

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Meeting of the Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

July 10, 2023 | 1:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson will call the meeting to order and lead the [flag salute](#).

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call will be conducted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. *Approval of the meeting minutes from May 8, 2023.
- b. *Approval of the meeting minutes from June 13, 2023.

Draft meeting minutes from the May 8, 2023 and June 13, 2023 meetings are attached.

Attachments

- May 8, 2023 GGA Board meeting minutes
- June 13, 2023 GGA Board meeting minutes

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Meeting Minutes

Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

May 8, 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 nd Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X Grant Carmon	Tom Arnold	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy	R Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 nd)	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen (Vice Chair)	Evan Markey	City of Willows
X Matt Deadmond	Michael Alves	Glide Water District
X John Amaro (Chair)	R 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
Gary Enos	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), Valerie Kincaid (GGA Counsel), Jacques DeBra (Luhdorff & Scalmanini), Eddy Teasdale (Luhdorff & Scalmanini), Joe Turner (Geosyntec Consultants), Jenny Scheer (Water and Land Solutions), Ryan Fulton (Larry Walker Associates), Jaime Lely, Donald Bills (GGA TAC), Gina Nicholls (Nossaman), Wes Battson, Toni Longley, Pat Vellines (Department of Water Resources), Holly Reimers, Del Reimers, Gwynn Turnbull-Weaver, Pete Dennehy (Montgomery & Associates)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair John Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

- Roll call was taken as indicated above.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Approval of the meeting minutes from April 10, 2023.

- Chair Amaro invited comments or revisions on the aforementioned meeting minutes. No comments were heard.

On motion by Director Gary Hansen, seconded by Director Roundy, the meeting minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Amaro invited public comments; whereby, Mr. Del Reimers commented there is about 1500 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water going down Stony Creek and he would like this water to be used for recharge. He noted there is storage space on his ranch to implement the project. Director Schonauer agreed the GGA is interested, but noted it is a complicated process that takes time and coordination with several entities.
- Ms. Gwynn Turnbull-Weaver reminded the Board the 218 process is still pending and she does not agree with it currently. She asked why options such as metering water usage have been excluded.
- Ms. Gina Nicholls inquired about the process for obtaining a copy of the recording of today's meeting. Ms. Hunter informed her to send an e-mail and she would send a link of the meeting recording.
- Ms. Holly Reimers questioned why the Board was voting on the 218 process when the deadline is not until next year. Ms. Hunter explained it was the commitment of the Board to revisit the fees when moving from the planning phase to the implementation phase. Ms. Kincaid stated the Board could use the current 218 fee structure for another year; however, it was their agreement to revisit the fees to determine if a different fee structure was more applicable.

5. STAFF UPDATES

- Ms. Hunter stated between April 11, 2023 and May 8, 2023, there have been zero Well Permit Acknowledgement forms received.
- Ms. Hunter further stated the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 hard copy audit reports are now available. She requested the Board members to distribute those copies to their respective agencies or return to her and she would distribute to the appropriate parties.
- Ms. Hunter stated the Resource Conservation District (RCD) submitted the Glenn County Groundwater Recharge Development Plan Grant Application through Congressman Doug La Malfa's office in April 2022. The RCD was contacted for some follow up information, therefore the process is still moving forward.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. *Review and accept Monthly Activities Report.
 - b. *Review and consider approval of claims
- No discussion was heard on Item 6.a.

On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Randy Hansen, it was unanimously ordered to approve the Monthly Activities Report.

- No discussion was heard on Item 6.b.

On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Gary Hansen, it was unanimously ordered to approve the claims.

7. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Ms. Hunter stated there were two public outreach meetings to share the outcome of the Water Year 2022 Annual Report. A lunchtime webinar was held April 21, 2023, with 11 people in attendance, and an in-person

meeting was held April 22, 2023, with 13 people in attendance. The webinar is available on the website for people to view at any time.

8. GGA GROUNDWATER RECHARGE SERVICES

- a. Receive an update on groundwater recharge services and pilot project implementation activities.
 - b. *Review and consider approval of agreements with Rick Martin and City of Orland for pilot project implementation.
 - c. Discuss opportunities for outreach and/or showcasing groundwater recharge pilot project.
 - d. *Approve Letter of Appreciation for Orland-Artois Water District groundwater recharge pilot activities.
- Ms. Hunter stated there is continued coordination and planning with the consultant team particularly related to the Phase I implementation monitoring and reporting task. She stated counsel is reviewing the proposed path forward and drafting landowner agreements and is hoping to bring draft agreements forward at the next meeting. Furthermore, ad hoc committee members attended the Orland Unit Water Users Association (OUWUA) meeting of April 13, 2023 to discuss the proposal for phase 1 implementation at the two sites that are within the OUWUA boundaries during the irrigation season following the regular irrigation rotation schedule. She stated there was general support from the OUWUA Board and is pleased to move forward on a positive note.
 - Ms. Hunter stated they reached out to Department of Water Resources (DWR), Northern Region Office to inform them of the recharge pilot projects currently in progress. She stated Director Cavagnolo took them on a tour of some sites within the Orland-Artois Water District, where they discussed monitoring and potential support DWR may be able to provide.
 - Ms. Hunter stated the consultant team and staff visited three primary monitoring sites for the Phase 1 implementation monitoring planning which included the Martin gravel pit, Lely Park, and the Vereschagin sump, while also visiting additional sites including Van Tol, Lely sump and Erickson's. She stated the monitoring equipment has been ordered; however, landowner agreements for the sites within OUWUA will need to be fully executed before any equipment is installed.
 - Director Cavagnolo stated OAWD has been delivering water as the Board has given him an amount not to exceed of \$50,000. They have delivered over 1,300 acre-feet of water to three different sites with a total cost of \$30,000. He stated he has been working with Don Rust from Glenn County Public Works to hopefully implement a recharge pilot project at the Orland Airport.
 - Ms. Reimers commented on the lack of new water storage facilities in the last 50 years and spoke in favor of diverting water to Sites Reservoir or raising Shasta. Discussion ensued on the complexities of these projects.
 - Ms. Turnbull-Weaver asked for clarification on where the water was coming from for the recharge projects. Director Cavagnolo clarified the water has been Section 215 water (high flow water) which is \$12.17 per acre-foot and has been spread over gravelly areas, sumps, and other suitable areas for groundwater recharge. Ms. Turnbull-Weaver stated her concerns about injecting water into aquifers. Director Cavagnolo explained there is currently no plan to inject directly into the aquifers as it is expensive and permitting regulations are required.
 - In relation to Item 8.b., Ms. Hunter asked the GGA to table the item as the agreements are not yet prepared.

