

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 08, 2019

11:00 AM

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
X Gary Enos	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District
Alternate Members Present:	
Vince Minto	County of Glenn
Pete Carr	City of Orland
X 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
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; Hilary Reinhard, Provost & Pritchard; Mark Lohse, Glenn Ground Water District; Brandon Davison, Department of Water Resources; Dana Brady

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. STAFF UPDATES

Lisa Hunter stated she attended a Glenn Ground Water District Board meeting. A letter was received (a signed letter to follow shortly) formally requesting to be a member of the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA). Most recent tasks have focused on long-term funding activities. A more detailed report will be provided at the regular meeting scheduled for May 13, 2019.

5. LONG-TERM FUNDING

- a. Discussion on draft GGA Five Year Budget.
- b. Discussion on draft GGA Fee Study and related documents.
- c. Provide additional direction to Program Manager, Legal Counsel, and/or Committees as needed.

The Board reviewed the draft Fee Study document prepared by Provost & Pritchard (P&P). John Amaro asked if any members had comments regarding the Projected Five Year Budget on Page 16 of the meeting packet. Lisa Hunter indicated a line item was added to the budget to account for the County's Department of Finance charges to include the fee on the tax roll. The County fee is also dependent on whether parcels fall into two categories, a per-parcel fee or tax rate area fee. Adding the line item in the budget spreads the cost out over all the parcels as part of the per acre fee. The County provides a specific format to provide the appropriate information. P&P will use this format and it may reduce the cost of adding the fee to the tax roll. It was also noted the proposed fee is the maximum fee and the GGA has the option to collect less than the maximum annual fee if the budget supports that choice.

Valerie Kincaid reviewed of the draft Fee Study document including goals, GGA history, financial information, annual budget, benefits of GGA oversight and Proposition 218 process among other topics. Ms. Kincaid stated this document clearly communicates this fee process does not exclusively include all costs associated with getting the subbasin to sustainability. Leslie Nerli asked if the finalized Fee Study document will be sent out to landowners. Ms. Hunter stated the Fee Study will be posted online and available in hard copy at the Agricultural Department for review. Only the required notice will be mailed to landowners. Ms. Kincaid stated the draft notice (Glenn Groundwater Authority Notice of Hearing on Proposed Fee) that will be sent to landowners is on Page 27 of the meeting packet and will be finalized at the May 13, 2019 GGA Board meeting. Ms. Kincaid stated she will provide suggested edits in regards to Section 5.2.1 Property Fee Collection and on Section 1.5 Proposition 218 Requirements.

Mallory Serrao requested clarification on the term "GGA Operations Fee". The members agreed the term is appropriate and to use it consistently throughout the document. Ms. Serrao asked members if they had a preferred term for the agreements between the cities and the GGA; currently it is called "draft resolutions" in the document. Ms. Kincaid suggested the resolutions that memorialize the cities' intentions to directly fund the GGA could be adopted individually rather than having a single document go between city councils. She also suggested calling them "GGA Funding Resolutions". Gary Hansen stated the consideration of the draft resolution for Willows City Council will be at the May 28, 2019 City Council meeting. Bruce Roundy indicated Orland City Council will consider the resolution at its next meeting on May 20, 2019. Ms. Serrao asked for clarification on what should be included in Appendix B GGA 2019 Operations Fee Roll. Ms. Kincaid responded stating a list of parcels (APN) and proposed fees would be sufficient.

The Board reviewed the Glenn Groundwater Authority Notice of Hearing on Proposed Fee. The fee amount of \$1.93 per acre and the parcel numbers will be listed on the notice. There was additional discussion on the level of effort to include the assessed acreage on individual notices to landowners as well. Ms. Serrao indicated she believes it would be feasible to include the information if the GGA Board would like to list the acreage per parcel on the notice. The GGA Board provided direction to P&P to include the parcel and acreage being assessed to the

individual notices to the landowner if possible. Ms. Hunter stated P&P will also provide a notice translated in Spanish but the Fee Study will not be translated.

It was requested that if there are additional comments, send them directly to Ms. Hunter by May 9, 2019 at noon. The comments will be compiled and incorporated into the final Fee Study which will be considered for approval at the May 13, 2019 regular Board meeting.

6. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Emil Cavagnolo stated the Orland-Artois Water District Board would like to submit a resolution in support of the GGA fee study and process. Ms. Kincaid will draft a resolution of support and send it to the member agencies as a template for their Boards to consider adopting if desired.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2019 at 1:30 PM.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 12:04 PM.