



**UKIAH VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
Special Meeting**

**Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Chamber
501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA 95482**

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86074412428>

**Ukiah, CA 95482
August 28, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVBGSA/GSA) met at a Special Meeting on August 28, 2025, having been legally noticed on August 25, 2025. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86074412428>. Chair Cline called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Roll was taken with the following **Directors Present:** John Bailey, Russian River Flood Control (RRFC) District; Douglas F. Crane, City of Ukiah; and Madeline Cline, County of Mendocino. **Directors Absent:** Adam Gaska, Ag Representative and Eddie Nevarez, Tribal Representative (*Note: Theresa McNerlin no longer serves on the UVBGSA due to the Upper Russian River Water Agency Representative (URRWA) having been disbanded*). **Staff Present:** Blake Adams, GSA General Manager and Kristine Lawler, Ukiah City Clerk. **Also Present:** Jonathan Weldon, GSA Legal Counsel - Kronick Moskowitz Tiedmann & Girard (KMTG).

CHAIR CLINE PRESIDING.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Bailey.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Presenter: Chair Cline.

Motion/Second: Bailey/Crane to approve the agenda. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Bailey, Crane, and Cline. NOES: None. ABSENT: Gaska and Nevarez. ABSTAN: None.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were received.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

a. Facilitation Support Services Ad Hoc Committee Report.

Presenter: Blake Adams, UVBGSA General Manager.

Ad Hoc Committee Member Comment: Javier Silva, Sherwood Band of Pomo Indians.

No public comment was received.

Motion by Bailey, Seconded by Crane to establish an advisory committee for the Facilitation Support Services (FSS) comprised of the membership of the ad hoc.

The maker of the motion and the second agreed to amend the motion to add a provision that this standing committee, per bylaws, would go for the duration of the contract between the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Stantec. The full motion reads as follows

Motion/Second: Bailey/Crane to establish an advisory committee for the Facilitation Support Services (FSS) comprised of the membership of the ad hoc to last for the duration of the contract between the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Stantec. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Bailey, Crane, and Cline. NOES: None. ABSENT: Gaska and Nevarez. ABSTAN: None.

b. Discuss Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Agreement & Bylaws Update.

Presenter: Blake Adams, UVBGSA General Manager.

Public Comment: Javier Silva, Sherwood Band of Pomo Indians.

Director Consensus to direct Staff to prioritize the following objectives:

- Revisit Bylaws:
 - Membership seats.
 - Flexibility and frequency of meetings.
- Schedule Member and Officer Assignments
- Update Conflict of Interest Code
- Facilitate and establish new tribal representative(s)
- Schedule special meetings for Board direction on the conclusion of the Inter-connected Groundwater Study (aka: Upper Russian River Groundwater Dependent Eco-system and Interconnected Surface Water Study) and other unfinished business.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of the Minutes for the June 12, 2025, Regular Meeting.

General Manager Adams addressed questions regarding action taken on 5b of the June 12th minutes (also addressed under item 6a).

Motion/Second: Bailey/Crane to approve the Consent Calendar item 5a with the modification that the Clerk attest to the minutes and not a Secretary that hasn't been officially appointed. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Bailey, Crane, and Cline. NOES: None. ABSENT: Gaska and Nevarez. ABSTAN: None.

6. STAFF AND PARTNER UPDATES

a. Updates from General Manager.

Presenter: Blake Adams, UVBGSA General Manager.

Note: The General Manager stated that a resolution was received from the Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District (MCRRFC & WCID) reassigning John Bailey as the primary Representative to the GSA, and Chris Watt as the Representative to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Board Directives for the General Manager to bring back an update regarding concerns of last year's budget overages; and to add a balance sheet comparison from fiscal year to fiscal year as a standard practice.

No public comment was received.

Updates were received.

b. Updates from GSA Legal Counsel.

Presenter: Jonathan Weldon, GSA Legal Counsel - Kronick Moskovitz Tiedmann & Girard (KMTG).

No public comment was received.

Updates were received.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SET NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Discussion and Consideration of Future Agenda Items and Scheduling of Next Meeting Date with Meeting to be Held at the County of Mendocino, Board of Supervisors Chamber, 501 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah, CA 95482, at 1:00 p.m.

Presenter: Chair Cline

No public comment was received.

Director Consensus to have general manager poll members to schedule a better date.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.



Madeline Cline, Chair

ATTEST:



Kristine Lawler, Clerk

