

Mission

To serve and represent regional water supply interests and assist Regional Water Authority members with protecting and enhancing the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources.

Member Agencies

- California American Water
 - Carmichael Water District
 - Citrus Heights Water District
 - Del Paso Manor Water District
 - El Dorado Irrigation District
 - Fair Oaks Water District
 - Folsom, City of
 - Fruitridge Vista Water Company
 - Golden State Water Company
 - Lincoln, City of
 - Orange Vale Water Company
 - Placer County Water Agency
 - Rancho Murieta CSD
 - Roseville, City of
 - Rio Linda/Elverta CWD
 - Sacramento, City of
 - Sacramento Suburban Water District
 - San Juan Water District
 - West Sacramento, City of
- ## RWA Associates
- El Dorado County Water Agency
 - Sacramento Municipal Utility District
 - Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

SGA Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) is marking its 10th anniversary this year.

Formed in 1998 as the Sacramento North Area Groundwater Management Authority, SGA is a joint powers authority created by the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom and Sacramento plus Sacramento County to collectively manage the groundwater basin.

Since its inception, SGA has carried out a number of key initiatives and adopted a Groundwater Management Plan that provides a critical framework for managing and sustaining local groundwater resources. SGA has built relationships with state and local governments, elected officials and organizations such as the Sacramento Water Forum. It also has highlighted the need to protect groundwater from contamination and facilitated improved relationships among groundwater users, regulatory agencies, and the parties responsible for contaminant plumes.

With a solid plan in place and steady progress on important projects, SGA continues to move ahead with implementing a Water Accounting Framework to guide development of a regional conjunctive use program and has



begun an update of the 2003 Groundwater Management Plan. SGA also is producing a 2008 update of the biennial Basin Management Report and continues to facilitate the Regional Contamination Issues Committee.

“SGA has logged a number of successes in the past decade, and there are many more to come,” SGA Chair Pam Tobin said.



Woodling Takes Helm at RWA/SGA

John K. Woodling became executive director of both the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) on June 30.

An experienced water professional with a long record of working with water agencies and other stakeholders, Woodling previously served as the state’s point person on integrated regional water planning. In his capacity as acting chief of the California Department of Water Resources’ Division of Planning and Local Assistance, he provided technical support for the American River Basin Conjunctive Use Program, facilitated partnerships with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and supported negotiations to develop a regulatory framework for the City of Roseville’s Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project.

“John brings a wealth of expertise and a solid track record of developing partnerships that get results,” RWA Chair Joe Dion said. “His experience with integrated regional planning, groundwater and conjunctive use makes him an excellent choice to guide our efforts to better coordinate water supply planning in our region and address the future reliability of water supplies while protecting the environment.”

SGA Chair Pam Tobin said Woodling’s on-the-ground experience with groundwater issues and strong background in collaborative processes will be a tremendous asset to the region. “We are fortunate to find an individual who combines solid technical knowledge of our region with effective working relationships with key water managers in our area,” Tobin said.

Woodling, whose resume includes 23 years of experience in the field of groundwater and water resources, said he welcomes the opportunity to promote regional solutions and partnerships.

“I am honored to serve as executive director of RWA and SGA. I look forward to helping the organizations build on their history of success as we face a number of water resources challenges and opportunities in the future,” Woodling said.

Region Receives Homeland Security Grant

RWA has received a \$170,000 grant to study water system security needs in Sacramento County.

The grant from the Office of Homeland Security will fully fund a confidential study to identify the current level of security measures at municipal water facilities, prioritize security needs at water facilities and identify assistance

available from neighboring water agencies in the event of a catastrophic event affecting a public water system.

The study, which is being coordinated with the Sacramento Area Water Works Association, will begin in November and is expected to conclude in late 2009.



