

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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MEETING MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APRIL 8, 2019

1:30 PM

720 NORTH COLUSA STREET, WILLOWS, CA 95988

Director Members Present:		Agency Representing:	
	John Viegas		County of Glenn
X	Bruce Roundy		City of Orland
X	Gary Hansen		City of Willows
	George Nerli		Glide Water District
X	John Amaro		Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X	Charles Schonauer		Orland-Artois Water District
X	Randy Hansen		Kanawha Water District
X	Gary Enos		Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District
Alternate Members Present:			
	Vince Minto		County of Glenn
	Pete Carr		City of Orland
	Evan Markey		City of Willows
X	Leslie Nerli		Glide Water District
	Thaddeus Bettner		Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X	Emil Cavagnolo		Orland-Artois Water District
	Wade Danley		Kanawha Water District
	Lance Boyd		Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District
2 nd Alternate Members Present:			
	Ed Vonasek		City of Orland
X	Andrea Jones		Orland-Artois Water District
	Michael Alves		Kanawha Water District

Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter, GGA/Glenn County; Sharla Stockton, Glenn County; Valerie Kincaid, GGA Counsel; Mallory Serrao (Via Phone-in), Provost & Pritchard; Brandon Davison, Department of Water Resources

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above. Those in attendance were invited to introduce themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from March 11, 2019.

The March 11, 2019 minutes were approved as presented.

Motion: Gary Hansen, Second: Bruce Roundy, Vote: Unanimous

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. STAFF UPDATES

Lisa Hunter provided a Program Manager Report and highlighted the items including:

- Most Board members have completed their California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700s) for 2018/2019.
- Continuing to distribute SGMA Fact Sheet, Subbasin Fact Sheet, and email distribution list sign-up sheet during grower permit renewals.
- Staff submitted the 2018 Government Compensation in California Report to the State Controller's Office.
- Member agency invoices were mailed April 1, 2019.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Review and accept Monthly Activities Report
- b. Review and consider approval of claims

The Monthly Activities Report and Claims Summary were included in the meeting packet materials. A statement was made to clarify the County invoices for services on a quarterly basis. A motion was made to accept the Monthly Activities Report as presented.

Motion: Leslie Nerli, Second: Gary Enos, Vote: Unanimous

A motion was made to approve claims as presented.

Motion: Charles Schonauer, Second: Randy Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

7. LONG-TERM FUNDING

- a. Receive update on long-term funding process and activities.
- b. Receive update on budget development and consider including a minimum fee.
- c. Consider including or excluding parcel acreage that falls outside of the Glenn Groundwater Authority boundary.
- d. Consider including or excluding certain parcel categories.
- e. Provide additional direction to Program Manager, Legal Counsel, and/or Committees as needed.

Lisa Hunter referred to a long-term funding activities report included in the meeting packet. Policy questions requiring direction are highlighted.

Provost & Pritchard staff received the County Assessor information to analyze the acreage that is in the Colusa Subbasin. Currently, parcels on the boundary line have been "clipped" to the GGA boundary and the acreage

outside of the subbasin is excluded from the process. For parcels that have been “clipped”, Provost & Pritchard is using a GIS parcel calculation to determine the acreage that is in the Colusa Subbasin rather than using the assessed acreage. Landowners with parcels partially in the Colusa Subbasin will also receive a notice on the Proposition 218 process. A motion was made to approve the current process of excluding acreage outside of the GGA boundaries and calculating acreage for “clipped” parcels rather than using assessed acreage.

Motion: Leslie Nerli, Second: Charles Schonauer, Vote: Unanimous

Based on Provost & Pritchard’s experience, the following categories are generally not included in the County’s tax rolls:

- Artois CSD (0.26 acres)
- Cemetery (37.87 acres)
- City (145.64 acres)
- County (1467.8 acres)
- Federal (13,140.46 acres)
- Fire (2.09 acres)
- IrrDist (65.82 acres)
- MWC (83.47 acres)
- Ord CSD (4.44 acres)
- PGE (3.81 acres)
- School (22.19 acres)
- State (1,869.56 acres)

The GGA must decide whether to include or exclude these categories from the fee process. If included, a direct bill would need to be sent from the GGA to the entity. It was noted that Federal Agencies are not subject to SGMA. Multiple scenarios were discussed. A motion was made to exclude parcel categories that are not included in the County’s tax roll. To clarify, the final decision will be based on the County inclusion/exclusion policy. Ms. Kincaid will re-check the GGA’s authority to charge schools if they are included in the County rolls. After further discussion, the motion was amended to also include lands owned by irrigation districts, the county, and cities (member agencies to the JPA).

Motion: Gary Enos, Second: Randy Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

The public workshops were reviewed. Ms. Hunter thanked the Directors for their participation. Approximately 150 individuals attended the meetings. 3003 mailers were sent out announcing the first public workshop and only about 50 have been returned so far.

John Amaro reviewed the 5-year projected budget and potential minimum fee. He highlighted the \$7.97-\$20.59 per parcel for the service of adding a parcel assessment to the tax roll. Ms. Hunter stated there should be a more in-depth discussion with the County Finance Department regarding this issue. Emil Cavagnolo stated the County’s collection methods are often more efficient in comparison to doing it in house. Provost & Prichard originally was going to determine the expectations for both the GGA and the County Finance Department. However, the Board concluded this charge would be further vetted through the Funding Ad Hoc Committee with the assistance of Provost & Pritchard.

Ms. Hunter reviewed the near-term schedule and indicated the protest mailer should go out May 15, 2019.

8. GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY WEBSITE

- a. Receive an overview of current Glenn Groundwater Authority website content and location.
- b. Provide direction to program Manager and/or Committees as needed.

Lisa Hunter included information regarding GGA website content and location in the meeting packet. The GGA website is located on the Glenn County website under the Agricultural Department, Water Resources. She included the direct link to the page in the packet and provided an overview of the content. The Board is currently satisfied with where and how the GGA website is housed.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee

The GGA Executive Committee has not met and has nothing new to report.

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- b. Funding Ad Hoc Committee

The Funding Ad Hoc Committee met March 13, 2019. Topics discussed were included under Agenda Item 7.

- c. Stakeholder Engagement Committee

The Stakeholder Engagement Committee met March 11, 2019. The Committee discussed Public Workshop planning and the draft Colusa Subbasin Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Plan.

- d. Technical Advisory Committee

The Technical Advisory Committee members were selected at the February 11, 2019 Board meeting. The committee has not yet met. A joint meeting with the Colusa Groundwater Authority TAC is scheduled for April 12, 2019.

10. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chuck Schonauer has been giving SGMA updates at the Glenn County Farm Bureau meetings.

John Amaro stated he appreciated the Board and other members' participation at the Public Workshops.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2019 at 1:30 PM. A special meeting may be scheduled prior to the next regular meeting.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 2:45 PM.