

**GLENN COUNTY  
WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JOINT MEETING**

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**MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, October 23, 2014  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.  
PLACE: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District  
344 East Laurel Street, Willows, CA 95988

**I. INTRODUCTIONS:** those in attendance introduced themselves.

**WAC Members Present:**

David Alves	PCGID
Ted Trimble	WCWD
Sandy Willard Denn	GCID
Larry Domenighini	GCFB
Ken Sullivan	Ouwua
Bruce Roundy	GCRCD/City of Orland
Mike Vereschagin	OAWD/TCCA
Michael Alves	KWD/GWD
Rob Vlach	NRCS/At-Large Private Pumper
John Garner	At-Large Private Pumper
Mark Lohse	At-Large Private Pumper
<b>WAC Members Absent:</b>	
Darin Titus	At-Large Private Pumper

**TAC Members Present:**

Allan Fulton	UCCE
Kevin Backus	Glenn Co. Env. Health
Matt Gomes	Glenn Co. P&PWA
Lance Boyd	South Area
John Brooks	North Area
Ben Pennock	Central Area

**TAC Members Absent:**

Jim Donnelly	Glenn Co. Ag Dept
Leigh McDaniel	Board of Supervisors
Roy Hull	DWR
Anjanette Shadley	East Area

**Others in Attendance:**

Lisa Hunter	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.	Ron VonBargen	GC Assessor's office
Brian Taylor	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.	Pete Carr	City of Orland
Carol Perkins	Butte Env. Council	Eric Miller	Butte Co. TAC/MPM Engineering
Oscar Williams	self	Barbara Hennigan	BSBAGU
Will Martin	Capay Farms	Kevin Kibby	USBR
Mark Atlas		John Ayres	GEI
Doug Ross	Valley Mirror	Natalie Wolder	BOR
Michelle Dooley	DWR	Renee Thatford	Cal Water
Lisa Humphreys	GCFB	Susan Meeker	Tri-Counties Newspapers
Del Reimers		Eugene Cleek	

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes were continued until the next regular meeting of the committees.

**III. AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Public Comment:**

Pete Carr, at the request of the Orland City Council, inquired about the possibility of adding a seat to the Water Advisory Committee to accommodate an additional member from the City of Orland.

**B. Discussion and/or Action Items:**

1. TAC Report - Basin Management Objective Revision Update

Lisa Hunter gave a summary of the TAC's efforts to revise the BMOs. A large portion of the discussion to this point has focused on the BMO boundary revision to more accurately reflect the hydrology. The most recent recommendations have the Colusa Basin subdivided into a number of medium to large management areas primarily following existing canal boundaries and fault lines, the Corning Basin split into two separate management areas, and the foothill basins collectively as one management area. However, additional recommendations are still being considered and a final review of the various options will be conducted at the next TAC meeting, with a finalized boundary revision recommendation to follow.

Geologic cross sections provided by DWR Northern Region and current stage alert definitions and actions are also being discussed at the TAC level.

There was a lengthy discussion on the overall BMO revision process. The WAC directed the TAC to develop procedure for responding to Abnormal Groundwater Reports and the WAC requested it receive notification/copies of any reports filed.

## 2. Glenn County Groundwater Level Newsletter

The most recent version of the UC Extension Center's Water & Land Management Newsletter was reviewed. The newsletter contained a historical synopsis of groundwater development in Glenn County, an update on 2014 groundwater levels and a list of suggested reading.

## 3. Review of 2014 Groundwater Levels

Maps from the Department of Water Resources were presented showing the changes in groundwater elevation in the Northern Sacramento Valley from 2013-14 and also from 2004-14 for shallow, two intermediate depths, and deep aquifer zones. Although there is variation from region to region, the groundwater levels in Glenn County appear to show a decline, both in the short and long term.

## 4. Review of 2014 Water Quality Measurements

A spreadsheet was presented showing a summary of the 2014 water quality measurements within the county. Twenty-four wells were sampled in July and August. There were two exceedances of the threshold for electrical conductivity, but no other abnormal measurements.

## 5. Discussion of the September 16, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting

The minutes of the September 16, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting were discussed. Of particular interest to the committee was a motion to approve a recommendation by Supervisor McDaniel which would "Direct the Water Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee to intensify their efforts to bring a revised groundwater management plan to the Board of Supervisors before the 2015 irrigation season, based on new State legislation and current information available in the County."

## 6. Groundwater Legislation Discussion

Pertinent aspects of Assembly Bill 1739 and Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 were discussed. Handouts prepared by ACWA regarding implementation deadlines, a fact sheet, and a frequently asked questions sheet were reviewed.

## 7. Ad Hoc Committee Report

At the committee's recommendation, the Ad Hoc Committee was dissolved by a unanimous vote of the members present. Two new committees were formed to focus on more specific topics. One committee will focus on outreach and education, the other to summarize and to develop a plan to address the new State legislation. The outreach and education committee consists of Larry Domenighini, Sandy Denn, Allan Fulton, Mike Vereschagin, Bruce Roundy, and Ben Pennock. The legislation committee members are John Garner, Larry Domenighini, Mark Lohse, David Alves, and Anjanette Shadley.

**C. Communications:** None discussed

### **D. Member Reports**

Mike Vereschagin referenced a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee where the possibility of recharge studies performed in conjunction with UC Davis were discussed. The proposed project would consist of on-farm recharge studies in 3 different areas, with Orland-Artois Water District being one of the potential study sites. The Glenn County Board of Supervisors has written a letter in support for the project.

## **IV. NEXT MEETINGS:**

- A.** The next TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for November.
- B.** The next WAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **V. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.