

GLENN COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
344 East Laurel Street
Willows, CA 95988

Water Advisory Committee Members Present:

Rob Vlach	Private Pumper
Mark Lohse	Private Pumper
Bruce Roundy	Resource Conservation District
Ken Sullivan	Orland Water Users Association
Del Reimers	Private Pumper
David Alves	Central River Irrigation Districts
Larry Domenighini	Glenn County Farm Bureau
Terry Bressler	East County Rec & Irr Districts
Ted Trimble	Western Canal Water District

Others in Attendance:

Lisa Hunter	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
George Pendell	Stony Creek
Erin Smith	DWR
Chip Meriam	County Assessor
Zac Dickens	GCID
Alan Schauer	

Water Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Mike Alves	TC Canal Authority Districts
Mike Vereschagin	TC Canal Authority Districts
Darin Titus	Private Pumper
Sandy Willard-Denn	GCID

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Matt Gomes	Glenn Co. PPWA
Ben Pennock	At-Large, Central Area
Marcie Skelton	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
John Brooks	At-Large, North Area
Leigh McDaniel	Board of Supervisors (ex-officio)

I. INTRODUCTIONS:

Those in attendance are shown above.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The meeting minutes from November 10, 2015 were unanimously approved as presented.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Public Comment:

None

B. Discussion and/or Action Items:

1. DWR update

Erin Smith provided an update on the fall groundwater conditions throughout the Northern Sacramento Valley, with an emphasis on conditions in Glenn County. Ms. Smith reviewed the current precipitation (Sacramento Valley-8 station index) and NOAA's precipitation forecast. Ms. Smith also reviewed fall 2015 groundwater levels and change maps comparing 2004 to 2015, 2011 to 2015, and 2014 to 2015 focusing on the 100-450 foot depths. An overview of the wells with depths greater than 600 feet was also presented. Hydrographs were also reviewed. In addition to groundwater conditions, Ms. Smith provided a follow up discussion regarding subsidence from the November 2015 meeting.

2. Reports

- a) **Education/Outreach Committee**—The committee has not met since the last WAC meeting and has nothing to report.
- b) **Legislation Committee**—The committee has not met since the last WAC meeting and has nothing to report.
- c) **TAC**—The committee has not met since the last WAC meeting and has nothing to report.

3. Summer 2015 Water Quality update

Lisa Hunter reviewed the 2015 water quality handouts provided in the agenda packet. Seventeen wells were sampled during the summer. All wells were within the normal range for pH. Two wells exceeded the 700 $\mu\text{s}/\text{cm}$ agricultural standards. One of the two wells also exceeded the 900 $\mu\text{s}/\text{cm}$ drinking water standards. A summary sheet was provided that includes the 2015 measurements, the average over the period of record for each well, and the range of measurements for each well.

4. BMO revision process

An ad hoc subcommittee was created to develop policy options to be discussed during later WAC meetings. The ad hoc committee will report at the next WAC meeting as to the progress being made and potential options developed. The committee is composed of Ken Sullivan, Larry Domenighini, Rob Vlach, and Bruce Roundy.

5. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Lisa Hunter advised the committee that the scope of work for the facilitation services through DWR to aid in governance formation for the geographic area of the county has been approved by the Board of Supervisors and DWR. Work for that project should begin shortly. Ms. Hunter encouraged all parties, especially those representing a GSA eligible entity, to participate in this process. It was requested that a final copy of the scope of work be sent to the WAC members.

Lisa Hunter also advised that the County has submitted an application for the Counties with Stressed Basins Grant through DWR. The application is requesting funding in order to create a data management system, a hydrogeologic conceptual model, evaluation of current groundwater models, and selection of a groundwater model. The work presented in the application is consistent with the Action Plan developed by the WAC and approved by the Board of Supervisors. It is also intended to further SGMA activities.

Some discussion took place regarding the WAC's role in SGMA. Some feel that the County should only be responsible to fill in where no other entity is qualified, or an entity is unable or unwilling to become a GSA. There was also some discussion regarding the BMO process in relation to SGMA activities.

6. Election of Officers for the 2016-2017 term

Rob Vlach reported that the nomination committee met to discuss nomination recommendations. The committee recommends Rob Vlach as WAC Chairman and Darin Titus as Vice Chairman for the 2016/2017 term.

Ted Trimble provided a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Bruce Roundy seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved to elect Rob Vlach as WAC Chairman and Darin Titus as Vice Chairman for the 2016/2017 term.

7. Other Topics of Interest

None.

C. Communications:

None discussed

D. Member Reports:

David Alves requested the County's well permitting moratorium be placed on the next WAC meeting agenda.

IV. NEXT MEETINGS:

The next WAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2016.

The next TAC meeting has not been scheduled.

V. ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.