

# City of Sacramento

## Legislation Text

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**Title:**

**Appointments: Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors**

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**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:**

Pass a Motion appointing the following alternate representative to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors: Christina Baril, California American Water.

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**Presenter:** None

**Attachments:**

1-Description/Analysis

### Description/Analysis

**Issue Detail:** The City Council appoints specified representatives to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) Board of Directors in accordance with the SGA Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). Staff recommends Council appointment of an alternate representative to the SGA Board from California American Water (CAW).

**Policy Considerations:** The proposed action is consistent with the SGA JPA approved by the City Council, which requires that City Council appoint board representatives from various JPA members including CAW.

**Economic Impacts:** None

**Environmental Considerations:** The Community Development Department, Environmental

Planning Services has reviewed the proposed activity and has determined that the action of filling vacant positions is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15378(b)(2) and (5). Filling the vacancies to the SGA Board of Directors is a continuing administrative activity and is an organizational activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment and is not subject to CEQA (CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3)).

**Sustainability:** Not Applicable

**Commission/Committee Action:** Not Applicable

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The JPA that created the SGA requires the City Council to appoint specified representatives to the SGA Board of Directors, from adjacent water districts, water companies, and self-supplied pumpers. The representative that Council is being asked to appoint has been recommended by CAW.

**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 JPA that created the Sacramento North Area Groundwater Management Authority, subsequently renamed the SGA.

The boundaries of the SGA 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 SGA 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 SGA 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 through the region.

Signatories to the JPA are the City of Sacramento, the County of Sacramento, and the cities of Citrus Heights and Folsom. The JPA requires the City of Sacramento (City), the County of Sacramento, and the cities of Citrus Heights and Folsom to appoint specified representatives to the SGA Board of Directors.

The JPA requires that the City Council appoint the Board of Director representatives from the City, CAW, Del Paso Manor Water District, Golden State Water Company, Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, 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. The appointment will be up for renewal on August 11, 2023. Staff recommends appointment of the following representative recommended by the CAW:

Organization	Representative/Alternate
CAW	Christina Baril, Alternate

Christina Baril will serve as the alternate to S. Audie Foster, who is the current SGA representative for CAW.

### **Biographical Information:**

#### **Christina Baril**

Christina Baril began her career with CAW in 2014, with her initial role being in Water Quality and Environmental Compliance, and later transitioning to Operations Manager in November 2017.

During her 5 years with CAW, Christina has skillfully led several projects within the Northern District ranging in scope from hazardous material and waste management, environmental compliance education, as well as large-scale meter replacement efforts throughout several districts. Christina also played a large role in the emergency response and rebuild projects for CAW's Larkfield system that was impacted by the Tubbs fire in 2017. Christina continually strives to identify operational efficiencies to meet the challenges of water quality and environmental regulations, while ensuring customer satisfaction.

Christina obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of California Santa Cruz in the field of Marine Biology. Christina holds Treatment 2 and Distribution 2 water treatment licenses in the State of California. She is also a Certified Inspector of Sediment and Erosion Control, Qualified Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Practitioner, and a member of California Nevada American Water Works Association (CA-NV AWWA), as well as Sacramento Area Water Works Association (SAWWA).