- In relation to Item 8.c., Ms. Hunter stated Jenny Scheer will be presenting at the Groundwater Resources Association, Northern Sacramento Branch meeting on May 25, 2023. Ms. Hunter invited discussion on potential avenues of public outreach.
- There was no discussion on Item 8.d.

On Motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Carmon it was unanimously ordered to approve the Letter of Appreciation for Orland-Artois Water District groundwater recharge pilot activities.

9. USBR WATERSMART GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Receive an overview and hold discussion on WaterSMART Grant Opportunities.
 - *Adopt Resolution authorizing the WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects Grant application, acceptance, and execution for the Glenn Groundwater Authority Groundwater Recharge Project.
 - *Approve agreement with Larry Walker Associates to provide grant writing services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement pending counsel review.
- Ryan Fulton with Larry Walker Associates gave a presentation on WaterSMART grant opportunities. There was a lengthy discussion on examples of projects, the competitiveness of the grant, cost share, regulatory aspects, and possible benefits. There were some concerns on the details of what the grant would cover, the specific project that could be included, the tight application deadline, and if current projects were eligible. Mr. Fulton emphasized that this application could serve as a foundation for future grant applications.

Director Roundy moved to approve Items 9.b and 9.c as presented. The motion failed due to lack of second.

10. GSP IMPLEMENTATION FEE PROJECT

- Receive update on the GSP Implementation Fee Project.
 - *Discuss and consider approval of Funding Options Evaluation Technical Memorandum.
 - Provide direction on Charge Report development.
- Jacques DeBra from Luhdorff and Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) gave a presentation on the long-term funding project including an overview of the different fee options that were presented at the March Board meeting and the Technical Memorandum. Ms. Nicholls expressed her concerns with some inconsistencies in terms of the timeline and legalities of the proposed fee structure. There was some discussion on whether or not state lands are able to be assessed as well as private lands. Ms. Lely spoke about dry land parcels in other basins that have been left out of the assessment process altogether. Discussion ensued on land use types and related potential fees. There was some discussion on basin boundaries and the timeline in which it could be changed. There was general consensus to meet with the Ad Hoc committee to refine some options that would suit the GGA. Ms. Kincaid asked Mr. DeBra about the timeline needed in order to properly compose a fee study that reflects the benefits of the preferred fee option. Mr. DeBra responded direction by the week of June 5th would suffice. Many members favored the irrigated/non-irrigated (option 2), which includes three tiers (non-irrigated, irrigated-surface water, irrigated-groundwater). It was agreed that the Ad Hoc Committee would meet in the near future and bring back a recommendation.

11. GLENN COUNTY WATER WELL DRILLING STANDARDS

- a. Discussion on the draft Glenn County Water Well Drilling Standards.
 - b. *Authorize Chairman to submit comments relating to the draft standards.
- Director Carmon provided an update on the Glenn County Water Well Drilling Standards and stated the topic would be discussed at the May 9, 2023 Glenn County Board of Supervisors meeting. The County is developing a tiered process by which the well permits would be evaluated, which would consider groundwater levels, subsidence, groundwater storage, groundwater quality, and the public trust. A significant portion of the permits would likely fall under tier 1 or tier 2 evaluation, which is less costly than tier 3. The current draft includes requirements that a domestic well would also have a minimum depth of 50 feet below the GSP minimum threshold, and there is a “like for like” replacement review exemption. Director Bettner stated he agrees with the spirit of the standards but has concerns with the requirements for constructing wells that might prohibit well installation creating an access to groundwater issue. Director Carmon agreed with the fundamental right to access groundwater. Director Lohse asked if the polygons matched the SGMA polygons; whereby, Mr. Teasdale (LSCE) stated in concept, yes, the polygon are intended to match SGMA. Director Gary Hansen thanked Director Carmon for the attention given to the change in the definition of abandoned wells. Director Roundy stated his support and emphasized the need to start somewhere and adjust as needed.
 - Regarding Item 11.b, Chair Amaro stated he had spoken at the previous Board of Supervisors meeting, as an individual, and shared some concerns, but is generally supportive of having some regulations in some areas. Discussion ensued on general support for continuing to revise the current draft standards and an appeals process is important. Chair Amaro encouraged members to put this item on their respective agency agendas and the item will be brought to the next GGA meeting. Director Roundy stated the City of Orland sent a letter of support to the County. Director Carmon reviewed next steps for the County, which includes review by special counsel.

Director Schonauer moved that the GGA support the concept of the standards and tie into the GGA and encourage the County to continue moving forward with the process. The motion was seconded by Director Roundy and passed unanimously.

12. *DISCUSSION ON SENATE BILL 366 AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT

- At the April 10, 2023 meeting, it was suggested to bring an item to consider providing a letter of support for Senate Bill 366. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

13. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee
 - b. Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee
 - c. Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee
 - d. Technical Advisory Committee
- Chair Amaro stated the GGA Executive Committee, Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee, and Technical Advisory Committee had nothing further to report. Members of the Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee stated several members, consultants, and staff attended the Orland Unit Water Users Association meeting on April 13, 2023 and site visits were conducted.

14. 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.

15. CLOSED SESSION

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Colusa County Superior Court – Case Number CV24584

- No public comments were presented or heard for Item 14 or Item 15.
- The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:06 p.m.

16. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board returned from closed session at 4:28 p.m.
- In regards to Items 14 and 15, the Board received updates from counsel.

17. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Chair Amaro invited member reports and comments; whereby, none were heard.

18. NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

19. ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

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June 13, 2023 | 1:30 p.m.

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X Bruce Roundy	Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 nd)	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen (Vice Chair)	Evan Markey	City of Willows
X Matt Deadmond	Michael Alves	Glide Water District
X John Amaro (Chair)	R Thad Bettner (2:51)	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
Gary Enos	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), Valerie Kincaid (GGA Counsel), Kaitlyn Murray (GGA/Glenn County), Jacques DeBra (Luhdorff & Scalmanini), Jenny Scheer (Water and Land Solutions), Ryan Fulton (Larry Walker Associates), Jaime Lely, Gina Nicholls (Nossaman), Holly Reimers, Del Reimers, Juleah Cordi, Denise Carter, Clay Borel

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair John Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and Director Roundy led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

- Roll call was taken as indicated above.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Approval of the meeting minutes from May 8, 2023.

- The May 8, 2023 meeting minutes were not available and Item 3.a was tabled until the next GGA Board meeting.

