

# Glenn Groundwater Authority

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

January 9, 2023 | 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 225 North Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988

Public participation was also offered via teleconference; accessible via telephone, computer, smartphone or tablet.

Director Members Present:	Alternate/2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X Grant Carmon	Tom Arnold	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy	R Pete Carr (1:59)	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen (Vice Chair)	R Evan Markey	City of Willows
X Matt Deadmond	Leslie Nerli	Glide Water District
X John Amaro (Chair)	Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	R Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
X Mark Lohse	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District
X Gary Enos	Lance Boyd	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District

Directors attending remotely are designated with "R" and are not counted toward a quorum, do not vote, and are considered members of the public.

#### Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter (GGA/Glenn County), Valerie Kincaid (GGA Counsel), Jenny Scheer (Water and Land Solutions), Ryan Fulton (Larry Walker Associates), Joe Turner (Geosyntec), Don Bills (GGA TAC), Lisa Porta (Montgomery & Associates), Matt Hansen, Pat Vellines (DWR), Brandon Davison (DWR), Toni Longley

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair John Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

- Roll call was taken as indicated above.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- \* Approval of meeting minutes from November 14, 2022
- \* Approval of the special meeting minutes from December 19, 2022

- It was noted that only the November 14, 2022 minutes are available for consideration. The December 19, 2022 special meeting minutes will be brought to a future board meeting. Chair Amaro invited comments or revisions on the aforementioned meeting minutes. No comments were heard.

**On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Schonauer, the meeting minutes of the November 14, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.**

#### 4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Amaro invited public comments; whereby, no public comments were heard.

## 5. STAFF UPDATES

- Ms. Hunter stated the 2021-2022 fiscal year audit is underway and she is working with CliftonLarsonAllen to complete the necessary work.
- Ms. Hunter stated in regards to Executive Order N-7-22 (Well Permit Acknowledgement Forms), six forms were received between November 14, 2022 and January 9, 2023.
- Ms. Hunter further stated she has connected with The Nature Conservancy regarding the multi-benefit recharge project opportunities. A meeting is being planned soon to explore possibilities in the coming year.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. \*Review and accept Monthly Activities Report.
  - b. \*Review and consider approval of claims.
- In relation to Item 6.a, Mr. Roundy asked for clarification on the fire protection payment of \$3.70. Ms. Hunter stated it is the per acre fee for entities that do not receive a tax bill and must be self-billed.

**On motion by Director Gary Hansen, seconded by Director Enos, it was unanimously ordered to approve the Monthly Activities Report as presented.**

- Director Enos asked how long the Glenn County invoice was for; whereby, Ms. Hunter responded the charges are for six months of work, but do not include time for Ms. Murray, who started work recently and those charges will be included in the next invoice.

**On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Carmon, it was unanimously ordered to approve the claims as presented.**

## 7. GROUNDWATER RECHARGE PROJECT

- a. Receive update on project from Geosyntec/Water and Land Solutions
  - b. \*Select one or more phase I project sites to pursue for additional planning and implementation pending counsel review and input
  - c. \*Direct counsel to review one or more potential project sites and coordinate with the consultant project team and ad hoc committee to identify and prepare for any necessary permitting requirements, agreements, or other legal requirement
  - d. \*Approve a budget for phase I project implementation
- In relation to Item 7.a, Joseph Turner (Geosyntec) and Jennifer Scheer (Water and Land Solutions) gave a presentation updating the board on the Recharge Project. The presentation included discussion on project objectives and goals, the short-term project identification and assessment, and next steps including legal review. Discussion ensued on topics presented.

- There was no discussion on Item 7.b.

**On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Gary Hansen, it was unanimously ordered to select the Van Tol site to pursue for additional planning and implementation pending counsel review and input.**

- There was no discussion on Item 7.c.

**On motion by Director Carmon, seconded by Director Enos, it was unanimously ordered to direct Counsel to review and coordinate with the consultant project team and ad hoc committee to identify and prepare for any necessary permitting requirements, agreements, or other legal requirement for the Van Tol site.**

- Upon a question about what the budget should cover, Ms. Scheer suggested a budget for the fixed cost for the site (shown on slide 14) and a budget for the cost of water would be ideal. There could also be direction for the type of water to use during the project, such as, only utilize Section 215 water. Mr. Turner clarified, the costs presented were estimated based on hiring a consultant to do the work, such as the excavation work.
- Director Carmon asked if the costs presented included monitoring of the gravel pits; whereby, Mr. Turner indicated they do not. Director Carmon and Ms. Hunter discussed potential partnership with the County, either through existing funds or an item to be brought to the Board of Supervisors for this monitoring.
- There was some discussion on monitoring equipment and potential amount of water that could be purchased.

