



Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee
Meeting Materials
October 13, 2021 | 9:30 am

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Main Pump Station
7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA 95963
And
Teleconference

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1. Call to Order

The Chair will call the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Staff will conduct roll call.

3. Meeting Minutes

a. *Approval of September 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Draft meeting minutes are attached.

Attachments:

- September 8, 2021, draft meeting minutes



Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee Meeting Minutes September 8, 2021 | 9:30 am

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 this meeting was conducted by teleconference.

1. Call to Order

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

2. Roll Call

	Party Representative	Member Agency
X	Tom Arnold	County of Glenn
X	Grant Carmon	County of Glenn
X	John Amaro	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X	Pete Knight	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
	Julia Violich	Monroeville Water District
	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District

Lisa Hunter conducted roll call. As noted above, a quorum of members was present.

3. Meeting Minutes

- a. ***Approval of June 9, 2021, Meeting Minutes**
- b. ***Approval of July 14, 2021, Meeting Minutes**
- c. ***Approval of August 11, 2021, Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Tom Arnold to approve the June 9, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded Grant Carmon. A clarification was asked if the motion could include items a, b, and c, at which point, Mr. Arnold amended his motion to approve the June 9, 2021, July 14, 2021, and August 11, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Carmon confirmed seconding the amended motion.

Motion: Tom Arnold; Second: Grant Carmon; Vote: Unanimous.

Roll Call Vote:

Tom Arnold: Aye
Grant Carmon: Aye
John Amaro: Aye
Pete Knight: Aye

4. Period of Public Comment

No comments were heard.

5. Staff Reports

Ms. Hunter provided a brief report about Facilitation Support Services (FSS). Staff is working on amending the contract to continue facilitation services with the Consensus Building Institute (CBI) through Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) submittal.

Ms. Hunter provided an update on the status of accommodating in person and hybrid Corning Sub-basin GSA (CSGSA) Committee meetings. In person and hybrid meetings are postponed and staff will continue to evaluate.

Ms. Hunter also provided an update on the status of the Proposition 1 grant, including remaining funding. Ms. Hunter reported that the technical consultants (Montgomery & Associates) continue to work on drafting GSP chapters, coordinating Corning Subbasin Advisory Board (CSAB) meetings, and finalizing plan components.

6. Corning Subbasin Advisory Board Report

a. Continue discussions on funding mechanisms, funding needs, and potential approaches for GSP Implementation.

Ms. Hunter shared that the Corning Subbasin Advisory Board (CSAB) met on September 1, 2021. The goals of the meeting were to review the status and next steps for final draft GSP, the adoption process, and outreach and engagement. These topics will be covered in more detail in item 7.

The discussion on funding mechanisms, funding needs, and potential approaches for GSP implementation is a carry-over from a previous CSAB meeting. She stated the CSGSA has received five letters related to the funding mechanism topic. Three of the letters were forwarded to CSGSA members on September 7 and posted online with the meeting materials. Two additional letters were received after that time and will be forwarded to the CSGSA and posted with the meeting materials. The letters are very similar in content.

Ms. Hunter shared potential options for funding will be included in the Corning Subbasin GSP; however, no decisions on funding mechanisms have been made. She thanked the landowners that submitted comments and noted that early engagement

and input is important to help guide the next steps to determine which funding route is most appropriate and how the GSA chooses to move forward.

She encouraged everyone to review the draft GSP (once released) and to continue to discuss and refine funding mechanisms and needs over the next few months. She provided some examples of funding needs that the CSGSA will need to discuss.

The CSAB meeting materials, including presentations, agendas, and meeting summaries are available on the website at: www.corningsubbasingsp.org.

The CSAB will not meet in October. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, at 1:30 pm.

CSGSA Discussion

- Mr. Carmon encouraged pursuing an equitable funding rate instead of an across-the-board flat rate. Mr. Carmon suggested a standard guideline based on a basic water consumption calculated per crop.
- Mr. Amaro shared there is a lot of diversity in the subbasin and he has a preference for a rate based on well size. He conceded that having the data for implementing and administering this type rate may pose difficult challenges, particularly in the beginning. Nonetheless, he still thinks this is the best option available. Regarding a rate based on crop-type water use, Mr. Amaro foresees challenges with regulating or overseeing use when farmers shift to different crop types.

