

# Glenn Groundwater Authority

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

#### GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 30, 2021

1:30 PM

LOCATION: 225 N. Tehama Street, Willows, CA. 95988

The meeting was also conducted via teleconference; accessible via telephone, computer, smartphone or tablet.

Director Members Present:	Alternate/2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X Grant Carmon	X Tom Arnold	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy	Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen (Vice Chair)	X Evan Markey	City of Willows
George Nerli	X Leslie Nerli	Glide Water District
X John Amaro (Chair)	Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	X Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
	Michael Alves (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Kanawha Water District
X Mark Lohse	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District
X Gary Enos	Lance Boyd	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District

Others in attendance (in-person and remotely):

Lisa Hunter, GGA/Glenn County; Valerie Kincaid, GGA Counsel; Arne Gustafson, Ben King, Gina Nicholls, Ashlee Veneman, Glenn County staff/clerk; Don Rust, Glenn County PCDSA Director; Holly Reimers; Del Reimers.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and is indicated above.

#### 3. AB 361 OPEN MEETINGS: STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES: TELECONFERENCES

- a. Consider approval of Resolution 2021-003 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e)

**On motion by Director Enos, seconded by Director Roundy, it was unanimously approved by members present to adopt Resolution 2021-003 "Authorizing Teleconference Meetings in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e)".**

#### 4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Landowner Ben King inquired if litigation has been filed against the GGA, whereby GGA Counsel, Valerie Kincaid, stated no litigation has been initiated though the agency has received tax refund claims in relation to the GGA fees. Mr. King asked if that information could be sent to him, whereby Ms. Kincaid confirmed it

could. Mr. King spoke against the Proposition 218 related fees and encouraged the Board to enter cooperative agreements with landowners to avoid potential litigation.

#### 5. 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.

- The Board recessed for closed session at 1:41 P.M

#### 6. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board reconvened to open session at 2:39 P.M
- The Board approved an initial response to property owners and gave direction to counsel and staff accordingly.

#### 7. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Director Carmon provided an update on the Department of Water Resources grant awarded to the City of Orland, stating the level of interested parties in connecting to municipal service water has risen dramatically, and the deadline to express interest in this service is December 31, 2021.
- Director Carmon further stated that the drought task force meetings have been suspended until March but the work continues on new pending well requirements and the public is encouraged to contact him for more information ([grant.carmon@countyofglenn.net](mailto:grant.carmon@countyofglenn.net)). He requested the draft document be sent to the GGA Board members.
- Director L. Nerli stated she will be submitting her well data for the well monitoring program and paying the applicable fees.
- Ms. Hunter stated Mary Fahey of Colusa County and the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) took a new position with the Department of Water Resources and staff is coordinating with the CGA to ensure a smooth transition. Chair Amaro asked if the CGA has other staff to assist with the grant reporting, whereby Ms. Hunter stated not at this time but GGA staff may accept more tasks.
- Ms. Hunter announced that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released another round of 2020 GSP reviews. Director Carmon asked if there were any themes in the DWR commentary/deficiencies, whereby Ms. Kincaid stated tying sustainable management criteria levels to beneficial users of groundwater, mitigation of drinking water, and water quality. Ms. Kincaid further stated DWR seems to be setting higher standards than what SGMA requires.

#### 8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2021 at 1:30 P.M at the same location.

#### 9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 P.M