

# Glenn Groundwater Authority

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency

225 North Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988 | 530.934.6540

### Special Meeting Minutes

#### Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

July 26, 2023 | 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 225 North Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988

Public participation was also offered via teleconference; accessible via telephone, computer, smartphone or tablet.

Director Members Present:	Alternate/2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X Grant Carmon	Tom Arnold	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy	R Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen (23/24 Chair)	Evan Markey	City of Willows
X Matt Deadmond	Michael Alves	Glide Water District
X John Amaro (23/24 Vice Chair)	Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	X Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
X Mark Lohse	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District
X Gary Enos	R Lance Boyd	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District

Directors attending remotely are designated with "R" and are not counted toward a quorum, do not vote, and are considered members of the public.

Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter (GGA/Glenn County), Kaitlyn Murray (GGA/Glenn County), Valerie Kincaid (GGA Counsel), Matt Hansen, Del Reimers, Juleah Cordi, Teri DuBose, Marc Frelier, Mallory Serrao, Holly Reimers, Jenny Scheer (Water and Land Solutions), Doug Ross, Brandon Davison (DWR)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. and Director Enos led the pledge of allegiance.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

- Roll call was taken as indicated above.

#### 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS EFFECTIVE JULY 26, 2023 FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

- \*Election of Chairperson
- \*Election of Vice-Chairperson
- \*Election of Secretary
- \*Confirm appointment of Treasurer as County of Glenn

- Chairman Amaro opened nominations for chairperson. Director Carmon nominated Gary Hansen for Chairperson. No other nominations were made, and Chairman Amaro closed the nominations.
- Chairman Amaro opened nominations for vice chairperson. Director Gary Hansen nominated John Amaro for vice chairperson. No other nominations were made, and Chairman Amaro closed the nominations.
- Chairman Amaro nominated Lisa Hunter as Secretary and the County of Glenn as Treasurer. No other nominations were made, and Chairman Amaro closed the nominations.

**No other discussion was heard, and the slate of nominations were unanimously approved.**

**The newly appointed Chairman, Gary Hansen (Chairman Hansen), assumed Chairman duties and thanked Vice Chairman Amaro.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. \*Approval of the special meeting minutes from July 17, 2023.
  - Chairman Hansen invited comments or changes to the July 17, 2023 special meeting minutes; whereby, none were heard.

**On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Vice Chairman Amaro, the special meeting minutes of the July 17, 2023 meeting was unanimously approved as presented.**

5. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chairman Hansen invited public comments; whereby, no public comments were presented or heard.

6. STAFF UPDATES

- Ms. Hunter provided an update on the Recharge Pilot Project and stated an Ad Hoc Committee meeting is being scheduled. She further stated the agreements between Rick Martin and the City of Orland have been executed and those sites are ready to move forward. She is working with Orland Unit Water Users Association (OUWUA) and the landowners regarding the invoicing process and other logistics. She asked the Board for direction on the water payments and whether they prefer prior approval of invoices before processing or processing the water payments as needed as long as the payments are within the allocated funding amount. There was general consensus from the Board to move forward as quickly as possible regardless of prior approval.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. \*Review and consider approval of claims.
  - Ms. Hunter stated the June invoice from Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) was included in the claims summary. There was discussion regarding discrepancies on charges specifically relating to the mailings done during the billing period and the number of hours for translating the notice. There was general consensus from the Board to pull the LSCE invoice from the claims summary for further review by the Ad Hoc Committee, Counsel, and staff.

**On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Randy Hansen it was unanimously ordered to pay the remaining invoices listed in the claims summary from Paris Kincaid Wasiewski and the Geosyntec Consultants.**

8. \*CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL FROM PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP TITLED ADDENDUM #4 TO CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT (CSA) NO. 18-344- CONSULTING SERVICES FOR TAX YEAR 2023-2024 DIRECT CHARGE PREPARATION, GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY, GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT PENDING LEGAL REVIEW

- Ms. Hunter stated she contacted Provost & Pritchard regarding services for the 2023-2024 tax year. She detailed the proposal they returned, noting it was essentially identical to prior years with updated dates.