Public Comment

- John Connelly expressed apprehension about a previous discussion on the potential for dry land conversion to irrigation to cover extra fees. The person is concerned that cattle business owners who cannot afford the fee and/or conversion may abandon their land, which could pose a fire danger to the community if vegetation increases significantly. He suggested developing a program that helps small cattle business owners, who might be negatively impacted.
- Ritta Martin representing the Glenn County Rangeland Association shared one of the additional letters submitted was from the Association, which is a landowner group with membership on the dry western side. She emphasized the need for a more equitable cost share between irrigated and dry lands. Ms. Martin asked about the timeline for assessment and funding decisions. Ms. Hunter noted there is not a definitive timeline, but assumes there would be no decision made until early implementation in 2022; however, the discussions that will shape those decisions will likely be taking place over the next few months and continue into early 2022.

- Jaime Lely voiced concerns as a neighbor advocate and a West Side landowner representing more than 22,000 acres thanked the CSGSA for listening to their concerns and considering a variety of options.

7. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update and Discussion

a. Review final draft GSP release schedule, comment period, and GSP adoption process

At its September 1, 2021, meeting, the CSAB voted to release the draft Corning Subbasin GSP on September 10, 2021 pending the ability of the CSAB to review the Executive Summary and Section 8 prior to release.

The Public Draft GSP will be released for 45-day public review and will be available on the website at: <https://www.corningsubbasingsp.org/>. A hard copy will be available for public viewing at the Glenn County Planning and Community Development Office, 225 N Tehama St, Willows, CA 95988.

Comments can be mailed or emailed directly to GSA staff. Committees, Boards, and Member Agencies are encouraged review of this full GSP draft with decision makers to make sure any concerns or comments can be incorporated prior to finalization for adoption to avoid delays in the process that limit the GSAs ability to meet the statutory deadline.

The 90-day notice to cities and counties was mailed out on August 27, 2021. The City of Corning requested a presentation. Glenn County Staff and Tehama County staff are working together to satisfy the request.

The public hearing and consideration to adopt the Corning Subbasin GSP for the CSGSA is likely to be held on December 8, 2021. Ms. Hunter noted the CSGSA should be prepared to hold a special meeting in late December or early January if any items need to be resolved.

b. Outreach and engagement update

CBI provided an update at the September 1, 2021 CSAB meeting. Upcoming outreach and engagement efforts include one in-person public workshop and one webinar covering the same material. The meetings will be held on October 4 and October 13, 2021. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Staff encouraged CSGSA members and the public to share ideas and recommendations. No recommendations were shared.

8. Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee Member Reports and Comments

Mr. Carmon shared an event involving bottled water give-away and an upcoming drought task force meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be October 13, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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4. Period of Public Comment

Members of the public are encouraged to address the Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee. Public comment will be limited to three minutes. No action will be taken on items under public comment.

5. AB 361 Open Meetings: State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences

- a. *Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2021-01 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e)**

Executive Order N-08-21 was issued on June 11, 2021 which provided guidance on a number of orders that were issued in relation to COVID-19. One change applied to Executive Order N-29-20 (issued March 17, 2020) relating to Open Meetings and teleconferencing stating the provisions of N-29-20 would apply through September 30, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom approved Assembly Bill 361 relating to Open Meetings and teleconferencing requirements.

Staff and members will discuss options and potential implications of the expiration of Executive Order N-29-20 and passage of AB 361.

Attachments:

- Assembly Bill 361 Open Meeting: State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences Bill Text
- Draft Resolution 2021-01 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meeting in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e)


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AB-361 Open meetings: state and local agencies: teleconferences. (2021-2022)

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Assembly Bill No. 361

CHAPTER 165

An act to add and repeal Section 89305.6 of the Education Code, and to amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of, and to add and repeal Section 11133 of, the Government Code, relating to open meetings, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[Approved by Governor September 16, 2021. Filed with Secretary of State September 16, 2021.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 361, Robert Rivas. Open meetings: state and local agencies: teleconferences.

