



# Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee Special Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.  
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Pump Station  
7854 County Rd 203, Orland, CA 95963

Alternate meeting location:  
1177 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur, CA 93939

Public participation was also offered via teleconference

1. Call to Order

- Tom Arnold called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

2. Roll Call

	Party Representative	Member Agency
X	Tom Arnold (Chair)	County of Glenn
X	Grant Carmon (Vice Chair)	County of Glenn
	John Amaro	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X	Pete Knight (11:20 a.m.)	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
	Julia Violich	Monroeville Water District
	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District

Roll call was taken as noted above. A quorum of members was not present.

3. Period of Public Comment

- Mr. Arnold invited public comments; whereby, no comments were heard.

4. Staff Reports

- Lisa Hunter stated in regards to the Executive Order N-7-22 compliance, one well permit acknowledgement form has been received between May 11, 2023 and June 6, 2023.

5. \*Approval of Claims

- This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

6. Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CSGSA) Operations and GSP Implementation Fee Project
  - a. Receive an update on the CSGSA Fee Project and timeline.
  - b. Review draft Corning Sub-basin GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Fee Report.
  - c. \*Consider approval of Corning Sub-basin GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Fee Report or set special meeting date to consider approval.
  - d. Discuss Irrigated/Non-Irrigated Long-Term Fee Policy.
  - e. \*Set public hearing date and time to consider the proposed fees.
  - f. \*Authorize LSCE to mail notices to landowners informing them of the proposed fees and instructions for protest.
  - g. Discuss public outreach efforts.
- Jacques DeBra from Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) introduced the Long-Term Funding Project Presentation. He discussed different cost allocation options including a 95/5%, and 97.87/2.13% split between non-irrigated and irrigated user classes. Mr. Carmon expressed concerns about the proportions of the fees and felt the math associated with those fees needed to be addressed. Mr. DeBra reviewed what the Fee Policy would entail, including user class definitions, the landowner appeals process, and implementation costs.
- Mr. Arnold announced Mr. Knight entered the meeting at 11:20 a.m.
- There was discussion on the definitions of the user classes and Ms. Kincaid suggested if a landowner were within an irrigation district they would be classified as irrigated-surface water based on the current definition. Mr. DeBra clarified the policy would reflect that if a landowner had access to surface water, regardless of utilization, they would be classified as irrigated surface water. Ms. Hunter expressed concerns that the map did not reflect irrigated surface water parcels within the Orland Unit Water Users Association (OUWUA) jurisdiction. Mr. Knight mentioned there are a lot of issues within that area that would need clarification. There was a discussion on definitions, cost effective efforts, the appeals process, and jurisdiction boundaries. Ms. Hunter emphasized the importance of the policy definitions. There was discussion on other jurisdiction fees and how certain characteristics affect each jurisdiction. There was further discussion on some issues within the map parcel classifications.
- Mr. Carmon excused himself from the meeting at 12:06 p.m.
- Mr. DeBra continued with payment options including billing through inclusion on the County's tax bill, a self-bill policy, or allowing an annual payment plan for agencies. Ms. Kincaid stated regardless of which payment option is used, the fee does not

change. Ms. Hunter noted one consideration with the tax bill option is if a property is tax exempt and does not receive a tax bill, the agency would need to self-bill. There was discussion on the Proposition 218 process and outcomes that could arise if a fee is not adopted.

- There was discussion on the timeline of this process in its entirety and specific dates for the public hearing, public workshop, and next meeting. Mr. Arnold had concerns about potential double billing with the Glenn Groundwater Authority in certain areas of the basin.
- Ms. Kincaid asked if the draft fee report was out and circulated. Ms. Hunter stated it is not out at this time, but would like for it to be circulated as soon as possible so the committee has time to review before potential approval.

#### 7. Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation

- Ms. Hunter stated the Corning Subbasin was recommended for \$8 million of funding through the Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 grant program. The public comment period is currently open and closes on June 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

#### 8. Corning Subbasin Advisory Board Report

- The Corning Subbasin Advisory Board is scheduled to meet July 5, 2023. There was discussion on potentially postponing the July 5, 2023 meeting until August.

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

- No discussion was held.

#### 10. Next Meeting

- A special meeting will be scheduled for the week of June 12, 2023. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2023.

#### 11. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.