



Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2023 | 2:00 p.m.

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Pump Station
7854 County Rd 203, Orland, CA 95963

Public participation was also offered via teleconference

1. Call to Order

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call

	Party Representative	Member Agency
	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

Kaitlyn Murray conducted roll call as noted above. A quorum of members was not present.

3. Meeting Minutes

- a. *Approval of December 1, 2022 special meeting minutes.
 - A quorum of members was not present and no action was taken on Item 3.a.

4. Period of Public Comment

- No public comments were heard.

5. Staff Reports

- Lisa Hunter stated regarding Facilitation Support Services, she met with Stantec to discuss any immediate needs and start mapping out activities.
- Ms. Hunter reported the Water Year 2022 GSP Annual Report is due April 1, 2023. As discussed previously, Tehama County will hold the contract with the consultant to complete the work for the Corning Subbasin in conjunction with the work they are doing for the other Tehama County basins. A contract with Luhdorff &

Scalmanini Consulting Engineers will be brought to the February 2023 Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Board for consideration.

- Ms. Hunter stated in regards to the Executive Order N-7-22 compliance, zero well permit acknowledgement forms have been received since the last meeting.
 - Ms. Hunter also noted that coordination will be occurring with counsel relating to funding and agency bylaws.
6. *Approve agreement for professional services with Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers for Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CSGSA) Operations and GSP Implementation Fee Project and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$83,618 without prior approval.
- Ms. Hunter reviewed the item and referred the CSGSA to an email that was received by an interested party.
 - A quorum of members was not present and no action was taken on Item 6.
7. *Dissolve the Funding Mechanisms RFP Ad Hoc Committee.
- A quorum of members was not present and no action was taken on Item 7.
8. Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 Grant Application Status
- Ms. Hunter announced the grant application had been submitted successfully for a total request of \$8,080,600. The application included the tasks the CSGSA had provided direction to include and the suggested component prioritization also aligned with Tehama County's prioritization. DWR expects to announce draft awards in June 2023 with agreements in place between November 2023 and January 2024.
9. *Discussion and Authorization to Address Correspondence Received from Member Agencies Regarding Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Cost Share.
- Mr. Amaro stated the GCID Board had expressed concerns about the cost share amount and how the subbasin will be managed in the future. Monroeville Water District had stated similar concerns. Mr. Carmon stated Glenn County feels the same and it is important to have a funding mechanism in place.
 - Mr. Amaro asked if it would be helpful to consider whether joining with the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) would be appropriate. Ms. Hunter stated GSA boundaries can be changed and it would require discussion with the GGA if there is desire to move forward, as that would mean the GGA would then be the GSA for the Glenn County portion on the Corning Subbasin. She clarified that the basin boundary cannot be changed at this time because the basin boundary modification period is not open. She also mentioned prior concerns from stakeholders about which GSA manages the Corning Subbasin.

- Mr. Knight inquired about the amount and timing of funding necessary to be compliant. Discussion ensued on the funding mechanism timing and considerations, potential grant awards, and necessary tasks to maintain compliance, and potential efficiencies of merging GSAs.
- Mr. Carmon suggested holding a special meeting the week of January 30, 2023.
- Ian Turnbull commented that it is not a problem to have multiple subbasins managed by a single GSA, similar to how Tehama County manages subbasins. He raised concern if the GSA considered pursuing a basin boundary change with no practical hydrologic reason for the change.

10. Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation

- There were no updates regarding Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation.

11. Corning Subbasin Advisory Board Report

- Ms. Hunter stated the Corning Subbasin Advisory Board (CSAB) had not met since the last CSGSA meeting. She announced the February 1, 2023 CSAB meeting was cancelled.

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

- Mr. Carmon reported on the Glenn County tank and water hauling program. Contracts were just re-done for 2023 and there are currently 202 households in the program, with 8 more anticipated to sign up. This is about 40 households less than last year. 191 homes are receiving bottled water and 169 households are receiving hauled water for tanks. Tehama County and Glenn County are partnered on the current program.
- Committee members shared information about Stony Creek and groundwater conditions.

13. Next Meeting

- Members present requested a special meeting be scheduled for the week of January 30, 2023.
- The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.