

THE GLENN COUNTY PRIVATE PUMPER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

LOCATION: The Glenn County Farm Bureau, 831 5th Street, Orland,
CA 95963 **DATE:** December 9, 2016
TIME: 1:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Viegas, Glenn County Board of Supervisors representative, called the meeting to order at 1:11 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Those in attendance introduced themselves as shown below.

| | Private Pumper Advisory Committee Members Present <input type="checkbox"/> | Others in Attendance: |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Rick Beale | John Viegas, Glenn County Board of Supervisors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sharron Ellis | Lisa Hunter, Glenn County Department of Agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Geoff Fulks | Sharla Stockton, Glenn County Department of Agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ben Kermen | Marcie Skelton, Glenn County Department of Agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Larry Maben | Chuck Schonauer, Private Pumper/Orland-Artois WD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Richard Olney | Mark Lohse |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ronald Stilwell | George Pendell, Stony Creek |
| | | Erin Smith, Department of Water Resources |
| | | Dave Ceppos, Center for Collaborative Policy |
| | | Matt Gomes, Glenn County Planning and Public Works |
| | | Lisa Humphreys, Glenn County Farm Bureau |

3. UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

None.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Elect officers.

Chair Nominations:

Sharron Ellis- Motion: Rick Beale, Second: Larry Maben

Close nominations- Motion: Geoff Fulks, Second: Ron Stilwell

Approved: 7-0

Vice Chair Nominations:

Ron Stilwell- Motion: Richard Olney, Second: Ben Kermen

Close nominations- Motion: Geoff Fulks, Second: Larry Maben

Approved: 7-0

b. Discuss and adopt regular meeting times.

It was suggested that the PPAC meet monthly. By consensus, the next meeting date was set for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Glenn County Farm Bureau. Staff will prepare a proposed meeting schedule for consideration at the next meeting.

c. Discuss roles and responsibilities of the committee.

Supervisor Viegas reviewed the Private Pumper Advisory Committee Purpose and Responsibility handout. He shared that the Board of Supervisors and County staff are currently working on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation and participate in several SGMA workgroup meetings including efforts with adjacent counties. The PPAC is an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors representing private pumper concerns and interest regarding the impacts of SGMA. Supervisor Viegas expects the PPAC to be educated on SGMA and advise the Board on issues affecting private pumpers as it pertains to SGMA at the County and subbasin level. The Board of Supervisors will have the ultimate task of implementing SGMA.

d. Presentation on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Lisa Hunter provided a general overview of SGMA, how it relates to Glenn County and the three subbasins with the County, and the private pumper role as stated in the Act. Key points are mentioned below.

The law defines sustainability as: Manage groundwater to prevent undesirable results (significant and unreasonable): Chronic lowering of groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater storage, seawater intrusion, degraded water quality, land subsidence, depletions of interconnected surface waters.

There are multiple GSA Notifications in Glenn County. All notifications are in “overlap” status. The agencies are working with a facilitation team to resolve the overlap.

Key Implementation Milestones:

- June 30, 2017 – GSAs must be formed
- July 1, 2017 – State affirms GSA status
- January 31, 2022 – All other GSPs complete

e. SGMA process update.

Glenn County has three high or medium priority subbasins that are required to be managed under SGMA: Corning Subbasin, Colusa Subbasin, and West Butte Subbasin. The County has committed that all areas within the County boundaries will be covered, but the details are still being developed. There are several entities that have submitted notices to be GSAs within the County. The County is currently working with these agencies to resolve overlap issues through facilitated support services provided by DWR. The County is participating in coordination meetings for

each of the subbasins and neighboring counties.

Glenn County was awarded a Proposition 1 grant for a data management system and hydrogeologic conceptual modeling project. The Board approved the consultant to assist in the technical work on December 6.

Supervisor Viegas added that he is also coordinating with the Orland Unit Water Users Association.

Discussion also took place regarding the appointment of the RD 2106 Board and the new water district being formed (Glenn Ground Water District).

f. Discuss and consider outreach to private pumpers in Corning, Colusa, and West Butte Subbasins.

Private pumpers expressed their opinions on SGMA funding, metering, and surface water agency influence on SGMA. Some are concerned about the surface water purveyors having a greater input than groundwater users, and are also concerned about agencies' lack of interaction with their landowners. Surface water purveyors and private pumpers need to work together and manage the basin and collect data. Data collecting and sharing will protect the interest of private pumpers.

Outreach ideas include:

- Resource Conservation District and Glenn County Farm Bureau publications and mailings
- Create a handout of SGMA information to provide to growers when they come to renew pesticide permits
- Newspaper publications-Ag Section, editorials, features, series of articles
- Colusa Farm Show Presentation/Booth
- Posts on water resources web page

g. Suggestions for future agenda items.

It was suggested to include a presentation on water meters, DWR meter standards, proposed meeting schedule, and fee development on a future agenda.

5. COMMUNICATION

None discussed.

Ron Stilwell noted that in the spirit of full disclosure, he communicated that he is in the water well business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 PM.