboration Program, CSU Sacramento through June 30, 2020
- Facilitator, Rich Wilson, no longer has the time to serve Petaluma Valley and Santa Rosa Plain GSAs
- If can't find a CCP facilitator who is the right 'fit', Petaluma Valley and Santa Rosa Plain administrators propose to issue a Request for Proposals
- If the RFP is issued, and a different facilitation service is identified, staff would bring an item to the Board at its October meeting

Agenda Item 6A: Recycled Water Grant

- The City of Petaluma was selected to receive a \$3.6 million grant for treatment plant expansion
- Grant will allow City to increase amount of recycled water to be distributed
- Increased use of recycled water could reduce groundwater pumped
- GSA support is a condition of the grant



Staff Recommendation

Support the City's project to expand the tertiary treatment capacity of its wastewater treatment plant.



Agenda Item 6B: Recharge Project Grant

- The Sonoma and Gold Ridge Resource Conservation Districts have applied for a grant to evaluate approaches to increase groundwater recharge on agricultural lands
- The RCDs requested GSA support and a 'match' against the GSA's Proposition 1 DWR grant funds
- Administrator has authority to for match of up to \$10,000
- Board action is needed to provide support

Staff Recommendation

Support the RCD's request to:

1. Support recharge grant
2. Provide \$10,000 match

Agenda Item 6C: Groundwater User Registration Program

Petaluma Valley GSA rate and fee study recommended that GSA adopt a groundwater user registration program to:

1. Enhance information about water use, well locations and potential water problems
2. Clarify which property owners use groundwater

Agenda Item 6C: Groundwater User Registration Program

The Santa Rosa Plain GSA has adopted a Groundwater User Registration Fee and a Groundwater User Registration Program, which includes the following features:

1. The initial registration program will be free
2. People are presumed to be groundwater users if they aren't connected to urban wells or are part of a mutual water system or water supply district
3. Presumed users will be notified by mail, and asked to provide additional, voluntary information

Agenda Item 6C: Groundwater User Registration Program

- Santa Rosa Plain GSA is developing the registration program, form and database.
- In anticipation that Petaluma Valley GSA will eventually adopt a groundwater user registration program, it would be helpful for the GSA to participate in development process.
- FY 2019-20 Budget included up to \$30,000 for registration program.
- Staff proposes that up to \$5,000 (of the \$30,000) for initial scoping and initial development, in cooperation with Santa Rosa Plain and Sonoma Valley GSAs.

Staff Recommendation

Authorize the Administrator to spend up to \$5,000 in staff time and/or consulting services, if needed, for the initial scoping and development of a groundwater user registration program.