

GLENN COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Time: 1:30 pm

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

Water Advisory Committee Members Present:

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

Others in Attendance:

Lisa Hunter	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Hank Wallace	Self
Thad Bettner	GCID
Erin Smith	DWR
Chip Meriam	County Assessor
Ed Owens	
John Garner	
Will Martin	Private Pumper
Sharron Ellis	Concerned Citizen
George Pendell	Stony Creek

Water Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Terry Bressler	East County Rec & Irr Districts
Ted Trimble	Western Canal Water District
Rob Vlach	Private Pumper

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Kevin Backus	Glenn County Environmental Health
Ben Pennock	At-Large, Central Area
Marcie Skelton	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.

I. INTRODUCTIONS:

Those in attendance are shown above.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The meeting minutes from June 9, 2015, August 25, 2015, and September 24, 2015 were unanimously approved with the following corrections to the June 9 minutes:

Item III.B.5. Paragraph 2: Glenn County will have a discussion ~~at~~ with the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting in order to discuss options, receive comments, and hear direction from the Board.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Public Comment:

None

B. Discussion and/or Action Items:

1. DWR update

Erin Smith provided an update on the summer groundwater conditions throughout the Northern Sacramento Valley, with an emphasis on conditions in Glenn County. She also provided a presentation on the focused subsidence survey completed by DWR in the spring of 2015. The survey was completed as a follow-up to the 2004 to 2008 subsidence survey results in two localized areas within Glenn County. The area south-west of Orland has seen a change of 3.24 inches between 2004 and 2015. The rate of change has increased since 2008. South of Hamilton City has seen a change of 1.32 inches, but remains relatively unchanged from 2008 to 2015.

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**—Lisa Hunter provided a presentation updating the committee on the BMO revision process. The new method of evaluation utilizes the dedicated monitoring well network, annual lows, well infrastructure, and a calculated rate of change to help assess the risk to the current wells infrastructure at varying groundwater conditions. A gradient map was developed to provide a visual representation of the number of years it would take at the current rate of change for water levels to drop below the depth representing 50% of the wells in a given area.

The committee discussed the proposed method. It was recommended to consider a peer review of the process. Additional conversation ensued including the gradient of water and interconnection between areas that appear to be low risk and areas of high risk, the incorporation of total demand and gross water use, and SGMA implications. It was ultimately decided to bring it back to the WAC at the next meeting to further discuss the method and potential policy recommendations.

3. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Lisa Hunter advised the committee that the County has applied for the facilitation services through DWR to aid in governance formation for the geographic area of the county. The application has been accepted and a facilitator has been assigned. A scope of work is being developed. The Board of Supervisors will be briefed and will review the draft scope of work at the November 17 board meeting. It was requested that the draft scope of work be sent to WAC members so they may share the information with their respective boards.

4. Election of Officers for the 2016-2017 term

A nomination committee composed of Sandy Denn, Darin Titus, Rob Vlach, and Ted Trimble will meet and report back with recommendations to the WAC at the December meeting. Ms. Denn will chair the committee.

5. Other Topics of Interest

None.

C. Communications:

None discussed

D. Member Reports:

None.

IV. NEXT MEETINGS:

The next WAC meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2015.

The next TAC meeting has not been scheduled.

V. ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.