(1) Existing law, the Ralph M. Brown Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency, as those terms are defined, be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. The act contains specified provisions regarding the timelines for posting an agenda and providing for the ability of the public to directly address the legislative body on any item of interest to the public. The act generally requires all regular and special meetings of the legislative body be held within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, subject to certain exceptions. The act allows for meetings to occur via teleconferencing subject to certain requirements, particularly that the legislative body notice each teleconference location of each member that will be participating in the public meeting, that each teleconference location be accessible to the public, that members of the public be allowed to address the legislative body at each teleconference location, that the legislative body post an agenda at each teleconference location, and that at least a quorum of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the local agency's jurisdiction. The act provides an exemption to the jurisdictional requirement for health authorities, as defined. The act authorizes the district attorney or any interested person, subject to certain provisions, to commence an action by mandamus or injunction for the purpose of obtaining a judicial determination that specified actions taken by a legislative body are null and void.

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, authorizes the Governor, or the Director of Emergency Services when the governor is inaccessible, to proclaim a state of emergency under specified circumstances.

Executive Order No. N-29-20 suspends the Ralph M. Brown Act's requirements for teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic provided that notice and accessibility requirements are met, the public members are allowed to observe and address the legislative body at the meeting, and that a legislative body of a local agency has a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, as specified.

This bill, until January 1, 2024, would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency, as that term is defined, when state or local health officials

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have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, during a proclaimed state of emergency held for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and during a proclaimed state of emergency when the legislative body has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, as provided.

This bill would require legislative bodies that hold teleconferenced meetings under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures to give notice of the meeting and post agendas, as described, to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the legislative body, to give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment, including an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option, and to conduct the meeting in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body. The bill would require the legislative body to take no further action on agenda items when there is a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments, until public access is restored. The bill would specify that actions taken during the disruption are subject to challenge proceedings, as specified.

This bill would prohibit the legislative body from requiring public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and would specify that the legislative body must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time. The bill would prohibit the legislative body from closing the public comment period and the opportunity to register to provide public comment, until the public comment period has elapsed or until a reasonable amount of time has elapsed, as specified. When there is a continuing state of emergency, or when state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, the bill would require a legislative body to make specified findings not later than 30 days after the first teleconferenced meeting pursuant to these provisions, and to make those findings every 30 days thereafter, in order to continue to meet under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures.

Existing law prohibits a legislative body from requiring, as a condition to attend a meeting, a person to register the person's name, or to provide other information, or to fulfill any condition precedent to the person's attendance.

This bill would exclude from that prohibition, a registration requirement imposed by a third-party internet website or other online platform not under the control of the legislative body.

(2) Existing law, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a state body be open and public and all persons be permitted to attend any meeting of a state body. The act requires at least one member of the state body to be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

The Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20 suspends the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act for teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic, provided that notice and accessibility requirements are met, the public members are allowed to observe and address the state body at the meeting, and that a state body has a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, as specified.

This bill, until January 31, 2022, would authorize, subject to specified notice and accessibility requirements, a state body to hold public meetings through teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the state body. With respect to a state body holding a public meeting pursuant to these provisions, the bill would suspend certain requirements of existing law, including the requirements that each teleconference location be accessible to the public and that members of the public be able to address the state body at each teleconference location. Under the bill, a state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically would satisfy any requirement that the state body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. The bill would require that each state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing provide notice of the meeting, and post the agenda, as provided. The bill would urge state bodies utilizing these teleconferencing procedures in the bill to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to existing law, as provided.

(3) Existing law establishes the various campuses of the California State University under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and authorizes the establishment of student body organizations in
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(A) Each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting or proceeding be identified in the notice and agenda of the public meeting or proceeding.

(B) Each teleconference location be accessible to the public.

(C) Members of the public may address the legislative body at each teleconference conference location.

(D) Post agendas at all teleconference locations.

(E) At least one member of the legislative body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

(c) A legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, consistent with the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), shall have satisfied any requirement that the legislative body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. A legislative body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.

(d) If a legislative body holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, the legislative body shall also do both of the following:

(1) Implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility.

(2) Advertise that procedure each time notice is given of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment, pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (e).

(e) Except to the extent this section provides otherwise, each legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section shall do both of the following:

(1) Give advance notice of the time of, and post the agenda for, each public meeting according to the timeframes otherwise prescribed by this article, and using the means otherwise prescribed by this article, as applicable.

