

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Meeting Minutes

Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

December 14, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

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 nd Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X Grant Carmon	X Tom Arnold	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy	X Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 nd)	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 nd)	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:

Lisa Hunter (GGA/Glenn County), Valerie Kincaid (GGA Counsel), Holly Dawley (GCID), Ashlee Veneman (Glenn County), Donald J. Bills (GGA TAC), Jenny Scheer (Water & Land Solutions), Cindy Nunes, Grant Davids (Davids Engineering), Katie Klug (Davids Engineering), Ken Loy (West Yost), Lester Messina, Marc Frelier.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as indicated above.

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

- a. *Consider approval of Resolution 2021-004 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e)

- Chair Amaro introduced the item. No further discussion was heard.

On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Enos, it was unanimously approved by members present to adopt Resolution 2021-004 "Authorizing Teleconference Meetings in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e)".

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. *Approval of meeting minutes from November 8, 2021
- b. *Approval of special meeting minutes from November 30, 2021

On motion by Director Carmon, seconded by Director Roundy, the meeting minutes of November 8, 2021 and special meeting minutes of November 30, 2021 were unanimously approved as presented by members present.

5. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- No comments were presented or heard.

6. STAFF UPDATES

- Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) Program Manager, Lisa Hunter, stated the GSP development grant amendment request has been submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), and that the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) will remain listed as the contracting agency, and Ms. Hunter will be listed as the project manager at least until a replacement is found for former CGA program manager, Mary Fahey.
- Ms. Hunter also stated that staff was made aware of sink holes developing in the Colusa and Corning subbasins, and that a site visit has been conducted with Department of Water Resources. Ms. Hunter indicated a Technical Support Services application (grant) would be a potential funding source to investigate the matter and determine what processes are happening and to better understand the situation.
- Ms. Hunter announced the annual audit is underway.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. *Review and accept Monthly Activities Report.
- b. *Review and consider approval of claims.

No discussion was held on item 7.a.

On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Lohse, it was unanimously ordered to approve the Monthly Activities Report as presented by members present.

No discussion was held on item 7.b

On motion by Director Enos, seconded by Director Randy Hansen, it was unanimously ordered to approve the claims as presented by members present.

8. **1:30 p.m.** PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF THE COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan
 - b. *Consider adoption of the Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- Ms. Hunter congratulated the Board on the various milestones they have achieved throughout the GSP development process. She noted that the GSP will continue to be modified over time through required annual reports and comprehensive five-year updates.
 - Chair Amaro opened the Public Hearing at 1:38 p.m. and invited commentary from the public, in person and via teleconference.
 - No comments being stated, heard or read, Chair Amaro closed the Public Hearing at 1:39 p.m.

- Director Roundy spoke to the City of Orland’s disappointment with the plan in regards to protection of drinking water resources, stating the City of Orland’s position would be not to adopt the GSP. Discussion ensued regarding the potential of adding a management area, revisions to the sustainable management criteria if warranted, potential additional monitoring, contingency plans, and interim triggers prior to reaching a minimum threshold. Ms. Hunter stated a municipal well within the City’s jurisdiction could be monitored to obtain more data, whereby Director Arnold suggested utilizing the new well that is to be built that will be funded by the Department of Water Resources.
- Director Cavagnolo stated once minimum thresholds in the GSP are triggered, the State may intervene but local action of some form is likely being taken before those thresholds are triggered. He further spoke to the importance of managing groundwater versus surface water usage.

On motion by Director Gary Hansen, seconded by Director Leslie Nerli, it was ordered to adopt the Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan per the following proceedings:

AYES: Directors Grant Carmon, Gary Hansen, John Amaro, Charles Schonauer, Randy Hansen, Mark Lohse, Gary Enos, Leslie Nerli

NOES: Director Bruce Roundy

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

9. *APPROVE AGREEMENT 1178.04 WITH DAVIDS ENGINEERING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE 2022 COLUSA SUBBASIN ANNUAL REPORT PENDING COUNSEL REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

- Ms. Hunter stated the GGA reviewed the draft scope of work October 11, 2021. There have been no changes in vendor information or the scope of work for the proposed agreement since that time and this item is intended to approve executing the agreement and clarify that it is not necessary to make this item contingent on the approval of the grant amendment.

On motion by Director Gary Hansen, seconded by Director Leslie Nerli, it was unanimously approved by members present to approve Agreement 1178.04 with Davids Engineering, Inc. for professional services to prepare and submit the 2022 Colusa Subbasin Annual Report pending counsel review; and, authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement.

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Executive Committee
 - CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee
- Multi-Benefit Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee
- Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee
- Technical Advisory Committee

- There were no committee updates presented or heard.

11. *APPROVAL OF 2022 GGA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

- Chair Amaro introduced the item. No further discussion was had.

On motion by Director Carmon, seconded by Director Randy Hansen, it was unanimously approved by members present to approve the 2022 GGA Board Meeting Schedule as presented.

12. 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.

- No comments were presented or heard.
- The Board adjourned to closed session at 2:25 p.m.

13. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board returned from closed session at 2:39 p.m.; no reportable action was taken.

14. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Chair Amaro thanked Ms. Hunter and Ms. Kincaid for all of their assistance and hard work over the course of the GSP development process.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

16. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.