

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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MEETING MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OCTOBER 14, 2019

1:30 PM

702 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	Mark Lohse		Monroeville 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
	Leslie Nerli		Glide Water District
	Thaddeus Bettner		Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X	Emil Cavagnolo		Orland-Artois Water District
	Wade Danley		Kanawha Water District
	Seth Fiack		Monroeville 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; Holly Reimers, landowner/stakeholder; Del Reimers, landowner/stakeholder; Valerie Kincaid, GGA Counsel; Sharla Stockton, Glenn County, Dave Ceppos, Consensus and Collaboration Program; Ken Loy, West Yost Associates; Byron Clark, Davids Engineering; Merrilee Vanderwaal, Monroeville Water District; Pat Vellines, DWR; Gwynn Turnbull Weaver, landowner/stakeholder

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

Approval of meeting minutes from September 9, 2019.

The meeting minutes for September 9, 2019 were not available and will be considered for approval at the next meeting.

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Holly Reimers asked what benefit the westside landowners receive for the fee being charged. Valerie Kincaid responded stating the benefit is SGMA representation and SGMA management to be in compliance with the law. There are two ways to go about being SGMA compliant, through a local Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or reporting directly to the State. Ms. Reimers stated her bill would be cheaper if they reported to the State.

5. STAFF UPDATE

Lisa Hunter provided the GGA with a verbal update on Program Manager activities. She stated her tasks have mainly involved working on meeting coordination and reviewing proposals and related tasks for the consultant selection process to develop the Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

6. MONROEVILLE WATER DISTRICT

Consider confirmation of the Monroeville Water District membership in GGA following receipt of funding obligation and execution of JPA; authorize Chairman to execute letter regarding confirmation following receipt of funding obligation and execution of JPA.

Lisa Hunter confirmed both conditions have been met by the Monroeville Water District. A motion was made to authorize the Chairperson execute a letter regarding confirmation.

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

The GGA welcomed Mark Lohse as the GGA Member Director for the Monroeville Water District. Seth Fiack will serve as the Alternate.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

The Monthly Activities Report was approved as submitted.

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

The Claims Summary was included in the meeting packet materials. There was some discussion regarding the Provost and Pritchard claim. The amount of the invoice exceeds the not to exceed amount listed in the contract. It was suggested to pay the invoice up to the contract not to exceed amount and request staff to work with Provost & Pritchard and report back to the Board regarding the overage at the next meeting. There was a motion to approve the Provost & Pritchard claim up to the contractual amount and approve the remaining claim as presented.

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

8. LONG-TERM FUNDING

- a. Receive update on Long-Term Funding activities and provide direction as needed.
- b. Approve Program Manger to send property-related fee bills directly to parcels not included in the County's tax bill system.

Lisa Hunter discussed Long-Term Funding activities and gave some background on sending property-related fee bills directly to parcels not included in the County's tax bill system, which are generally government parcels. A motion was made to approve Item 8.b as presented.

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

9. 2018/2019 ANNUAL AUDIT

Receive update on 2018/2019 audit and provide direction as needed.

Lisa Hunter stated she will meet with CliftonLarsonAllen staff this week to review documentation and assist in gathering the requested information. She will continue to update the Board as the process moves forward.

10. PROPOSITION 68 GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

- a. Consider entering into a contract not to exceed \$20,000 with Davids Engineering, Inc. to develop and submit a Proposition 68 grant funding application and authorize the GGA Board Chairman to execute the contract upon approval from Legal Counsel.
- b. Consider submitting Proposition 68 grant application upon staff approval and approving Resolution authorizing the Glenn Groundwater Authority to serve as the grant applicant on behalf of the Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Lisa Hunter reviewed the Proposition 68 grant funding application opportunity. The Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) put together an Ad Hoc Committee to look into the application process. Ms. Hunter has been coordinating with CGA staff, Davids Engineering, and the CGA Ad Hoc Committee to discuss potential options for this opportunity. Davids Engineering has indicated they have the capacity to develop the grant application if the CGA and GGA decide to move forward, which is addressed in Item 10.a. Ms. Hunter mentioned due to the short time-frame, the GGA would need to take the lead role being the grant applicant and entering into the contract with Davids Engineering to develop the grant application. The CGA Board does not meet until the CGA/GGA Joint Board Meeting scheduled for October 30, which is only one day before the grant application is due. The CGA Board does not meet again until November. There was discussion on potential reimbursement, implementation projects, and GSP development.