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Amaro invited public comments; whereby, Mr. Clay Borel stated he is part of the westside group commented on the high taxes on his properties noting the water tax is about \$12,000. He mentioned he does not mind a small fee; however, high fees are very impactful. Mr. Borel encouraged the GGA to consider working with farmers and ranchers on retention ponds.

5. STAFF UPDATES

- Ms. Hunter stated between May 8, 2023 and June 13, 2023, there have been zero Well Permit Acknowledgement forms received.
- Ms. Hunter stated the Resource Conservation District (RCD) submitted the Glenn County Groundwater Recharge Development Plan Grant Application through Congressman Doug La Malfa's office in April 2022. The RCD was contacted for some follow up information, and she plans to meet with RCD staff in the next week to discuss this opportunity further.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. *Review and accept Monthly Activities Report.
- b. *Review and consider approval of claims

- No discussion was heard on Item 6.a.

On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Roundy, it was unanimously ordered to approve the Monthly Activities Report.

- No discussion was heard on Item 6.b.

On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Gary Hansen, it was unanimously ordered to approve the claims.

7. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Ms. Hunter provided updates on the status of grant applications stating the Colusa Subbasin was not recommended for funding through the SGM Round 2 Grant Program. She further stated 82 applications had been received requesting over \$795 million in grant funds and \$187 million are allocated in the draft funding awards to 31 applicants. A comment period was opened for 15 days ending June 9. Ms. Hunter coordinated with the Chairman to submit a comment letter, which is very similar to the letter sent by the Colusa Groundwater Authority. Discussion ensued.
- Ms. Hunter continued stating the GGA was not selected for funding through the Urban Communities Drought Relief Grant Program and referenced the Press Release handout.

8. GGA GROUNDWATER RECHARGE SERVICES

- a. Receive an update on groundwater recharge services and pilot project implementation activities.
- b. *Review and consider approval of agreements with Rick Martin and City of Orland for pilot project implementation.

- Director Cavagnolo provided an update on the Orland-Artois Water District (OAWD) pilot project stated the Section 215 water turned off on June 12 and 1,741 acre-feet (af) of water had been applied for a total cost of about \$32,000. This included three permanent connections. One landowner is continuing to apply water at their own cost. OAWD is pleased with the outcomes and is hoping for more participation next year.
- Ms. Jenny Scheer with Water and Land Solutions emphasized the great partnership between the GGA and OAWD to get this project off the ground. The other portion of Phase 1 implementation is within the Orland Unit Water Users Association (OUWUA) area to particularly address dry wells in the area. The team is working the City of Orland at Lely Park and Rick Martin at a private gravel pit to implement Phase 1 pilot project for a

total of approximately 2,600 af over the course of a winter (OAWD) and irrigation season (OUWUA). This has been a successful pilot project with a variety of complementary options to test. A transducer was installed at one of the OAWD sites for about 7 to 10 days before the Section 215 water delivery concluded, and the infiltration results will be included in the final reports.

- Ms. Scheer continued with an update on the Phase 2 long-term planning stating interviews with individuals and agencies has concluded and the team is cataloging the ideas that came from these meetings. This includes structural and location information as well as non-structural “other” alternatives. Once cataloging has concluded, the information will be shared with the ad hoc committee and then the GGA Board to help prioritize the projects. Existing basins/sites are likely to be preferred over newly constructed basins in the near-term. The diffuse approach, as we have seen in the Phase 1 implementation, seems to work well, and may be a preferred approach.
- Ms. Kincaid reviewed the draft agreement with the two landowners within the OUWUA, the City of Orland and Rick Martin, for two different projects, but have the same general idea. They are both shareholders with OUWUA and the landowner obligations are to order the water and manage the site. This is intended to be a partnership. The draft agreements currently do not have a “not to exceed” amount which may be helpful to include. The agreements will go through October. Ms. Scheer discussed the operations related to determining the potential not to exceed amount and the desire to be flexible to make the best use of the available funding for water. Different options were discussed to capture this concept. It was clarified that the agreements, if approved would be presented to the landowners for their consideration. If substantive changes are requested, the agreements would be brought back to the GGA. Director Roundy commented that the City of Orland is also interested in the aesthetics of Lely Park and discussion ensued on operations related to the pond, and the potential for the City to pay for additional water. Director Gary Hansen mentioned Mr. Martin is eagerly awaiting contact from staff for an update; whereby, Ms. Scheer stated she spoke with him that morning. Director Gary Hansen continued he will provide three minor typos in the agreements to Ms. Hunter.
- Ms. Reimers commented on the water going down Stony Creek and that there is a way to get it into Hambright Creek and settling ponds. Ms. Scheer replied that project would be considered in the long-term planning. Discussion ensued on the benefits of water in Stony Creek and the recent communications with the Bureau of Reclamation staff, who are interested in partnering in these types of projects. Ms. Scheer discussed the Black Butte operations and stated the Army Corps is updating the Reservoir Management Plan. Discussion ensued on operations and potential opportunities.
- Ms. Hunter reviewed suggested changes included in the meeting packet regarding data collection.

On motion by Director Gary Hansen, seconded by Director Carmon, it was unanimously ordered to approve the agreements with Rick Martin and City of Orland for pilot project implementation and to include the discussed amendments regarding a not to exceed amount and data collection.

9. GSP IMPLEMENTATION FEE PROJECT

- a. Receive an update on the GGA Fee Project and timeline.
- b. Discuss Irrigated/Non-Irrigated Long-Term Fee Policy.
- c. Review draft Glenn Groundwater Authority GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Fee Report.
- d. *Consider approval of Glenn Groundwater Authority GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Fee Report or set special meeting date to consider approval.