(2) In each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. As to any instance in which there is a change in the means of public observation and comment, or any instance prior to the effective date of this section in which the time of the meeting has been noticed or the agenda for the meeting has been posted without also including notice of the means of public observation and comment, a legislative body may satisfy this requirement by advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time. Advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time shall include, but need not be limited to, posting such means on the legislative body's internet website.

(f) All legislative bodies utilizing the teleconferencing procedures in this section are urged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the otherwise applicable provisions of this article, in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to legislative body meetings.

(g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 31, 2022, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 11133 is added to the Government Code, to read:

11133. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, and subject to the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), a state body may hold public meetings through teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the state body.

(b) (1) For a state body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all requirements in this article requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the state body, or the public, as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting, are hereby suspended.

otherwise applicable requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.

(2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in subdivisions (d) and (e). The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.

(c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.

(2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect the public's right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a teleconference meeting, members who are outside the jurisdiction of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.

(2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.

(3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.

(e) (1) A local agency may use teleconferencing without complying with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) if the legislative body complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subdivision in any of the following circumstances:

(A) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

(B) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(4) For the purposes of this subdivision, "state of emergency" means a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Article 1 (commencing with Section 8550) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2).

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2024, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 3.1. Section 54953 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54953. (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency in person, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Local agencies shall conduct meetings subject to this chapter consistent with applicable state and federal civil rights laws, including, but not limited to, any applicable language access and other nondiscrimination obligations.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all otherwise applicable requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.

(2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in subdivisions (d) and (e). The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.

(c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.

(2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect the public's right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a teleconference meeting, members who are outside the jurisdiction of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.

(2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.

(3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.

(e) (1) A local agency may use teleconferencing without complying with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) if the legislative body complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subdivision in any of the following circumstances:

(A) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

(B) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(C) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, pursuant to subparagraph (B), that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(2) A legislative body that holds a meeting pursuant to this subdivision shall do all of the following:

(A) The legislative body shall give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required by this chapter.

(B) The legislative body shall allow members of the public to access the meeting and the agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3. In each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body shall also give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment. The agenda shall identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.

(C) The legislative body shall conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency.

(D) In the event of a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(E) The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.

(F) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the local legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(G) (i) A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (F), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) A legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

(3) If a state of emergency remains active, or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, in order to continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the legislative body shall, not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1), and every 30 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:

(A) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.

(B) Any of the following circumstances exist:

(i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

(ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

(4) For the purposes of this subdivision, "state of emergency" means a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Article 1 (commencing with Section 8550) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2).

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2024, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 4. Section 54953 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953. (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.

(2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in subdivision (d). The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from providing the public with additional teleconference locations

(c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.

(2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect the public's right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5

(commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a teleconference meeting, members who are outside the jurisdiction of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.

(2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.

(3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.

(e) This section shall become operative January 1, 2024.

SEC. 4.1. Section 54953 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953. (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, in person except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Local agencies shall conduct meetings subject to this chapter consistent with applicable state and federal civil rights laws, including, but not limited to, any applicable language access and other nondiscrimination obligations.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.

(2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in subdivision (d). The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.

(c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.

(2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect the public's right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a teleconference meeting, members who are outside the jurisdiction of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.

(2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.

(3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.

(e) This section shall become operative January 1, 2024.

SEC. 5. Sections 3.1 and 4.1 of this bill incorporate amendments to Section 54953 of the Government Code proposed by both this bill and Assembly Bill 339. Those sections of this bill shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2022, but this bill becomes operative first, (2) each bill amends Section 54953 of the Government Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after Assembly Bill 339, in which case Section 54953 of the Government Code, as amended by Sections 3 and 4 of this bill, shall remain operative only until the operative date of Assembly Bill 339, at which time Sections 3.1 and 4.1 of this bill shall become operative.

SEC. 6. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act to improve and enhance public access to state and local agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and future applicable emergencies, by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options consistent with the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, permitting expanded use of teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SEC. 7. The Legislature finds and declares that Sections 3 and 4 of this act, which amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of the Government Code, further, within the meaning of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the purposes of that constitutional section as it relates to the right of public access to the meetings of local public bodies or the writings of local public officials and local agencies. Pursuant to paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the Legislature makes the following findings:

This act is necessary to ensure minimum standards for public participation and notice requirements allowing for greater public participation in teleconference meetings during applicable emergencies.

