

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Meeting Minutes

Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

April 12, 2021 | 1:30 pm

LOCATION: Teleconference

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting was conducted by teleconference. The meeting was 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	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 Andrea Jones (2 nd)	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; Brandon Davison, DWR; Donald Rust, Glenn County, Planning Director; David Kehn, CalWater/GGA TAC; Jaime Lely; Joshua Dowell; Mary Fahey, CGA; Arne Gustafson; Holly Dawley, GCID; Linda Sloan, Provost & Pritchard; Pat Vellines, DWR

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as indicated above.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Approval of meeting minutes from March 9, 2021.

On motion by Vice Chair Hansen, seconded by Director Enos, the meeting minutes from March 9, 2021 were approved as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Carmon, Roundy, G. Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, R. Hansen, Lohse, Enos, L. Nerli

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were presented or heard.

5. STAFF UPDATES

- Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) Program Manager, Lisa Hunter, announced the Golden State Risk Management Authority 2020 Annual Report is now available (<https://gsrma.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/GSRMA-2020-Annual-Report-FINAL.pdf>), and mentioned there may be a change in the teleconference platforms moving from GoTo Meeting to Web-Ex.
- Ms. Hunter further stated that the letter requesting a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) deadline extension was submitted, and that a new bill, Assembly Bill 754 has been introduced and would extend the deadline for one year if passed, though GGA will continue operating under the assumption of a January 2022 deadline.
- Ms. Hunter stated she received water transfer notifications from the Provident Irrigation District and the Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District and would be forwarding that information to the Board members.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Ms. Hunter stated the Monthly Activities Report will be available at the next meeting.

On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Randy Hansen, it was ordered to approve the claims as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Carmon, Roundy, G. Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, R. Hansen, Lohse, Enos, L. Nerli

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

- a. Receive update on Plan development, activities, and outreach.
 - b. Receive update on GSP Development Grants (Proposition 1 and Proposition 68).
 - c. Receive update on Project Agreements.
 - d. Discussion on GSP chapter release schedule.
 - e. Well Monitoring Pilot Program.
 - i. Receive update on Program activities.
 - ii. *Approve Agreement for Well Monitoring Program and authorize the Chairman to execute said agreements with cooperators.
 - f. Discussion on Management Areas.
- Ms. Hunter stated the GSP Development status memo provided by Davids Engineering provided highlights of Plan activities from January – March 2021.
 - Ms. Hunter drew attention to the Administrative Record and reminded Board members the record can be viewed at any time at the Box link (<https://app.box.com/s/2w5ewrd7qmw3b8ngcslbg9wlsithey40>). The consultant team is compiling comments as they are received.

- Ms. Hunter also stated draft Chapters 1-4 of the GSP were released for review, and comments received will continue to be added to the Administrative Record Spreadsheet until the May 5, 2021 comment deadline.
- Ms. Hunter stated the quarterly grant reports will be submitted this month and that the Proposition 1 grant funds are approximately 48% expended while the Proposition 68 grant funds are about 5% expended through the previous invoice period.
- Ms. Hunter provided updates on the Project agreements, stating the Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model & Water Budget Project is 96% expended and will be closed out soon and moved to the Colusa Subbasin GSP Development Project, which is approximately 18% expended at this time. Davids Engineering has requested edits to the agreement which will be presented to the Board at a future time.
- Ms. Hunter noted the importance of informing the member agencies of GSP development topics so they are prepared to provide guidance to the member representative as we near GSP completion. She referred to the GSP Chapter Release Schedule and highlighted target release dates and review periods and stated a joint Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA)/GGA Board of Directors meeting is being planned for April 22, 2021 and will focus on the GSP draft chapters.
- Chair Amaro introduced Item 7.e regarding the **Well Monitoring Program**, whereby Ms. Hunter stated she is working with the CGA to work through the ranking process of the twenty-one well applicants and determine program sites. Ms. Hunter further stated legal counsels from both agencies are finalizing the land owner agreement for the program. Mr. Amaro stated he was pleased with the number of applicants. Ms. Hunter stated the CEQA Notice of Exemption was filed with the Glenn County Clerk-Recorder on March 22, 2021 with a \$50 filing fee which will be invoiced to the GGA.
- Chair Amaro returned to Item 7.f **Management Areas (MAs)** after agenda item 8, whereby Ms. Hunter encouraged members to review the Colusa Subbasin Management Area interest-based survey and PowerPoint presentation that the CGA is distributing to member agencies. GGA Counsel, Valerie Kincaid, asked if the GSP is currently being developed without MAs, and if needed, is there a specific timeline to propose those, whereby Ms. Hunter stated the responses are requested by April 20, 2021 and any feedback should be submitted as soon as possible if they are to be included in the initial GSP. Director Nerli asked if anyone from GGA has made any inquiries into this, whereby Ms. Hunter stated there has been little interest in MAs from the GGA members unless the Board can determine a clear benefit. Director Schonauer stated his concerns for potential groundwater conditions at end of well pumping season in September and suggested addressing MAs at that point, whereby Ms. Hunter stated while MAs can be helpful, they are not necessary for localized management. Director Roundy stated he does not believe MAs are needed at this time due to increased cost and administrative work. Discussion ensued regarding the utilization of MAs.
- Mr. Enos asked if the well applicants for the Well Monitoring Program are strategically placed to support the decisions about what is occurring in the basin, whereby Ms. Hunter stated the purpose of the program is to involve local landowners and receive well pumping and related data.

