

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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MEETING MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JANUARY 13, 2020

1:30 PM

702 NORTH COLUSA STREET, WILLOWS, CA 95988

Director Members Present:		Agency Representing:	
X	John Viegas	County of Glenn	
	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	
	Gary Enos	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District	
Alternate Members Present:			
	Vince Minto	County of Glenn	
X	Pete Carr (1:51)	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	
	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; Bill Ehorn, DWR; Scott Hamilton, South Valley Water Resources Authority; Jim Graydon, Woodard and Curran; Ryan Everest, USBR; Jason Smith, USBR; George Pendell

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 CGA/GGA Joint Board meeting minutes from October 30, 2019.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes from November 12, 2019.

The meeting minutes for October 30, 2019 were approved as submitted.

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

The meeting minutes for November 12, 2019 were approved as submitted.

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

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. STAFF UPDATES

Lisa Hunter provided the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) with a Program Manager Report. Ms. Hunter highlighted that DWR announced Final Basin Prioritization in which the Colusa Subbasin is now considered a high priority subbasin, GIS shapefiles are being updated for submittal to DWR accounting for the most recent basin boundary modifications, initial discussions with DWR regarding potential new monitoring wells are taking place, Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) held a meeting on the potential for a GSA Litigation Pool, and staff is providing information to growers and individuals that come into the Agricultural Department to renew various permits. She also noted staff and Provost & Pritchard staff are exploring potential errors in fees charged to landowners. The error seems isolated, but additional review is taking place. Staff will continue to coordinate with Department of Finance, Provost & Pritchard, and landowners as needed to correct the error. Ms. Hunter also indicated the Department of Finance confirmed the total charge for putting the GGA property-related fee on the tax roll is \$3,183.43.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

The Monthly Activities Report and claims were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Lisa Hunter noted an addition claim was received from O’Laughlin & Paris in the amount of \$1,505 that is not included in the claims sheet. The amount is below the limit for Board Chair approval.

Motion: Leslie Nerli, Second: Randy Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

7. 2018/2019 ANNUAL AUDIT

- a. Receive presentation of *Glenn Groundwater Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency Financial Statements and Supplementary Information Year Ended June 30, 2019*
- b. Accept 2018/2019 Annual Audit

An overview of the report was given via phone from Clifton Larson Allen (CLA) staff, Joey Judson. A motion was made to accept the 2018/2019 Annual Audit report.

Lisa Hunter noted a few minor requested revisions were not included in this draft which include the addition of Michael Alves as an Alternate Director for Kanawha Water District and adding "Authority" to Golden State Risk Management on page 19. Mr. Judson indicated the revisions are noted and will be included in the final report.

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

8. PRESENTATION ON OVERVIEW OF POTENTIAL WATER BANKING PARTNERSHIPS WITH SOUTH VALLEY WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

Scott Hamilton, Executive Director of South Valley Water Resources Authority, and Jim Graydon, Woodard and Curran, provided an overview of water banking and potential partnerships with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). The South Valley Water Resources Authority is located in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Hamilton spoke about the water banking process and expressed the South Valley Water Resources Authority is experienced with the benefits and pitfalls of the water banking system. He explained water banking programs are tailored for the specific area and can provide funding and/or water to help solve water resources problems. South Valley Water Resources Authority is interested in partnerships for mutually beneficial projects with other agencies, such as GSAs. Leslie Nerli asked if subsidizing surface water during drought years is a component of water banking. Mr. Hamilton responded that subsidizing water is often a fundamental component to the water banking system. Mr. Graydon stated Woodard and Curran has helped develop many water resources related projects. They work with multiple GSAs and he would be a point of contact for the South Valley Water Resources Authority if the GGA shows further interest in exploring the idea of water banking.

9. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Lisa Hunter indicated staff is working though the contracting process with Davids Engineering. The work plan is being condensed to attach to the contract. Staff is working closely with the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA).

10. PROPOSITION 68 GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

The application for Proposition 68 application was submitted on time. Draft results are expected in late January and final awards will be announced in March 2020. The funding amount requested in the application totaled \$999,600. A copy of the application attachments are available for review.

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 TAC has not met and has nothing new to report.

d. West Side Ad Hoc Committee

The West Side Ad Hoc Committee is developing a report to submit to the Board. Holly Reimers requested a West Side Ad Hoc Committee meeting be scheduled prior to the next board meeting. Del Reimers stated they were over charged regarding their GGA fee on at least one parcel. Lisa Hunter indicated staff is working

with Provost & Pritchard to review and correct any errors and will submit any changes to the Department of Finance. Staff will work with Department of Finance or with the individual landowner as appropriate to resolve the error.

12. 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. The Board conferred with Legal Counsel. John Amaro reconvened the Board to Open Session. No reportable action was taken.

13. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

14. NEXT MEETING

The next GGA Board meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2019 at 1:30 PM.

15. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 2:39 PM.