SEC. 8. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that during the COVID-19 public health emergency, certain requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code) were suspended by Executive Order N-29-20. Audio and video teleconference were widely used to conduct public meetings in lieu of physical location meetings, and public meetings conducted by teleconference during the COVID-19 public health emergency have been productive, have increased public participation by all members of the public regardless of their location in the state and ability to travel to physical meeting locations, have protected the health and safety of civil servants and the public, and have reduced travel costs incurred by members of state bodies and reduced work hours spent traveling to and from meetings.

(b) The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of this act, which adds and repeals Section 89305.6 of the Education Code, Section 2 of this act, which adds and repeals Section 11133 of the Government Code, and Sections 3 and 4 of this act, which amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of the Government Code, all increase and potentially limit the public's right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies within the meaning of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution. Pursuant to that constitutional provision, the Legislature makes the following findings to demonstrate the interest protected by this limitation and the need for protecting that interest:

(1) By removing the requirement that public meetings be conducted at a primary physical location with a quorum of members present, this act protects the health and safety of civil servants and the public and does not preference the experience of members of the public who might be able to attend a meeting in a physical location over members of the public who cannot travel or attend that meeting in a physical location.

(2) By removing the requirement for agendas to be placed at the location of each public official participating in a public meeting remotely, including from the member's private home or hotel room, this act protects the personal, private information of public officials and their families while preserving the public's right to access information concerning the conduct of the people's business.

SEC. 9. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to ensure that state and local agencies can continue holding public meetings while providing essential services like water, power, and fire protection to their constituents during public health, wildfire, or other states of emergencies, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CORNING SUB-BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

WHEREAS, the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CSGSA) recognizes the importance of transparency and clear communication in government, and is committed to full compliance with the letter and spirit of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, §§ 54950 - 54963) (hereinafter “Brown Act”); and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the CSGSA Committee are open and public, as required by the Brown Act, so that any member of the public may attend and participate; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, (Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)), allows members of a legislative body to participate in meetings remotely, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3), if a state of emergency is proclaimed pursuant to Government Code section 8625 and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in the State of California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to increase in Glenn County due primarily to the Delta variant of the virus that causes COVID-19, which is more transmissible than prior variants, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread to others; and

WHEREAS, the CSGSA wishes to authorize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee as follows:

1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. The Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee does hereby find that a State of Emergency was proclaimed by Governor Gavin Newsom pursuant to Government Code section 8625 on March 4, 2020 and remains active.

3. The Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee does hereby find that given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Glenn County due to the Delta variant, conditions exist which pose imminent risks to the health and safety those attending meetings of the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee.

4. The staff are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) November 10, 2021, or (ii) such time as the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(3), to extend the time during which the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee may continue to meet remotely without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3).

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee on October 13, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John Amaro
Chairman
Corning Sub-basin Groundwater
Sustainability Agency

ATTEST:

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Staff

Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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6. Staff Reports

Staff from members of the Corning Sub-basin GSA will provide relevant updates, such as a brief status update of GSP development, grant agreement, and project agreement. Reminders and clarifications may be made, and direction may be provided to staff.

7. Corning Subbasin Advisory Board Report

The Corning Subbasin Advisory Board (CSAB) last met on September 1, 2021. The outcomes of that meeting were shared at the September 8 ,2021 CSGSA meeting. The October CSAB meeting was cancelled and instead public meetings are being held. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2021 at 1:30 pm.

CSAB meeting materials, including presentations, agendas, and meeting summaries are available on the website at: www.corningsubbasingsp.org.

Advisory Board members may provide additional updates.

Attachments:

- GSP Development Schedule

Excerpt from 9/1/21 CSAB Meeting Agenda

CSAB Schedule & Objectives

The Corning Sub-Basin Advisory Board (CSAB) will meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month from 1:30 to 3:30 pm (4:00 pm starting March 2021). Meetings are planned from April 2020 through approximately December 2021. This meeting schedule outlines the anticipated schedule and the key discussion topics for each meeting. It will be updated to reflect the most current information, as warranted.