A motion was made by Director Carmon to approve the Agreement for Well Monitoring Program and authorize the Chair to execute said agreements with cooperators. The motion was seconded by Director Enos and passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Carmon, Roundy, G. Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, R. Hansen, Lohse, Enos, L. Nerli

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

8. CONSIDER APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP TITLED ADDENDUM #2 TO CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT (CSA) NO. 18-344-CONSULTING SERVICES FOR TAX YEAR 2021-2022 DIRECT CHARGE PREPARATION, GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY, GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT PENDING LEGAL REVIEW

- Chair Amaro introduced the item; Ms. Hunter stated the consultant updates would include any parcel splits to ensure the correct amount is charged and they prepare the files for submittal to the County.

A motion was made by Director Hansen to approve the proposal from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group Titled Addendum #2 to Consultant Services Agreement (CSA) No. 18-344- Consulting Services for Tax Year 2021-2022 Direct Charge Preparation, Glenn Groundwater Authority, Glenn County, California and authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement pending legal review. The motion was seconded by Director Schonauer and approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Carmon, Roundy, G. Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, R. Hansen, Lohse, Enos, L. Nerli

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. 2021/2022 Budget Ad Hoc Committee
- b. Executive Committee
 - i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee
- c. Stakeholder Engagement Committee
- d. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

- Director Amaro stated the **Budget Ad Hoc Committee, Executive Committee** and the **Stakeholder Engagement Committee** have not met since the last meeting and have nothing to report.
- David Kehn, the TAC representative to the GGA Board, provided the **Technical Advisory Committee** report. Mr. Kehn stated a recommendation was made to adopt a GSP policy to conduct monitoring of saline groundwater to support establishing salinity thresholds for groundwater quality as part of the 2027 GSP Update. Mr. Kehn also stated TAC recommended the GSA Boards adopt the Land Subsidence Minimum Thresholds (MT) and Measurable Objectives (MO) presented at the April 9th meeting.

The two main topics at the Joint TAC meeting were sub-area water budgets and MT and MO. The TAC meeting slides are included in the packet. He highlighted slides within the packet and noted they capture the modeling process and portfolio of water uses in the water budgets. The Sustainable Management Criteria discussion included MTs, which is the level you do not want to cross or you are in violation of the GSP, and the MO, which is intended to be a reasonable goal of where the basin should

be. One way to choose thresholds is to look at the actual groundwater levels. Another way is to consider well infrastructure, independent of the water levels. The consultants are proposing a hybrid approach. The Undesirable Result would be a certain percentage of wells that fall below that level. Due to the timing of the meetings, the formal recommendations will be brought to the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Kehn also noted, the TAC focuses on technical aspects, not the policy, so it is important to hear feedback from the GSA Boards as well.

- Ms. Kincaid asked a question relating to the subsidence monitoring network. Mr. Kehn confirmed the network is composed of benchmarks, not monitoring wells and there would be different Representative Monitoring Sites for different Sustainability Indicators.

10. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

There were no member reports or comments.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2021 at 1:30 pm.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.