- e. *Set public hearing date and time to consider the proposed fees.
 - f. *Authorize LSCE to mail notices to landowners informing them of the proposed fees, public hearing, and instructions for protest.
 - g. Discuss public outreach efforts.
- Jacques DeBra from Luhdorff and Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) gave an update on the long-term funding project including an overview of the draft Fee Report and public hearing process. The Fee Report includes a preferred fee option with 3 user classes (non-irrigated, irrigated-surface water, irrigated-groundwater) with maximum recommended annual fees of \$0.52 per acre, \$2.40 per acre, and \$5.59 per acre respectively. It was clarified that urban and rural residential parcels are considered irrigated. Mr. DeBra reviewed the required landowner notices which must be mailed 45 days prior to the public hearing and stated the protest form would be included in the mailing as well as a cover sheet with parcel information. A Spanish version of the notice will be available on the website. He then reviewed the draft irrigated/non-irrigated policy that will define the user classes and provide an appeals process by which information can be updated. Mr. DeBra reviewed public outreach efforts and inquired if the Board was interested in holding an additional public workshop prior to the public hearing.
 - Discussion ensued on various options for user class definitions and the intent of what should be included in each class. There was support for incentivizing surface water use. Mr. Reimers commented that surface water users provide recharge and benefit the basin and should have a lower cost than dryland. Ms. Nicholls commented that regarding the pending tax refund claims, she has three points: (1) she acknowledges the irrigated/non-irrigated structure is an improvement; however, the defects have not been corrected, (2) the GGA approach is not typical of how fees are structured in other areas and she described concerns with the current approach, and (3) if litigation ensues, it would trigger fee shifting of legal fees. It was suggested LSCE meet with the ad hoc committee to further develop the policy prior to the Board meeting.
 - Director Gary Hansen asked if the cities would pay based on acreage within the city boundaries to save costs and reduce the excessive administration for mailings to the small city parcels. He stated the city is currently classified as irrigated-groundwater, and suggested the city be classified as irrigated-surface water to acknowledge the cost savings in the partnership with the city that provides the contributions. Discussion ensued on various options to classify the city parcels, domestic/residential use versus classic definitions of irrigated acreage, and the current arrangement with the cities that pay the fees on behalf of the acreage within their jurisdictions. It was noted the cities have not agreed to continue with the current arrangement and that discussion needs to take place.

On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Schonauer, it was unanimously ordered to approve the Glenn Groundwater Authority GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Fee Report with minor editorial changes.

- Regarding Item 9.e, Mr. DeBra suggested holding the public hearing on August 4. Discussion ensued on various dates, times, and locations. Staff suggested holding the public hearing in the evening at the Willows City Council Chambers, which is a larger room. August 7 was generally preferred to August 4, which is the soonest the meeting could be held. The files are due to the County on August 10 if the fee will be included on the tax bill.

On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Gary Hansen, it was unanimously ordered to set the public hearing for August 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Willows City Council Chambers.

- Chair Amaro introduced Item 9.f and Ms. Kincaid stated that the GGA needs to decide whether to send the notices to parcels within the cities or assume the cities will cover the costs for those parcels. Mr. DeBra suggested sending the notice to the parcels within the cities and decide at a future date whether the cities will cover the costs for those parcels. Discussion ensued on the benefits and costs of including those parcels in the mailings, the deadline to submit the notice to the printer, the process that was used for the current fee, and whether the cities may be willing to pay the costs for the parcels within the city boundaries. Ms. Kincaid clarified that a 218 process would need to be done if the notices are not mailed to the city parcels and subsequently, the cities choose not to cover the cost. Ms. Nicholls commented that there are many layers of complexity that would be additional reasons why the fee would be illegal and suggested the GGA maintain the current fee for another year and take a step back to evaluate the process.

On motion by Director Lohse, seconded by Director Randy Hansen, it was unanimously ordered to authorize LSCE to mail notices to landowners informing them of the proposed fees, public hearing, and instructions for protest without including the city parcels.

- Director Schonauer encouraged the parcel classification within the cities also account for surface water irrigated acres when appropriate.
- Regarding Item 9.g, Ms. Hunter inquired if the Board is interested in holding a public workshop prior to the public hearing. Discussion ensued including pros of public workshops, the past outreach events, and information to be presented at the public hearing meeting. It was clarified the workshop is not required. There was consensus not to have an additional workshop. Director Lohse suggested including contact information on the notice to address questions landowners may have; whereby, it was confirmed contact information will be provided.

10. GLENN COUNTY WATER WELL DRILLING STANDARDS

- a. Receive update on Glenn County Water Well Drilling Standards Ordinance.

- Director Carmon stated the Glenn County Water Well Drilling Standards Ordinance passed and would be effective June 23, 2023. Director Schonauer complimented Director Carmon on his work on the ordinance.

11. *DISCUSSION ON SENATE BILL 366 AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT

- At the April 10, 2023 meeting, it was suggested to bring an item to consider providing a letter of support for Senate Bill 366. This item was tabled at the May 8, 2023 meeting. It was decided to table this item until the next meeting.

12. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee
- b. Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee
- c. Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee
- d. Technical Advisory Committee

- Chair Amaro stated the GGA Executive Committee, Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee, and Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee had nothing further to report. Ms. Hunter stated the Technical Advisory Committee met in May and focused prioritizing technical tasks. That meeting was before the draft grant funding awards were released which may shift some of the priorities. Discussions will continue in

August. Director Lohse asked what happens when DWR makes comments on the GSP and if the tasks may be put on hold. Ms. Hunter agreed that could happen, and it will be important to remain flexible, but have a general plan in place to keep moving forward. That is a question that should be explored further.

13. CLOSED SESSION

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- No public comments were presented or heard for Item 13 or Item 14.
- The Board adjourned to closed session at 3:53 p.m.

15. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board returned from closed session at 4:04 p.m.
- In regards to Items 13 and 14, the Board received updates from counsel.

16. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Chair Amaro invited member reports and comments; whereby, none were heard.

17. NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

18. ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are encouraged to address the GGA Board of Directors on items relevant to the GGA. Public comments are limited to no more than 5 minutes. No action may be taken on public comments.

5. STAFF UPDATES

The program manager will provide brief status updates. Reminders and/or clarifications may also be made at this time.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. *Review and accept Monthly Activities Report.
- b. *Review and consider approval of claims.

The Monthly Activities Report and Claims Summary are attached.

Attachments

- Monthly Activities Report
- Claims Summary
- Budget to Actuals (Draft)