Date	Key Meeting Topics	CSAB Meeting Objectives
2020		
Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSAB Overview • GSP Development • Groundwater Data • Overview of Data Management System and Model • Sustainable Management Goal Example • Interests & Concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide background on Corning GSP framework • Collection of groundwater data • Collection of interests • Introduce potential Sustainability Goal for Subbasin • Public Comment
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model and groundwater conditions • Modeling platform selection • GSP review process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSAB Recommendations and questions for Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model and Groundwater Conditions • Make a recommendation on model platform to use for GSP work • Public Comment
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and Historical draft Water Budgets • Model overview • Potential management areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of what is perceived as historic and current unsustainable groundwater use based on water budget • Public Comment
Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring Networks • Overview of Sustainable Management Criteria and approach to development • Draft Sustainability Goal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer questions on monitoring networks • Gather initial feedback on process for developing SMCs • Discuss Sustainability Goal • Public Comment
Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater Level SMC discussion #1 - background on Groundwater Levels SMC • Proposed approaches for MT and MO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input on proposed approaches for MT and MO development • Public Comment
Oct 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater Level SMC discussion #2 - proposed groundwater level MT and MO • Initial Discussion on Potential Projects and Management Actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations on proposed groundwater level MT and MO • Input on Projects and Actions • Public Comment

Date	Key Meeting Topics	CSAB Meeting Objectives
Nov 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated Model Updates Overview of current, historical and projected water budgets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answer questions on modeling and water budgets Public Comment
Dec 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Discussion on GSP Sections 1 and 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive feedback on Draft GSP Sections 1 and 2 provided and available on Corning GSP website Answer any additional GSP questions
2021 - Proposed		
Jan 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Discussion on GSP Section 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive feedback on Draft GSP Section 3 provided and available on Corning GSP website Answer any additional GSP questions
Feb 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depletion of interconnected surface water SMC discussion #1 - background on Subbasin streams and introduction to SMC Overview of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) approach Land subsidence SMC discussion #1 – background on Subbasin conditions and introduction to SMC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input on significant and unreasonable conditions and initial discussion on MT development Public Comment
Mar 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depletion of interconnected surface water SMC discussion #2 – review SMC approaches Land subsidence SMC discussion #1 – review SMC approaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input on proposed approaches for MT and MO development Discussion of undesirable results Potential recommendations to GSA Boards for Lowering of GWLs SMC <i>Public Comment</i>
Apr 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land subsidence SMC discussion #2 – review SMC approaches Review projected water budgets and GSP requirements; introduction to storage SMC Initial discussion on potential projects and management actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input on significant and unreasonable conditions and initial discussion on MT development Potential recommendations to GSA Boards for subsidence SMC Input on potential projects and management actions <i>Public Comment</i>
May 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions and development of SMCs for Groundwater Quality Review SMC approaches for Interconnected SW depletion SMC Continue discussion on projects and management actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input on significant and unreasonable conditions and initial discussion on SMC development <i>Public Comment</i>
June 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap SMC for all sustainability indicators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential recommendations to GSA Boards on groundwater levels, storage, water quality, subsidence, and depletion of interconnected surface water SMC <i>Public Comment</i>
July 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised List of Projects & Management Actions Introduction to funding mechanisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input on revised list of Projects & Management Actions Discussion on potential funding mechanisms <i>Public Comment</i>

Date	Key Meeting Topics	CSAB Meeting Objectives
Aug 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review public feedback on Sections 5 and 6 • Discuss priority actions for plan implementation, including data gaps • Evaluate funding mechanisms • Review grant opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicit feedback on Sections 5 and 6 • Receive input on Plan Implementation and plans for addressing data gaps • Recommendations on funding mechanisms • Identify potential grant funding opportunities • <i>Public Comment</i>
Sept 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review final draft GSP • Remaining questions and comments • Moving towards GSP implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve release of Draft GSP for public review
Oct	<i>Draft Final GSP posted on website for public review – no CSAB meeting; potential public meeting, to be scheduled</i>	
Nov 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review public comments on GSP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations on incorporation of policy-based comments • Potential recommendations to GSA Boards
<i>Dec (if needed)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation for Adoption of Groundwater Sustainability Plan to Groundwater Sustainability Agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations for Adoption of Groundwater Sustainability Plan to Groundwater Sustainability Agencies • <i>Public Comment</i>

Acronyms:

- CSAB: Corning Subbasin Advisory Board
- GSA: Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- GSP: Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- GWL: Groundwater level
- MT: Minimum Threshold
- MO: Measurable Objective
- RMP: Representative Monitoring Plan
- SGMA: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- SMC: Sustainable Management Criteria
- UR: Undesirable Result

Consulting Firms abbreviations:

- M&A: Montgomery & Associates (Technical lead and GSP development lead)
- K&W: Kearns & West (meeting facilitator)
- CBI: Consensus Building Institute (outreach coordinator)

8. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Public Review and Adoption

- a. Review GSP schedule and adoption process**
- b. Public Review Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan comment period and public input**
- c. Outreach and engagement update**

The Public Review Draft Corning Subbasin GSP was released for public review on September 10, 2021. The Draft GSP was posted to the Corning Subbasin GSP website at: <https://www.corningsubbasingsp.org/> and a public review hard copy is available for viewing at the Glenn County Planning and Community Development office at 225 North Tehama Street in Willows. A notice was sent to the Interested Parties list.

Comments from stakeholders can be provided directly to GSA staff via an excel comment form, which can be found on the website or e-mailed upon request, or via e-mail or mailed letter. The 45-day comment period will conclude October 25, 2021.

Committees, Boards, and Member Agencies' decision makers are strongly encouraged review of this Public Review Draft Corning Subbasin GSP and provide input, to make sure any concerns or comments are incorporated, prior to finalization and consideration of adoption. This focused review will minimize the potential for delays in the process that limit the GSAs ability to meet the statutory deadline.

Two public meetings are being held to provide an overview of the Draft Corning Subbasin GSP and provide an opportunity to ask questions and provide input. The first meeting was held in person on October 4, 2021 in Corning. The second will be held via webinar on October 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The flyer with information regarding the Draft GSP and public meetings is attached.

Attachments:

- GSP Completion and Adoption Timeline (approved 3/10/21)- with notes
- Corning Subbasin Draft GSP and public meeting flyer

Approved - GSP Completion and Adoption Timeline (with status update notes)

- ▶ **August 5, 2021: 90-day notice to Cities and Counties, prior to public hearing -complete 8/27/21**
 - ▶ *link to website with current draft sections (note: GSP does not need to be complete to post the notice)*
- ▶ **September 10, 2021: Public Release of Complete Draft GSP**
 - ▶ At August GSA meetings, authorize the CSAB to release the Public Draft GSP -complete 6/9/21
 - ▶ At Sept. 1 CSAB meeting, recommend release of draft GSP for public review -complete 9/1/21
 - ▶ *post full draft for 45-day public review (note: public review timeframe does not need to correspond to 90-day noticing) complete 9/10/21*
- ▶ **October ~~22~~ 25, 2021: Draft GSP Public Review Ends (updated after 9/1/21 CSAB meeting- to make a 45-day public comment period)**
 - ▶ *TBD: Schedule a public meeting in October to hear public comments on draft GSP In person meeting held 10/4/21 in Corning, webinar will take place 10/13/21 at 6:00 pm*
- ▶ **November 2021: incorporate public comments and finalize GSP**
 - ▶ November 10th: reschedule the CSAB meeting to this date to review public comments incorporation and for CSAB to vote on recommendation to adopt
 - ▶ *Note: CSAB voted to move the regularly scheduled November 3 meeting to November 10th to allow for more time to review and incorporate comments prior to recommendation to adopt.*
- ▶ **December 2021: hold GSA Board public hearings for GSP adoption**
 - ▶ *Tehama GSA GW Commission meets Dec 8 to consider adoption and could make a recommendation to the Tehama GSA Board which meets Dec 20 and could adopt GSP at that meeting*
 - ▶ *CSGSA needs to schedule a special meeting for early December. Last scheduled meeting date is 11/10/21- meeting scheduled for December 8, 2021.*
- ▶ **January 2022: submit final adopted GSP to DWR**



Managing Groundwater in the Corning Subbasin

Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Available for Review And Upcoming Public Meetings

Draft Plan Public Comment Period Sept 10 – Oct 25

Visit CorningSubbasinGSP.org to view the Draft GSP and learn how to submit comments.