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SGA Wins Grant to Study Threats to Groundwater

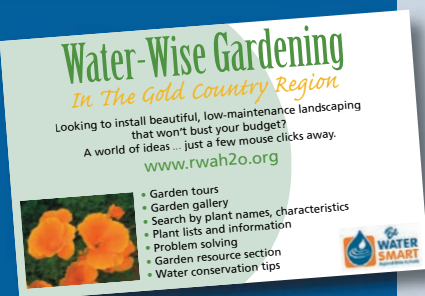
SGA has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Department of Water Resources' 2008 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program (AB 303) for a study assessing water quality risks to long-term groundwater sustainability in northern Sacramento County.

The assessment, which will be completed as part of SGA's Groundwater Management Program, will provide a valuable tool for local agencies to use in developing plans and strategies to mitigate threats to groundwater quality and sustainability.

SGA previously received AB 303 grants for development of a groundwater data management system (\$200,000), for development of the SGA regional monitoring well network (\$250,000), and for a comprehensive update of the Integrated Groundwater and Surface Water Model for the SGA area (\$250,000).

Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendar for the RWA/SGA annual awards banquet and Holiday Social, December 10, 2008, at the Rancho Cordova Marriott.



Funding Secured for Drought Response Programs

RWA is poised to receive a \$2 million Urban Drought Assistance Grant from Proposition 50 to help implement a variety of water-saving measures, including accelerated installation of water meters, rebates for water-saving toilets and washing machines, and public outreach efforts.

RWA is among 53 applicants awarded grants under the program. The Department of Water Resources is expediting funding for water conservation programs throughout the state

in response to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's June 4 executive order declaring a drought and calling for immediate action.

RWA submitted its application in coordination with 16 participating water suppliers in the region. Total project costs are estimated to be \$27.8 million.

DWR received nearly 300 applications requesting more than \$72 million in grant funding. Initial funding recommendations for the program were announced Aug. 20.

Dollars Flowing to Regional Water Supply Reliability Projects

Grant dollars that will help enhance water supply reliability while protecting the American River have begun to reach local water suppliers as part of a joint program by RWA and the Freeport Regional Water Authority.

The American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, adopted in 2006, was awarded a \$25 million grant from Proposition 50 of 2002. The plan identifies nearly 200 projects aimed at increasing water supply reliability,

improving water quality, and protecting the lower American River and lower Cosumnes River watersheds.

Among the first projects to receive funding is the City of Roseville's Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) program. RWA received a \$5.7 million check from the Department of Water Resources on behalf of the city to help implement the program, which allows the city to inject treated water from the American River into its groundwater basin for use in dry years or environmentally sensitive times.

Garden Makeover Winner Announced; Event Planned for Sept. 29

Gregory and Sharon Fong of Carmichael have won a \$40,000 front yard makeover in the second Ultimate "Water Smart" Garden Makeover Contest sponsored by the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and local water providers. The couple's home on Hillgrove Way in Carmichael is receiving a front yard makeover featuring a custom water-smart landscape designed by Cheryl Buckwalter of Landscape Liaisons as well as equipment and services donated by RWA's partners.

A celebratory event is planned for Sept. 29 to unveil the completed makeover.

Helga Friesen of Sacramento won the drawing for a professionally designed, custom water-wise landscape plan by Joseph Pattin of Garden Retreats. Norma Udell of Folsom won the drawing for two trees in 24-inch boxes donated by Capital Nursery. The trees will be chosen for the winner's location using the "River-Friendly

Landscaping Guidelines" published by the Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership.

The contest, launched in March, was aimed at helping local homeowners learn how to save water and money by incorporating low-water use plants, trees and other water-smart concepts into their landscaping.

Key contest sponsors include Landscape Liaisons, English Garden Care, Rhodes Landscape Design Build, Pacific Grass & Turf, Bedrock Pave Stones, Village Nursery, Atlas Disposal, Pavestone, Hunter Irrigation, Unique Lighting and Michelle McKnight Photography. The Water Forum also provided a grant in support of the project.

Homeowners entered the contest by completing an entry form that also signed them up for a free Water Wise House Call. To be eligible for the grand prize, entrants had to complete the house call. The contest has been a success, with close to 550 entries from throughout the region.