**Director Carmon made a motion to set a budget in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 without prior approval for Phase I project implementation. Director Roundy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

8. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY PLAN

- a. GSP Development Grants (Proposition 1 and Proposition 68) and Project Agreements
- b. Receive update on SGM Round 2 Grant Application Submittal
- c. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation

- In relation to Item 8.a, Ms. Hunter stated all necessary documentation was submitted by the December 31, 2022 deadline and the retention payment has not yet been received. She further stated the CGA and GGA were able to invoice the grant for administrative time and work on the grant, which included about \$46,000 for the GGA.
- In relation to Item 8.b, Ms. Hunter stated Luhdorff and Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) was hired to help with the SGM Round 2 grant submittal process which was successfully submitted on December 16, 2022 with a total request of \$19,791,312. She further stated DWR will be announcing draft grant awards in June 2023, and executing agreements in November 2023-January 2024.
- Relating to Item 8.c, Ms. Hunter stated that Davids Engineering/LCSE consulting team has been selected to prepare and submit the Colusa Subbasin Water Year 2022 Annual Report. She further reported that the cost will be slightly less than what was included in the proposal for the water year 2022 report.
- Ms. Hunter reported the board approved an agreement with LSCE in December to provide GSA fee study project services. Meetings will be held with counsel and with the Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee in January.
- Ms. Hunter stated she plans to connect with CGA staff and Alternate Director Bettner in the coming month to discuss the Colusa Subbasin GSP Administrator topic.

9. 2022 URBAN COMMUNITY DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

- a. Receive update on the 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program
- b. \*Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application, Acceptance, and Execution for the Glenn Groundwater Authority Groundwater Recharge Project
- c. \*Approve agreement with Larry Walker Associates to provide grant writing services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement

- Ryan Fulton with Larry Walker Associates (LWA) discussed the 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program and the status of the application that was submitted for agencies in Colusa County. The GGA project would need its own application. He stated the draft agreement includes an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and would be billed on a time and materials basis.
- Ms. Hunter requested the board provide director on whether to submit an application for this program and whether to hire LWA to prepare the application. There was some discussion on utilizing the SGM Round 2 GGA Groundwater Recharge Project application as the foundation for this application and additional details relating to the potential application, including timing.
- Ms. Kincaid walked through potential options to move through the application submittal process, including delegating authority, reviewing the application as a full board once complete, or not submitting an application.

**On motion by Director Carmon seconded by Director Roundy it was unanimously ordered to Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application, Acceptance, and Execution for the Glenn Groundwater Authority Groundwater Recharge Project with the stipulation the GGA Recharge Ad Hoc Committee will review and accept the application prior to submittal.**

**On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Gary Hansen it was unanimously ordered to approve agreement with Larry Walker Associates to provide grant writing services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement.**

#### 10. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee
- Executive Committee
  - CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee
- Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee
- Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee
- Technical Advisory Committee

- There was nothing additional to report on Item 10.

#### 11. \*DISSOLVE ANNUAL REPORT AD HOC COMMITTEE

- No discussion was held on Item 11.

**On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Carmon it was unanimously ordered to dissolve the Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee.**

#### 12. CLOSED SESSION

Gov't Code 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated or significant exposure to litigation regarding tax refund claims and challenges to previously adopted property related fees.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Gov't Code 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Aqualliance, California Water Impact Network, and California Sportfishing Alliance vs. Colusa Groundwater Authority, Glenn Groundwater Authority  
Colusa County Superior Court – Case Number CV24584

- No public comments were presented or heard for Items 12 or 13.
- The Board adjourned to closed session at 3:02 p.m.

14. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board returned from closed session at 3:30 p.m.
- In regards to Items 12 and 13, the Board received an update from counsel.

15. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- There were no member reports or comments.

16. NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

17. ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.