**On motion by Director Carmon, seconded by Director Roundy it was unanimously ordered to approve the proposal from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group Titled Addendum #4 to Consultant Services Agreement (CSA) NO. 18-344-Consulting Services for Tax Year 2023-2024 Direct Charge Preparation, Glenn Groundwater**

**Authority, Glenn County, California and authorize the chairman to execute an agreement pending legal review.**

9. GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY OPERATIONS FEE

- a. \*Adopt the Glenn Groundwater Authority Operations Fee per acre for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.
- b. \*Adopt Resolution 2023-003 Authorizing the County to Collect Property-Related Fees on the County Tax Roll and Indemnification of the Collecting Agency.
- c. \*Authorize the Program Manger to complete or direct the completion of all tasks necessary for the completion of the submittal packet to the Glenn County Department of Finance.

- Ms. Hunter stated as done in prior years, this item is to adopt the annual fee and the resolution allowing the fees to be placed on the tax rolls as well as authorizing the Program Manager to complete necessary tasks to submit the completed packet. There was discussion on the per acre fee and how different fee options would affect the budget.

**On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Schonauer it was unanimously ordered to adopt the Glenn Groundwater Authority Operations Fee at \$1.50 per acre for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.**

- Ms. Hunter stated the resolution is standard with updated information.

**On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Enos, it was ordered by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution 2023-003 Authorizing the County to Collect Property-Related Fees on the County Tax Roll and Indemnification of the Collecting Agency.**

**AYES: Director Carmon, Director Roundy, Chairman Gary Hansen, Director Deadmond, Vice Chairman Amaro, Director Schonauer, Director Randy Hansen, Director Lohse, Director Enos**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT OR ABSTAIN: None**

- Ms. Hunter stated the Department of Finance distributed a packet of information to be completed and submitted by August 10, 2023 in order to include fees on the tax bills.

**On motion by Vice Chairman Amaro, seconded by Director Carmon, it was unanimously ordered to authorize the Program Manager to complete or direct the completion of all tasks necessary for the completion of the submittal packet to the Glenn County Department of Finance.**

10. GSP IMPLEMENTATION FEE PROJECT

- a. Receive an update on the GGA Fee Project.

- Ms. Hunter stated postcards will be sent out affirming the fee project has been rescinded for this year. She discussed the details of that process and asked for direction on the preferred mailing list to use to distribute the postcards. There was general consensus to use the original mailing list to ensure each parcel notified previously, would be informed the fee project was rescinded for this year. Ms. Hunter stated the information would be posted on the website as well as on the door of City Hall where the Public Hearing was to take place during the time the meeting was scheduled.
- There was consensus to continue the fee project discussions regularly and agendaize for the next meeting.

11. \*CONSIDER CANCELLING August 7, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING.

- No discussion was heard on Item 11.

**On motion by Vice Chairman Amaro, seconded by Director Randy Hansen it was unanimously ordered to cancel the August 7, 2023 Special Meeting.**

12. CLOSED SESSION

Gov't Code §54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated or significant exposure to litigation regarding tax refund claims and challenges to previously adopted property related fees.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Gov't Code §54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Aqualliance, California Water Impact Network, and California Sportfishing Alliance vs. Colusa Groundwater Authority, Glenn Groundwater Authority  
Colusa County Superior Court - Case Number CV24584

14. CLOSED SESSION

Gov't Code § 54956.9 (d)(2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant exposure to litigation – one matter.

- Chairman Hansen invited comments on Items 12, 13, or 14; whereby, no public comments were presented or heard.
- The Board adjourned to closed session at 2:04 p.m.

15. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board returned from closed session at 2:15 p.m.
- Chairman Hansen stated there were no reportable actions for Items 12, 13, and 14.

16. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Director Roundy expressed excitement to see the recharge projects moving forward. There was some discussion on the water schedule and other details about the projects. There was further discussion on water levels throughout the county.

17. NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

18. ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.