Glenn Groundwater Authority Budget FY 2022/2023

Approved 5/9/22

	Current Approved FY 22/23	Actual through Jun 2023 DRAFT	Remaining Budget
REVENUES			
Grant Revenue			
Other		\$ -	
Total Grants	-	\$ -	\$ -
Other Government Agencies			
Colusa Groundwater Authority*	100,000	\$ 276,011.29	\$ (176,011.29)
Other		\$ -	
Total Other Government Agencies	100,000	276,011.29	(176,011.29)
Assessments			
Property Related Fee Per Acre (current \$1.50/ac)	427,786	\$ 405,303.05	\$ 22,482.95
Well Head Fee	-	\$ -	\$ -
Extraction Fee	-	\$ -	\$ -
Other	-	\$ -	\$ -
Total Assessments	427,786	\$ 405,303.05	\$ 22,482.95
Other			
Interest	4,000	\$ 10,930.50	\$ (6,930.50)
Total Other	4,000	\$ 10,930.50	\$ (6,930.50)
TOTAL REVENUES	531,786	\$ 692,244.84	\$ (160,458.84)
EXPENSES			
Administration- Contracted County Services	170,000	\$ 83,540.73	\$ 86,459.27
Program Administration Support		\$ -	\$ -
Legal Services	120,000	\$ 75,672.00	\$ 44,328.00
Certified Public Accountant (Yearly Audits)	10,800	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 1,300.00
JPA Insurance	2,000	\$ 1,735.00	\$ 265.00
County Bookkeeper	9,519	\$ 9,519.00	\$ -
GSP Development/Implementation**	583,000	\$ 106,139.91	\$ 476,860.09
Long Term Funding Options	90,000	\$ 42,286.01	\$ 47,713.99
Professional Services	35,000	\$ 10,571.51	\$ 24,428.49
Board Expenses	2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Special Department Expenses	25,000	\$ 200.00	\$ 24,800.00
Legal Notices	1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
County Tax Roll Fee	5,000	\$ 2,131.52	\$ 2,868.48
Contingency/Reserve	50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,103,319	\$ 341,295.68	\$ 762,023.32
Net (Revenue-Expenses)	(571,533)	350,949	

Note: A-87 Cost allocated to County Bookkeeper line item

7. *CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BUDGET

The GGA Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee and the GGA Board have spent a significant amount of time reviewing and discussing future revenue needs projections to support the current fee project. Using the cost estimates provided in the 2023 GGA Fee Study, staff has prepared a draft budget for the GGA to consider. This accounts for expected administrative costs and SGMA compliance costs over the next fiscal year. The total operational budget is \$781,025.

Regarding revenues, setting the annual fee will be considered following the public hearing scheduled for August 7, 2023. Following this process, the budget may need to be revised to align with the outcomes of that meeting. The 2023 GGA Fee Report states in Table 1-2, the fees necessary to cover the costs estimated in fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$0.49 per non-irrigated acre, \$2.25 per irrigated-surface water acre, and \$5.22 per irrigated-groundwater acre. Maximum fees are slightly higher at \$0.52, \$2.40, and \$5.59 respectively. Currently, the fee revenue is estimated at \$575,372, which represents 70 percent of the fiscal year 2023-2024 fee as stated in Table 1-2 multiplied by the respective acres per category as listed in Table 5-1 of the 2023 GGA Fee Report.

The Colusa Subbasin was not recommended for funding through the SGM Round 2 grant solicitation; however, the final awards have not yet been announced. Additionally, the GGA was not awarded funding through the Urban Communities Drought Relief grant program. While grant funding opportunities will still be evaluated, the GGA should not assume any grant funding for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Staff recommends approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 GGA Budget with any adjustments the Board would like to see. A revised budget can be brought back to the GGA Board following the public hearing to consider adopting the proposed fee if re-alignment is necessary due to the outcomes of that meeting.

Attachments

- Draft Fiscal Year 2023/2024 GGA Budget

Glenn Groundwater Authority Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

Revenues

Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties

Penalties/Cost Delq taxes	\$	-
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Use of Money & Property

Interest	\$	5,000
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Intergovernmental Revenue

Colusa Groundwater Authority	\$	-
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Charges for Current Services

Special Assessment	\$	575,372
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Total Revenues	\$	580,372
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Expenses

Administration

Professional Services		
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Administration- County Contracted Services	\$	170,000
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Legal Services	\$	150,000
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Certified Public Accountant (Annual Audits)	\$	10,000
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Professional Services	\$	40,000
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Office Expenses		
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Board Expenses	\$	2,000
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Insurance		
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JPA Insurance	\$	2,000
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Special Department Expenses		
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Special Department Expenses	\$	25,000
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Legal Notices	\$	1,000
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Other Charges		
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County Bookkeeper (includes A-87 costs)	\$	2,500
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County Tax Roll Fee (Administrative Expense)	\$	5,000
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Contingency		
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Contingency	\$	40,750
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Administration Subtotal	\$	448,250
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SGMA Compliance

Professional Services		
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Annual Reporting	\$	35,000
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Five Year GSP Update (including modeling calibrations)	\$	60,625
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Surface water-groundwater interaction	\$	10,000
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GSA Coordination & Outreach	\$	30,000
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Data Management System Upgrades and Maintenance	\$	25,000
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Long Term Financial Planning /Fees	\$	17,500
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Grant Procurement	\$	30,000
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GSP Project Implementation and Monitoring	\$	100,000
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Contingency		
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Contingency	\$	24,650
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SGMA Compliance Subtotal	\$	332,775
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Total Expenses	\$	781,025
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Net (Revenue-Expenses)	\$	(200,653)
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Draft 7/10/23

8. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Staff will provide an update on Colusa Subbasin GSP implementation activities.

9. GGA GROUNDWATER RECHARGE SERVICES

- a. Receive an update on groundwater recharge services and pilot project implementation activities.

GGA has been working with Geosyntec and Water and Land Solutions on a Groundwater Recharge Services Project. The services include a two-phase approach to explore groundwater recharge project opportunities in the short-term (this winter) and a longer-term planning process. The Phase 1 project report documenting the outcomes of the short-term project evaluation has been prepared. The Phase 2 process began with a series of meetings with a variety of groups with ties to the land and/or stakeholders to identify potential long-term groundwater recharge sites. Additionally, a task has been added for Phase 1 implementation monitoring and reporting, and funding has set aside for water purchases.

At the June 13, 2023 GGA meeting, landowner agreements were prepared and approved in order to pursue pilot project implementation within the Orland Unit Water Users Association (OUWUA) boundary. The agreements were recently sent to the landowners Rick Martin and the City of Orland. The agreements are currently being reviewed by the landowners and if substantive changes are suggested, the agreements will be brought back for additional consideration.

Staff, the consultant team, and legal counsel may provide additional updates.

10. GSP IMPLEMENTATION FEE PROJECT

- a. Receive an update on the GGA Fee Project and timeline.
- b. Discuss Irrigated/Non-Irrigated Long-Term Fee Policy.

At the December 19, 2022 meeting, the GGA board approved an agreement with Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) to provide Groundwater Sustainability Agency data review, fee analysis and rate setting services (fee project). Since that time, LSCE has been working with staff, legal counsel, and the Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee to prepare items for the Board and conduct public outreach.

