

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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MEETING MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JUNE 10, 2019

1:30 PM

720 NORTH COLUSA STREET, WILLOWS, CA 95988

Director Members Present:		Agency Representing:	
X	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	
	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; Linda Sloan (via phone-in), Provost & Pritchard; Mark Lohse, Glenn Ground Water District; Brandon Davison, Department of Water Resources; Sharla Stockton, GGA/Glenn County; Byron Clark, Davids Engineering; David Kehn, Cal Water; Del Reimers

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.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from April 8, 2019.
- b. Approval of special meeting minutes from May 8, 2019.
- c. Approval of meeting minutes from May 13, 2019.

The meeting minutes for April 8, 2019 were approved as submitted.

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

The meeting minutes for May 8, 2019 were approved as submitted.

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

The meeting minutes for May 13, 2019 were approved as submitted.

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

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Del Reimers commented on the notice sent out by the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA). He explained that his land does not have groundwater, the proposed fee would double the taxes for the property, and he does not see the benefit of this fee. He feels that if the fee is approved, he would have no choice but to legally fight it.

The discussion was continued under *Item 7: Long-Term Funding*.

No other public comments were received.

5. STAFF UPDATES

Lisa Hunter provided a Program Manager Report and stated most tasks have been related to long term funding items. Other highlighted items include:

- Continued coordination with the Colusa Groundwater Authority
- Continued distribution of SGMA Fact Sheets and email distribution list sign-up sheets
- Updates provided at all Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Group meetings and SGMA outreach at the County Fair booth
- Staff presented at the Groundwater Resources Association GSA Summit and will be speaking at the upcoming Olive Day

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

A motion was made to accept the Monthly Activities Report as presented.

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

A motion was made to approve claims as presented.

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

7. LONG-TERM FUNDING

- a. Update on Long-Term Funding activities and provide direction as needed.
- b. Provide direction on per acre fee to charge for Fiscal Year 19/20 if the fee is adopted.

Lisa Hunter encouraged Del Reimers to call the consultant phone number to correct any acreage discrepancies and asked Mr. Reimer if he had a suggestion for a reasonable solution from a rangeland perspective. Mr. Reimer stated the land cannot be irrigated on the west side and did not believe rangeland owners should be included in the subbasin or fee assessment.

Further discussion included description of how the basin boundaries were developed, potential basin boundary modifications, scientific justification for basin boundary modifications and schedule, the GGA fee process and State Water Resources Control Board fee schedule and management, potential benefits of local management, potential for management areas, fee mechanism options, and related topics.

Ms. Hunter provided an update on the long-term funding process. The Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) had their public hearing on June 5, 2019 with a 2% protest rate. The fee passed at \$1.21 per acre. The GGA proposed \$1.93 fee is the maximum fee and cannot exceed the cost of service. Ms. Hunter suggested that perhaps some of the questions being posed could be answered in the basin settings portion of GSP development. The scope of work and budget could be expanded to include this additional task. This may provide the technical basis for a future basin boundary modification, management areas, or fee structures.

John Viegas suggested sending a letter to the DWR requesting a basin boundary modification change. Brandon Davison offered to provide a query of groundwater well information for the rangeland areas.

It was requested that the board provide direction on the fee for the upcoming fiscal year if the fee is approved after the public hearing. The budget included in the fee study for fiscal year 2019-2020 is \$1.61, but the GGA could charge the maximum \$1.93 per acre. Gary Hansen suggested keeping the fee as low as possible and to start with the minimum fee of \$1.61 if it passes on July 8, 2019. Others agreed with the suggested approach.

There was a motion to set the rate at \$1.61 per acre if the Proposition 218 passes.

Motion: Bruce Roundy, Second: Leslie Nerli, Vote: Unanimous

8. GLENN GROUNDWATER DISTRICT UPDATE

- a. Consider recommendation from the GGA Executive Committee regarding confirming new membership of the Glenn Ground Water District to the Glenn Groundwater Authority JPA including reasonable reimbursement for costs incurred in the formation and early implementation of the Authority.
- b. Authorize Chairman to develop and sign a letter in response to the Glenn Ground Water District request for a seat on the GGA Board by June 30 as required by the JPA.

John Amaro stated the background for this item is included in the meeting packet. The Executive Committee recommended the Glenn Groundwater District be required to pay a \$10,000 fixed fee for the 2018/2019 fiscal year to be consistent with all other member agencies. The Executive Committee requested the county to decide what a reasonable reimbursement for the acreage fee would be for the acreage fees paid by the

County. John Viegas indicated the County would not require reimbursement because the County represented those areas during the time in which the expense was incurred.

A motion was made to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation that the Glenn Ground Water District be required to pay the \$10,000 fixed fee and receive a seat on the GGA Board.

Motion: Gary Hansen, Second: John Viegas, Vote: Unanimous

There was a motion to authorize the Chairman to develop and sign a letter in response to the Glenn Groundwater District request for a seat on the GGA Board.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: Gary Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

9. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE JOINT COLUSA GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY/GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES (CGA/GGA TAC) REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)

- a. Consider recommended process for consultant selection to complete the GSP for the Colusa Subbasin.
- b. Review and discuss DRAFT Request for Proposals (RFP) for Colusa Subbasin GSP development.
- c. Consider authorizing the Joint CGA/GGA TAC to finalize and issue the RFP, review proposals, and complete all tasks necessary to bring a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.
- d. Consider recommendation to utilize California Central Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation Model, Fine Grid (C2VSim FG) as the Integrated Hydrologic Model (IHM) for GSP development in the Colusa Subbasin.

Lisa Hunter stated the recommendation from the joint CGA/GGA TAC is to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a single Consultant or Consultant team to complete the remaining components of the GSP for the Colusa Subbasin. The Davids Engineering team was hired to do the HCM and water budget portion which includes most of the basin settings portion of the GSP, but the remainder of the GSP needs to be developed. Some TAC members were available for clarifications. Discussion took place on the RFP process including advertising the RFP through the interested consultants list and posting to websites and consultant coordination expectations.

A motion was made to approve the recommendation from the joint CGA/GGA TAC to release a RFP for a single Consultant or Consultant team to complete the remaining components of the GSP for the Colusa Subbasin as recommended.

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

There were no further suggestions on the content of the draft RFP.

Leslie Nerli asked if the western boundary issue could be woven into the RFP for the GSP. Ms. Hunter mentioned the work could fit into several areas of the GSP and the budget would also need to account for that specific work. Several options were discussed.

A motion was made to authorize the Joint CGA/GGA TAC to finalize and issue the RFP, review proposals, and complete all tasks necessary to bring a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.

Motion: Bruce Roundy, Second: Chuck Schonauer, Vote: Unanimous

A motion was made to approve Item 9(d) to utilize California Central Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation Model, Fine Grid (C2VSim FG) as the Integrated Hydrologic Model (IHM) for GSP development in the Colusa Subbasin as recommended.

Motion: Chuck Schonauer, Second: Bruce Roundy, Vote: Unanimous

10. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) 2019 DRAFT BASIN PRIORITIZATION RESULTS

a. Update on DWR 2019 Draft Basin Prioritization Results

The Colusa Subbasin is listed as a high priority basin in the draft Basin Prioritization results.

11. COMMITTEE UPDATES

No further updates.

12. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2019 at 5:30 PM at the Willows City Council Chambers.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 2:50 PM.