



# Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee Special Meeting Minutes

June 15, 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

- Tom Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Roll call was taken as noted above.

3. Period of Public Comment

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

4. Staff Reports

- Staff had nothing additional to report.

5. \*Approval of Claims

- Ms. Hunter noted one invoice was added to the summary packet since the last meeting on June 6, 2023. No action was taken at that meeting due to lack of a quorum.

**On motion by Mr. Amaro and seconded by Mr. Carmon it was unanimously ordered to approve the claims.**

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. Irrigated/Non-Irrigated Long-Term Fee Policy
  - c. \*Consider approval of Corning Sub-basin GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Fee Report
  - d. \*Set public hearing, date, time and location to consider the proposed fees.
  - e. \*Authorize LSCE to mail notices to landowners informing them of the proposed fees and instructions for protest.
  - f. Discuss public outreach efforts.
- Jacques DeBra from Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) introduced the presentation and proceeded with an update on the fee project. Mr. DeBra reviewed the recommended fees and alternate fees. He noted that if a preferred fee option is selected today, the final fee report would reflect the single option. There was discussion on classifying rural residential water users as well as how natural habitat and rangeland would be accounted for. There was discussion on how the approval of the grant may affect the fees.
- Mr. Carmon suggested adding language to the definitions to ensure the GSA has the flexibility to reclassify parcels as issues may occur, particularly within the Orland Unit Water Users Association (OUWUA) area. Ms. Kincaid clarified shifting parcels within the policy is acceptable, but the CSGSA cannot redo the policy without implementing a new Proposition 218 process. Discussion ensued on classifying parcels within the OUWUA and a strong feeling that the definitions should reflect promoting people to use surface water when available.
- There was discussion on public outreach efforts. Mr. DeBra introduced an interactive map that will display parcel classifications, number of acres, and maximum parcel fees. There was general consensus to hold a public outreach workshop at the Hamilton City High School Library the week of July 19, 2023.
- Mr. Arnold suggested looking into Cal Water covering the costs for the unincorporated area of Hamilton City to streamline collection efforts.
- Mr. Weber asked how his land by the river would be classified as they use river water with a water right and a well. It was clarified it should be classified as irrigated-surface water. Discussion ensued on definitions and classification, water rights, blended rates (not an option), and the appeals process.
- There was discussion on the noticing process and timeline. The mailing will include a coversheet, the official notice, and a flyer relating to the public workshop. A Post Office box has been established for this process and LSCE will collect and summarize

mail collection. Protests will be delivered to the public hearing. There was also discussion on the timeline for classification corrections and the process by which that could take place.

- There was dialogue regarding the three different fee options that were presented by LSCE. Mr. Amaro, Mr. Knight and Mr. Carmon agreed with the recommended maximum fee rates.

**Mr. Amaro made a motion to approve the Corning Sub-basin GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Fee Report to include the recommended fee in Table 1-2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carmon.**

- Ms. Violich suggested adding a caveat that the definition of surface water user reflects the discussion held at today's meeting. Ms. Hunter stated, that could be addressed in the further development of the irrigated/non-irrigated fee policy. Mr. Arnold asked a question about the fee implementation cost; whereby, Mr. DeBra stated that is the cost to administer the specific option and is added to the total cost per acre.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

- Various options for the public hearing date, time, and location were discussed.

**On motion by Mr. Amaro and seconded by Mr. Knight it was unanimously approved to hold the public hearing on August 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Hamilton City High School with an alternative meeting location at the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Pump Station Conference room based on availability.**

- Ms. Kincaid reminded the CSGSA that it will be necessary to have a quorum at the public hearing.
- Mr. DeBra stated the interactive map could be made available and shared on the website.

**On motion by Mr. Knight, seconded by Ms. Violich it was unanimously ordered to authorize LSCE to mail notices to landowners informing them of the proposed fees and instructions for protest.**

7. \*Consider cancellation of the June 22, 2023 regular CSGSA meeting

**On motion by Mr. Carmon, seconded by Ms. Violich it was unanimously ordered to cancel the June 22, 2023 regular CSGSA meeting.**

8. Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation

- Ms. Hunter stated the Corning Subbasin was recommended for full funding through the Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 grant program and a table of the draft awards is included in the meeting packet. She further stated that DWR had opened up a 15-day period for public comments. She received feedback that both

negative and positive comments are extremely important in the finalization process. She further stated she worked with Chairman Arnold to submit a comment letter to DWR supporting the Corning Subbasin application which is included in the meeting packet.

9. Corning Sub-basin Advisory Board Report

- There is nothing additional to report.

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

- Mr. Arnold invited CSGSA member reports and comments; whereby no comments were heard.

11. Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

12. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.