A long-term funding webpage will continue to be updated as materials are developed. The webpage can be accessed at:

<https://www.countyofglenn.net/dept/planning-community-development-services/water-resources/glenn-groundwater-authority/gga-long>

The LSCE team drafted an Irrigated/Non-Irrigated Long-Term Fee Policy that was included in the GGA Fee Technical Memorandum. LSCE has updated the draft policy, which defines the terms, classifications, and process to request an appeal for review. The GGA will discuss the draft policy, including initial feedback on the definitions and appeals process and provide direction to the Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee and LSCE. The policy is expected to be approved on August 7, 2023.

Additional updates may be given and the GGA may provide direction to the consulting team, staff, and legal counsel.

Attachments

- Draft Irrigated/Non-Irrigated Long-Term Fee Policy

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SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Introduction

The Glenn Groundwater Authority is updating its long-term fees in 2023 to fund GSA Administration, GSP Implementation and SGMA compliance costs for the FY23-24 through FY27-28 period. The Authority is approving a new Irrigated/Non-Irrigated fee structure to achieve more equity for those subject to the fee. The Authority needs to develop an associated fee policy to ensure equitable billing for services received.

Purpose

This is a policy document developed by the Glenn Groundwater Authority to implement the new Irrigated/Non-Irrigated fee structure approved in 2023. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that each parcel subject to the fee is properly classified into the correct user class and charged the correct fee amount on a per acre and annual basis based on the unique user class fees. The policy recognizes that the manner in which each parcel is charged under the new fees needs to be flexible to ensure billing equity for landowners and to accommodate changes in land use that necessitate reclassification of parcels into the correct user class for accurate fee assessment purposes.

Adopted Irrigated/Non-Irrigated Fees

The new 2023 Glenn Groundwater Authority GSA fees are included in the resolution approving the fees indicating that there are three user classes subject to the fee. The three user classes are Non-Irrigated, Irrigated-Surface Water, and Irrigated-Groundwater each with a unique fee per acre per year charge basis. Appendix A includes the resolution approving the new 2023 fees.

SECTION 2 – USER CLASS DEFINITIONS

The Glenn Groundwater Authority is updating its long-term fees in 2023 to recover adequate revenues to achieve SGMA compliance for all landowners in the service area. The new fee has three (3) distinct user classes with definitions summarized below. Definitions may be updated or refined as needed for accurate fee assessment purposes.

Definitions For Fee User Classes

Non-Irrigated User Class – includes parcels within the GGA service area that are considered open space, natural habitat, vacant, dry land farmed or rangeland. Parcels included in this user class have very low groundwater use. This may include parcels located within surface water service area boundaries.

Irrigated-Surface Water User Class - includes parcels within the GGA service area that use surface water primarily which may include parcels within the surface water provider service area or have individual water rights or permits for surface water allocations directly from the Sacramento River. Parcels that use surface water with groundwater in a supplemental fashion will be classified as irrigated-surface water users. Also includes urban areas that use surface water primarily.

Irrigated-Groundwater User Class – includes parcels within the GGA service area that use groundwater primarily and do not have access to or the right to use surface water supplies. These parcels will typically have a well(s) on the parcel serving as the primary source of water supply. Also includes urban areas that use groundwater primarily.

Other Definitions to be added as needed.

User class definitions may be updated as needed over time to ensure accurate fee assessment for each parcel within the GGA service area subject to the approved 2023 fee structure.

[Map in Appendix B follows the definitions above. Board discussion would be constructive leading up to approval of the Final GGA Irrigated/Non-Irrigated Policy at the August 7, 2023, Board meeting]

SECTION 3 – CURRENT USER CLASSIFICATIONS

This section allows landowners subject to the fee to see how their parcel(s) was classified under the new GGA Irrigated/Non-Irrigated 2023 fee structure with three (3) user classes. The GGA will make parcel level fee data easily available to landowners subject to the fee.

GGA Service Area Boundary

Appendix B includes the GGA service area boundary. Parcels with a portion of their acreage within the GGA boundary will only be assessed fees based on the acreage within the GGA service area boundary.

GGA Service Area Parcel User Class Delineations

Appendix B includes a GGA service area parcel map indicating user class delineations based on the approved fees and associated definitions included in this draft policy document. Landowners can see from viewing this map which user class under which they are classified for the fee assessment process.

The parcel map delineations will be updated periodically based on changes in user class definitions and/or changes in land use necessitating a change in user class for equitable fee assessment purposes.

SECTION 4 – USER CLASSIFICATION CHANGE REQUEST

Landowners will have the option of requesting a change in user classification (and associated fee assessment) based on implementation of the new Glenn Groundwater Authority Irrigated/Non-Irrigated fee structure approved in 2023 (see Appendix A). The purpose of this policy is to ensure that each parcel subject to the fee is properly classified into the correct user class and charged the correct fee amount on a per acre and annual basis based on the unique user class fees.

The Authority recognizes that under the new fee policy landowners need to be provided with the opportunity to change their user classification in the event they are classified in the incorrect user class, are being assessed fees based on incorrect acreages, and/or need to change their user classification based on changes in land use at the parcel level. The policy recognizes there needs to be flexibility for landowners subject to the 2023 fee structure to ensure fee assessment equity and to accommodate changes in land use that necessitate parcel reclassification into the correct user class for accurate fee assessment purposes.

Basis For User Classification Changes

Landowners can request reclassification of their parcel(s) under the new 2023 Glenn Groundwater Authority GSA fees based on the following circumstances: (1) parcel is classified improperly (not in correct user class); (2) parcel fee assessment amount is incorrect (based on acreage inaccuracy or incorrect user classification); or (3) parcel land use has changed requiring the parcel to be reclassified into a different user class. To facilitate a landowner User Classification Change request the Authority is providing an application to process these requests.

is correct are included in the resolution approving the fees indicating that there are three user classes subject to the fee. The three user classes are Non-Irrigated, Irrigated-Surface Water, and Irrigated-Groundwater each with a unique fee per acre per year charge basis. Appendix A includes the resolution approving the new 2023 fees.

User Classification Change Application

The Authority can process changes in fee user classifications by accepting applications from landowners requesting a specific change. The Authority has the option of providing both electronic and manual form entry versions to accommodate those completing applications. A sample of the manual and electronic application forms are included in Appendix C.

The Authority will review and process Applications received within 15 business days of receiving the Application. All Applications received will be stored electronically for Authority records. Applications may be submitted electronically or via hand written form.

Current and proposed user class information will be verified by Authority staff before a final determination is rendered. Approved applications will be signed and dated by authorized staff and kept in Authority records. If Applications are not approved, staff will indicate the reason denying the reclassification request. There will be no Application fee levied by the Authority in processing these Applications.

