

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

225 N. Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988 | 530.934.6540

Special Meeting Minutes

Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

July 17, 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 nd Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X Grant Carmon	Tom Arnold	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy	Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 nd)	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen (Vice Chair)	R Evan Markey	City of Willows
X Matt Deadmond	Michael Alves	Glide Water District
X John Amaro (Chair)	Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	X Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
X Mark Lohse	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District
R 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), Kaitlyn Murray (GGA/Glenn County), Matt Hansen, Del Reimers, Ben King, Brandon Davison (DWR), Michael Bolzowski, Nichole Bethurem, Gina Nicholls, Jenny Scheer, Holly Reimers

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:32 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 the meeting minutes from July 10, 2023.

- Chairman Amaro invited comments or revisions on the aforementioned meeting minutes.

There was a motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Roundy to approve the meeting minutes from July 10, 2023.

- Director Cavagnolo noted a revision needed in the July 10, 2023 minutes under Item 4, Period of Public Comment, to remove Chair Amaro's name and replace with Vice Chair Hansen.

Director Schonauer amended the motion to include the revision, Director Roundy agreed to second the motion with the noted revision. The motion passed unanimously.

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Amaro invited public comments; whereby, none were heard.

5. CLOSED SESSION

Gov't Code §54956.9 (d)(2)– Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant exposure to litigation – one matter.

- No public comments were presented or heard for Item 5.
- The Board adjourned to closed session at 1:35 p.m.

6. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board returned from closed session at 2:32 p.m.
- Chair Amaro stated the Board received advice from Counsel regarding the Fee Study.

7. GSP IMPLEMENTATION FEE PROJECT

- a. Receive an update on the GGA Fee Project and timeline.
- b. *Consider Schedule for Long-Term Fee.

- Ms. Kincaid stated the Proposition 218 fee notice was sent out using an outdated address list resulting in an estimated 35% of incorrect addresses. In addition to some parcel related issues, she expressed concerns over the high percentage rate of error and how this could affect the statutory requirement which states, all parcels subject to the fee are to be notified within a 45-day period.
- Vice Chair Hansen asked if the listing was from the 2019 Proposition 218 process. Ms. Kincaid stated the current Assessor's list was compared with the 2019 list and it appears the 2019 Proposition 218 list was primarily relied upon for the mailing.
- Mr. Carmon stated concerns with moving forward with the fee as he feels the percentage of error is too high.
- Ms. Kincaid stated the GGA has at least another year under the existing Proposition 218 process. She stated options the Board has to consider, including moving forward with the new Proposition 218 process or rescinding the Proposition 218 notices, cancelling the public hearing and not seek to adopt a new 218. If the latter is selected, the GGA would rely on the existing Proposition 218, in which they would use the same process as previous years and adopt a Resolution setting the fee.
- Ms. Nicholls expressed concerns over the legalities of the existing fee as well as the new proposed fee and encouraged the Board to take additional time and propose a fee that can pass all of the legal requirements.

On motion by Director Gary Hansen seconded by Director Roundy, it was unanimously ordered to rescind the Proposition 218 notice for this year and not hold a Public Hearing on August 7, 2023 in reference to the Proposition 218 notice process.

8. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- No additional reports or comments were heard.

9. NEXT MEETING

- A special meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2023 with a time to be determined.

10. ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.