A motion was made to enter into a contract not to exceed \$20,000 with Davids Engineering, Inc. to develop and submit a Proposition 68 grant funding application and authorize the GGA Board Chairman to execute the contract upon approval from Legal Counsel.

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

There was a motion to approve submitting a Proposition 68 grant application upon staff approval and approve Resolution 2019-003 authorizing the Glenn Groundwater Authority to serve as the grant applicant on behalf of the Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Motion: Gary Hansen, Second: Bruce Roundy

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: John Viegas, Bruce Roundy, Gary Hansen, John Amaro, Chuck Schonauer, Randy Hansen, Gary Enos, Mark Lohse

NOES: None

ABSENT: George Nerli

11. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Executive Committee

i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee

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

b. Stakeholder Engagement Committee

The Stakeholder Engagement Committee has not met.

c. Technical Advisory Committee

The Joint CGA/GGA TAC met September 20, 2019 to hold interviews for the top three ranked proposals to provide services for Groundwater Sustainability Plan development for the Colusa Subbasin. Staff requested clarifications from the proposal teams and have received answers. The clarifications will be presented at the upcoming Joint CGA/GGA TAC meeting on October 16, 2019. The CGA/GGA will review the clarifications and make a recommendation at the CGA and GGA Boards October 30, 2019 CGA/GGA Joint Board Workshop.

d. West Side Ad Hoc Committee

The West Side Ad Hoc Committee met September 18, 2019. Gwynn Turnbull provided an update on discussion that took place during the ad hoc committee meeting. She summarized landowners on the fringe of the basin feel that they should not be included in the basin boundary and discussion. She indicated while no solution has been developed, there has been a good exchange and is hopeful there will be a short term and a long term solution through this process. There are a few ideas being discussed at the committee level, but will wait until the idea is fully formed before bringing it to the Boards for consideration.

Additional discussion included the Proposition 218 process, a cursory review of well infrastructure, and other related topics. Holly Reimers suggested requesting information from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding core samples near Black Butte Reservoir. Charlie Sullivan has indicated a willingness to serve as the third westside landowners/stakeholder member of the committee. Members of the committee include GGA members John Viegas, Randy Hansen, and Chuck Schonauer, landowner/stakeholder members Del Reimers, Gwynn Turnbull Weaver, Charlie Sullivan, and DWR staff Brandon Davison. The next meeting is currently being scheduled.

12. BOARD INFORMATIONAL SESSION: Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development

Dave Ceppos from the Consensus and Collaboration Program at Sacramento State University led the informational session of the presentation. Mr. Ceppos's efforts are part of the Facilitation Support Services program funded by DWR. He reviewed GSP processes, basin setting, basin conditions, and management areas among other topics. Ken Loy from West Yost Associates reviewed the Colusa Subbasin Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model and how these

projects are the basis for many components of the GSP. Mr. Loy also reviewed relevant sustainability indicators and examples of types of data the Board might encounter while determining measurable objectives and minimum thresholds. Byron Clark from Davids Engineering reviewed the water budget components required to be included in the GSP. Mr. Ceppos wrapped up the presentation highlighting beneficial user input from the recent public workshops.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Gov't Code §54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated or significant exposure to litigation (1)

John Amaro recessed the Board to Closed Session and the Board conferred with Legal Counsel on anticipated or significant exposure to litigation. John Amaro reconvened the Board to Open Session. No reportable action was taken.

14. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2019 at 1:00 PM (CGA/GGA Joint Board Meeting).

The Board's next regular meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2019 at 1:30 PM.

16. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 4:07 PM.