SECTION 5 – USER CLASSIFICATION APPEALS PROCESS

Landowners who request a parcel user class reclassification under Section 4 of this policy who are denied the request, may appeal the decision. This section will be written by legal counsel and will be presented with the final policy at the August 7, 2023, Board meeting.

Appeals Process

To be written with legal counsel review.

APPENDIX A

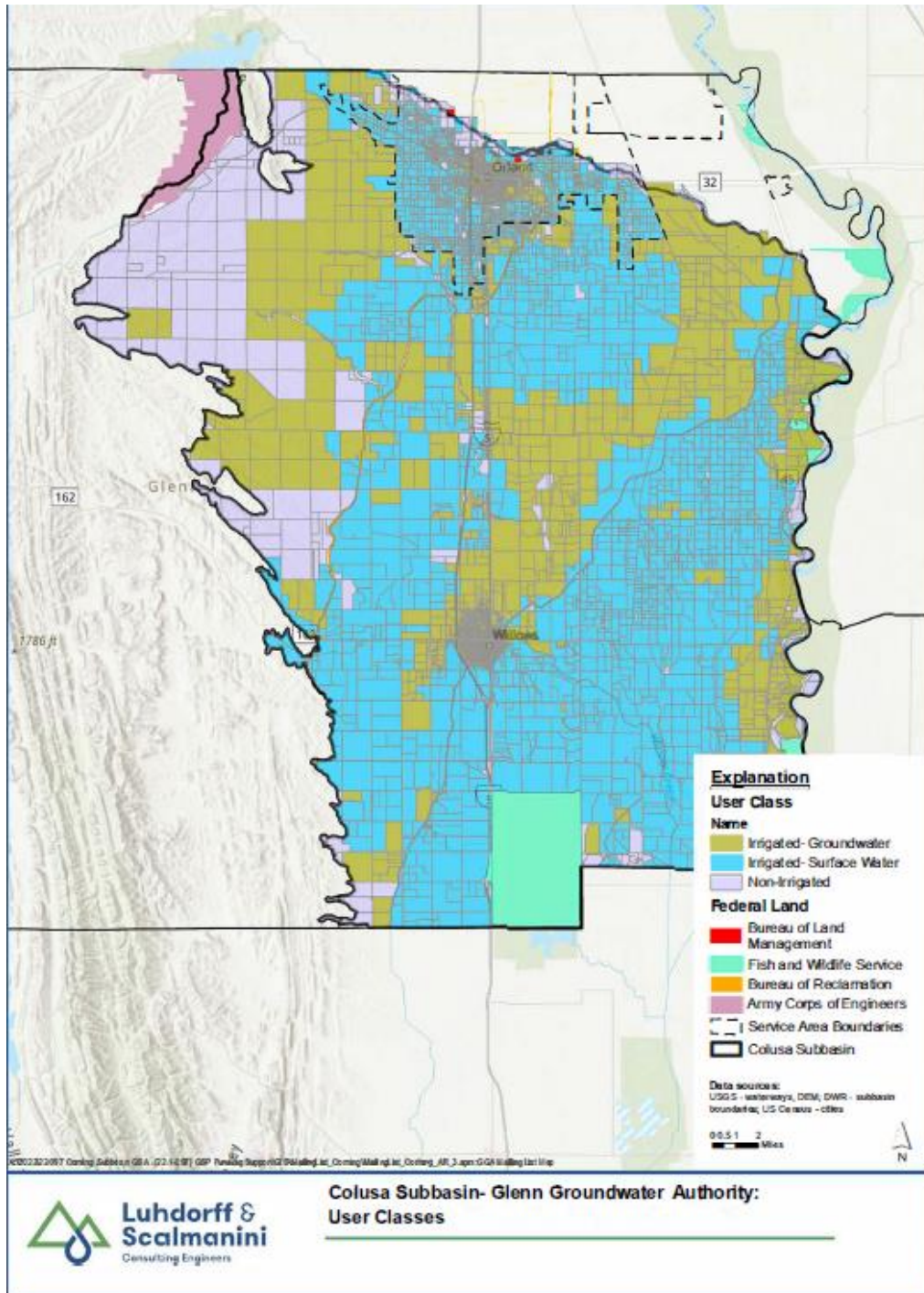
Resolution Certifying Majority Protest Process and Approving Fees

(From 8.7.23 Board Meeting)

APPENDIX B

GGA Service Area Boundary Map

GGA Service Area Parcel Map - By User Class



APPENDIX C

GGA User Reclassification Application

(Includes Manual and Electronic Sample Application Forms)

“SAMPLE”

FY23-24 LANDOWNER PARCEL RECLASSIFICATION APPLICATION

FOR IRRIGATED/NON-IRRIGATED FEE POLICY

Owner Name 1: _____
Owner Name 2: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
EMAIL: _____

CURRENT PARCEL INFORMATION

User Classification: ___ Non-Irrigated ___ Irrigated-Surface Water ___ Irrigated-Groundwater

APN: [APN] # _____

Acres: [Acres] _____

Current Annual Fee _____

PROPOSED PARCEL RECLASSIFICATION

Landowners can be reclassified in accordance with the stated maximum fees in the Proposition 218 Notice at the request of the landowner or by the GSA in accordance with the Irrigated/Non-Irrigated fee policy.

User Classification: ___ Non-Irrigated ___ Irrigated-Surface Water ___ Irrigated-Groundwater

APN: [APN] # _____

Acres: [Acres] _____

Proposed Annual Fee: _____

REASON FOR PARCEL RECLASSIFICATION

___ Change in Parcel Use ___ Not Properly Classified by User Class ___ Not Property Billed

Other _____


Email Application To: lhunter@countyofglenn.net OR Phone: 530.634-6540.

Reviewed on ___/___/____; **Decision:** ___ Approved ___ Not Approved

If Not Approved, reason: _____.

