



# City Council

## Staff Report

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** John Jansons, City Manager *[Signature]*

**DATE:** August 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Representative of Cities on the Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is respectfully recommended that the City Council discuss a request from the City of Exeter to support Exeter Mayor Pro Tem Dale Sally's potential nomination to be the representative of area cities on the Board of the Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and if warranted, provide direction to staff.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City Manager of the City of Exeter has contacted the cities who are participating in the formation of Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency, to advocate for Mr. Sally to become a Board Member of the Agency representing the interests of municipalities as water purveyors on the new Agency's new Board of Directors.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Randy Groom, City Manager of Exeter advocates for Mr. Sally to be the named to the Board seat reserved for municipalities due to Mr. Sally's interest in water issues, his professional background and his track record of thoughtful and responsible representation on various boards and committees over the years (see Attachment 1).

Likewise, Mayor Pro Tem Boyer has been an active participant, along with the Farmersville City Manager in all planning and coordination meetings in support of formation of a Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency and a Joint Power Authority tasked with implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

The same attributes identified by Mr. Groom regarding Mr. Sally can be said of Mr. Boyer as well. With this said, the request to support Mr. Sally or someone else, deserves consideration of the City Council as a whole due to the importance of GSA implementation to the City of Farmersville as an sub-urban water supplier.

The request to support Mr. Sally's nomination appears to be receiving support of city staff in the City of Woodlake as of this writing (Attachment 2), but Farmersville is not aware of any formal consideration of Mr. Sally's nomination by the Woodlake City Council at this time..

**CONCLUSION:**

It is respectfully recommended that the City Council discuss a request from the City of Exeter to support Exeter Mayor Pro Tem Sally's potential nomination to be the representative of area cities on the Board of the Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and if warranted, provide direction to staff.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- 1) Correspondence from Mr. Groom in Support of Mr. Dale Sally.**
- 2) Correspondence regarding potential Woodlake support.**

**Respectfully Recommended:**



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City Manager

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**From:** Randy Groom <rgroom@exetercityhall.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2016 4:45 PM  
**To:** rlara@ci.woodlake.ca.us; John Jansons  
**Cc:** Randy Groom  
**Subject:** City Rep on GSA

Ramon and John –

It sounds like we are likely approaching the time when the cities who are parties to the Greater Kaweah GSA will need to designate a representative to sit on the board.

I normally don't push my councilmembers out in front of much, unless there is a compelling reason to do so. In this case, Exeter Mayor Pro Tem Dale Sally would seem to be a particularly well-suited candidate to represent our three cities on the board. With Dale's long history in the water field, as retired manager of both the Exeter and Ivanhoe Irrigation Districts, and with his education and experience as a farmer, a City Councilmember, and an active participant in water issues, in this case I do feel moved to lobby for him to serve in this role.

Dale is a very cautious and deliberate thinker. He researches issues and he reads the material that he is given. He is the one member of my council who can be consistently counted on to have thoughtful and appropriate questions on every issue. He is easy to get along with, but firm when necessary. He has established long-standing relationships with most of the people around the table at our GSA meetings, and it is my impression that he is both respected and well liked. He knows FAR more about water issues, agencies, and history than anyone else in our organization – staff or elected.

I am very open to your thoughts, questions, and suggestions. I have asked Dale if he would be willing to serve in this capacity, and as I expected he is.

Thanks for your consideration.

Randy Groom  
City of Exeter

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Attachment 2

**From:** Ramon Lara <rlara@ci.woodlake.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2016 3:48 PM  
**To:** 'Randy Groom'; John Jansons  
**Subject:** RE: City Rep on GSA

Randy, I spoke to Jason regarding your suggestion. He attends the water meetings for the City and he believes Mr. Sally would be a good choice. We personally don't have an issue with it. We will see what the feeling is from our Council.

Ramon