

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 22, 2019

9:30 AM

720 NORTH COLUSA STREET, WILLOWS, CA 95988

Committee Members Present:	Agency Representing:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Viegas	County of Glenn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leslie Nerli	Glide Water District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Amaro	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter, GGA/Glenn County; Sharla Stockton, Glenn County; Brandon Davison, Department of Water Resources.

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was taken as indicated above.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of meeting minutes December 26, 2018.

The December 26, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: Leslie Nerli, Vote: Unanimous

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. STAFF UPDATES

Lisa Hunter stated the C2VSim Fine Grid model update has been released and Davids Engineering will be fine-tuning the water budget components. A Memorandum of Agreement with the CGA is still in the process of being reviewed by the CGA Executive Committee. Long-term funding activities have been moving along and protest notices will be mailed soon. The Cities of Orland and Willows will be considering funding resolutions at their upcoming city council meetings. John Viegas suggested the other member agencies consider approving a letter of support for the fee study if possible.

The final fee study will be posted on the website. The notice will be posted in English and in Spanish. Ms. Hunter will check with Provost & Pritchard on the level of effort and funding it would require to translate the entire fee study. Ms. Hunter will also request guidance from legal counsel to determine if the fee study must be provided in Spanish. It was requested that the finalized fee study and notice be forwarded to each member agency. Each agency could

determine if posting a copy of the study at its office would be appropriate. A newspaper publication is also required and will be sent accordingly. The Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) received a packet with instructions from the Department of Finance to add a fee to the tax rolls. Additionally, Request for Proposals (RFP) are being drafted for the remainder of GSP development work in the Colusa Subbasin.

6. GLENN GROUND WATER DISTRICT

Lisa Hunter explained the GGA Board requested a recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding this item. The GGA received a letter from the Glenn Groundwater District requesting seat on the GGA Board. The letter was formally approved at their May 1, 2019 meeting. An unsigned copy of the letter is attached in the meeting materials. Ms. Hunter reviewed the criteria for inclusion in the GGA according to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). Essentially, the agency must be eligible to be a GSA, agree to sign onto the JPA, and agree to a proportionate share of the cost as determined by the GGA Board.

Initially when the GGA was formed, there was a concern that if an agency wanted to join the GGA/JPA, that agency would not be bearing the same cost as founding agencies. The GGA needs to respond within 60 days of the request. The Glenn Groundwater District was formed January 25, 2018 and has 27,875 acres within the GGA boundaries. The County originally paid the acreage fee for the Glenn Groundwater District, but the fixed fee remains unpaid. The fixed fee was not budgeted the first year (17/18), but was included in the second year (18/19). Considerations include the amount to be reimbursed and who is reimbursed in regards to the fixed fee and acreage fee. John Viegas mentioned he was under the impression the county expected there would be full reimbursement for both years paid to the county because they paid the acreage fees on behalf of the district (approximately \$59,374 for the two-year period).

After reviewing and discussing several scenarios, the Committee ultimately decided that the District should have to pay at least the \$10,000 fixed fee to cover the unpaid 2018/2019 fiscal year commitments. Executive Committee members would like the county to decide what the appropriate reimbursement amount is for the acreage fee prior to the Board providing a response to the District.

The Executive Committee will recommend at the June 10, 2019 GGA Board meeting that the Glenn Groundwater District pay the \$10,000 fixed fee in addition to any acreage fee reimbursement that Glenn County determines is appropriate. Ms. Hunter mentioned that the Board may be asked to consider some leniency on payment methods considering the District is a new agency with limited funding sources at this time.

7. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES 2019 DRAFT BASIN PRIORITIZATION RESULTS

The DWR draft prioritization of the Colusa Subbasin was reviewed. Previously, the GGA sent a letter to DWR regarding the re-prioritization of the Colusa Subbasin which is included in the meeting packet. Phase two of the prioritization process focused on subbasins that went through basin boundary modifications. The comment period for phase two will close May 30, 2019.

Priority designations use the following scoring:

Very Low (<=7 points)

Low (8-14 points)

Medium (15-21 points)

High (>21 points)

Ms. Hunter stated the Colusa Subbasin scored 23.5 points. Ms. Hunter requested direction from the Executive Committee to determine if submitting a comment letter is desired. By consensus, it was decided not to send a comment letter to DWR regarding the Colusa Subbasin prioritization. However, they would like DWR staff to let them know what groundwater elevations from year to year are being assessed in the points system for prioritization.

Brandon Davison from DWR offered to do a presentation on funding opportunities at the next GGA Board meeting.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

9. DISCUSS ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT GGA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

The following items were noted:

- Brandon Davison will provide a presentation on upcoming funding opportunities to the GGA Board.
- The Glenn Ground Water District recommendation to the Board.
- Fact Sheet of the long term funding process

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.