Parcel Reclassification (Example)

Find parcel information here (best on desktop): <https://felt.com/map/Corning-UserClasses-ee2rcfluTkCzfGG2oGv0WB?loc=39.7381,-122.6838,11.76z&share=1>

 Not shared



Owner Information

Owner Name 1:

Your answer _____

Owner Name 2:

Your answer _____

Address:

Your answer _____

City, State, Zip:

Your answer _____



EMAIL:

Your answer

Current Parcel Information

User Classification

- Non-Irrigated
- Irrigated-Surface Water
- Irrigated-Groundwater

APN # (000-000-000):

Your answer

Acres:

Your answer

Current Annual Fee:

Your answer



Proposed Parcel Reclassification

User Classification

- Non-Irrigated
- Irrigated-Surface Water
- Irrigated-Groundwater

APN (000-000-000):

Your answer _____

Acres:

Your answer _____

Proposed Annual Fee:

- Option 1



Reason for Parcel Reclassification

- Change in Parcel Use
- Not Properly Classified by User Class
- Not Properly Billed
- Other: _____

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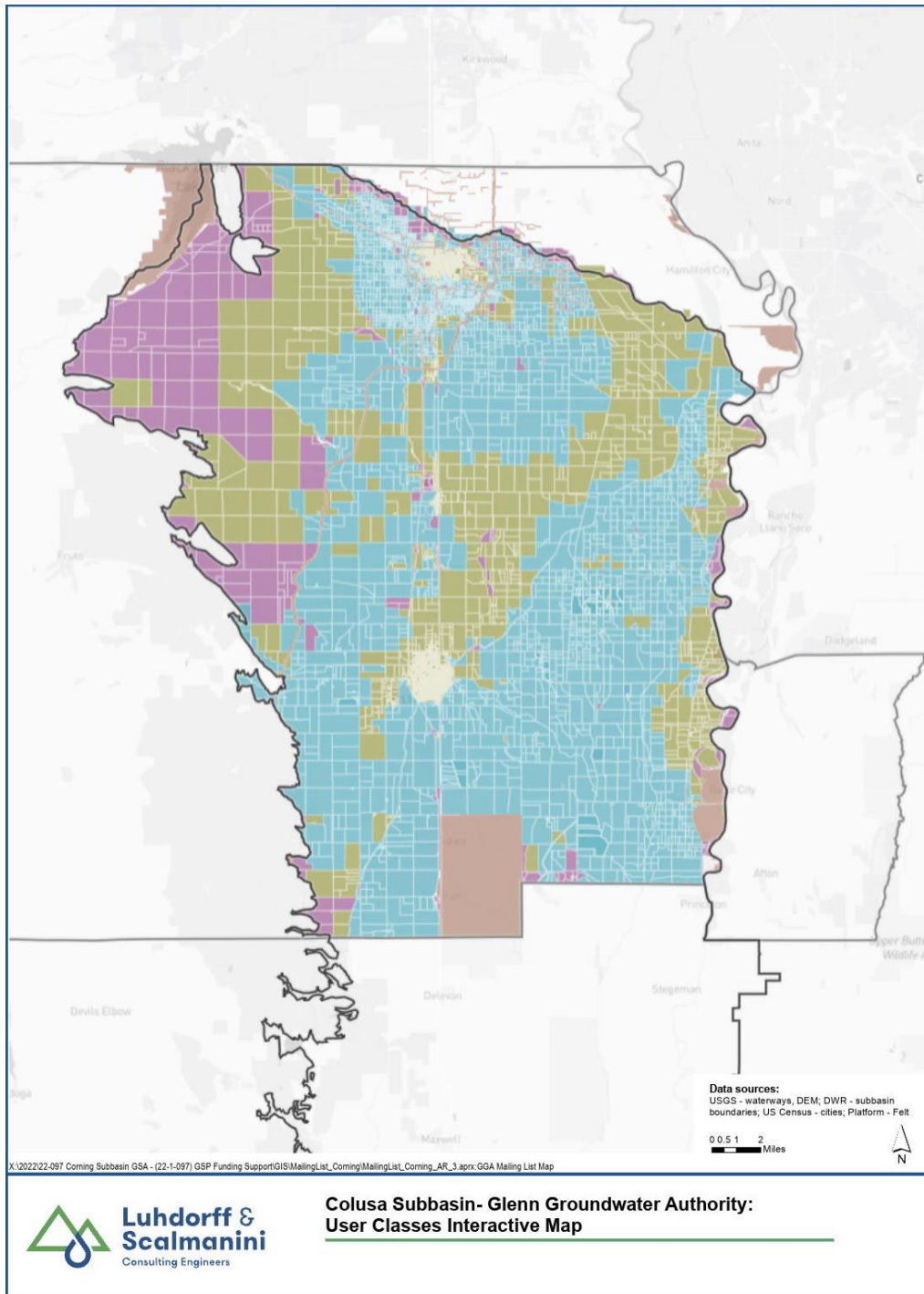
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APPENDIX D

GGA User Class Interactive Map

(Electronically available on website or cell phone – Parcel Info. On Next Page)



Parcel Level Data Available From Interactive Map

USER CLASSES GGA2	
Selected item	
Area (Acres)	136.78
User Class	Irrigated- Surface Water
Rate for User Class	2.4
Accessors Parcel Number (APN)	019-060-005

Rate for User Class	2.4
Accessors Parcel Number (APN)	019-060-005
% of Area in Subbasin	100
Area in Subbasin (Acres)	136.78
Max Rate (\$/year)	328.26

11. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee
- b. Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee
- c. Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee
- d. Technical Advisory Committee

The **GGA Executive Committee** last met July 27, 2022. The CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee met January 28, 2022. The next GGA Executive Committee meeting has not been scheduled.

Committee Members: John Amaro, Matt Deadmond, Gary Hansen

The **Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee** last met May 26, 2023 and has nothing additional to report. The committee is expecting to meet in July and next steps will be determined based on the discussion during Fee Project Item above.

Committee Members: John Amaro, Grant Carmon, Mark Lohse

The **Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee** last met April 3, 2023 to continue to work with the consultant team (Geosyntec/Water and Land Solutions) on groundwater recharge, and has nothing additional to report.

Committee Members: Emil Cavagnolo, Matt Deadmond, Chuck Schonauer, Bruce Roundy, Gary Enos

The **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** last met jointly with the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) Technical Advisory Committee on May 12, 2023. The meeting focused on discussion to begin prioritizing technical tasks through the GSP five-year update. The next CGA/GGA Joint TAC meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2023, and is expected to continue the prioritization discussion.

Full page slides of TAC presentations and other meeting materials are available on the GGA website at:

<https://www.countyofglenn.net/dept/planning-community-development-services/water-resources/glenn-groundwater-authority/gga>

Committee Members: Tavis Beynon, Matt Deadmond, Emil Cavagnolo, Mark Lohse, Zac Dickens, Don Bills

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.

15. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

16. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Members of the GGA Board are encouraged to share information, reports, comments, and suggest future agenda items. Action cannot be taken on items brought up under this item.

17. NEXT MEETING

A special meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

18. ADJOURN

The meeting will be adjourned.

*Indicates Action Item