Comments due:
10.25.2021 (11:59pm)

Public Meetings Oct 4 | Oct 13

Two methods for participating:

In-Person Workshop | October 4

6:00-8:00p

Carlino’s, Rolling Hills Casino
2655 Everett Freeman Way
Corning, CA 96021

or

Webinar | October 13

6:00-8:00p

Zoom link:

<https://cbuilding.zoom.us/j/98537948893>

Questions about an upcoming event?
Contact Stephanie Horii (shorii@cbi.org | 408.768.9394)

Si necesita solicitar alojamiento para asistir a un próximo evento, incluidos los servicios de traducción, comuníquese con Stephanie Horii (shorii@cbi.org | 408.768.9394)

Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

In response to a state law enacted in 2014 – the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) – a roadmap for how groundwater will be managed over the next two decades will be finalized by January 2022. The goal is to balance the amount of groundwater pumped with the amount that is replenished by nature or humans. The Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan is available for public review and comment through **October 25, 2021**.

Why do we need a plan?

State-wide extended drought and historic overpumping threaten the long-term future of groundwater resources necessary to support our needs, including urban, domestic, agricultural, industrial, and environmental. The State requires local agencies to develop and adopt a GSP by January 2022. If the Corning Subbasin fails to meet state-mandated requirements, the State may intervene at a much higher cost than if we retain local control.

What is in the plan?

The GSP describes the physical setting and characteristics of the aquifer system. It assesses current, historical, and projected future groundwater conditions and articulates how groundwater management will avoid significant adverse impacts to beneficial users. The Plan considers projected conditions such as changes in climate, water use demand, groundwater recharge, etc. It also identifies potential methods and strategies to help achieve and maintain sustainability.

What is the impact on you?

The state-required plan has the potential to impact those who heavily rely on groundwater, including agricultural and municipal users. Domestic users (single well, no crops or large landscapes) are managed differently under State requirements, but still have the potential to be affected under certain circumstances. Therefore, your participation is essential for effective GSP development and implementation!

Who is developing the GSP?

Since 2017, two Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) have been working together to develop the GSP with support and input from subject-matter experts, stakeholders, and the community.

View the Corning Subbasin SGMA factsheet for more information - bit.ly/CorningSGMA-Factsheet

We look forward to seeing and connecting with you!

Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Comment Period

The Draft GSP for the Corning Subbasin is Available for Review

The Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are pleased to announce the Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Corning Subbasin is available for public review and comment as of September 10, 2021. This 45-Day Public Comment Period will end on October 25, 2021.

We invite you to learn about the Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and provide comments with your feedback.

Access the GSP document and learn more about the GSP:



Online

View and download at
[CorningSubbasinGSP.org](https://www.corningsubbasingsp.org)



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1) Oct 4 public workshop
2) GSA offices [*addresses below*]
3) Corning Library:
740 Third St., Corning, CA
96021



Public Workshops Oct 4 | Oct 13

Oct 4 @6:00p In-Person
Carlino's, Rolling Hills Casino
or
Oct 13 @6:00p Webinar Link:
<https://cbuilding.zoom.us/j/98537948893>

Submit a comment via email or by standard mail to your GSA Staff:

We strongly recommend using the comment form available at

<https://www.corningsubbasingsp.org/publicdraftgsp> (printed copies will also be made available).

1. **Submit comments by email to GSA Staff:** (please use "Corning GSP Comments" in the subject line to assist processing).

- Tehama County | Nichole Bethurem | nbethurem@tcpw.ca.gov
- Glenn County | Lisa Hunter | lhunter@countyofglenn.net

2. **Mail Comments to the GSA Staff** (post-date by October 25, 2021)

Tehama County
Corning Subbasin GSP
c/o: Nichole Bethurem
9380 San Benito Ave.
Gerber, CA 96035

or

Glenn County
Corning Subbasin GSP
c/o Lisa Hunter
225 N Tehama St.
Willows, CA 95988

Important Notes:

- You can submit multiple comments.
- Remember to submit comments by **October 25, 2021, 11:59 p.m.**
- We strongly encourage you to attend the public webinar or in-person meeting. Visit **CorningSubbasinGSP.org** for event information.
- If you have trouble finding or accessing information listed here, contact the GSA staff (listed above)

9. Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee Member Reports and Comments

Members of the CSGSA Committee are encouraged to share information, reports, comments, and suggest future agenda items. Action cannot be taken on matters brought up under this item.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **November 10, 2021 at 9:30 am.**

11. Adjourn

The meeting will be adjourned.