

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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MEETING MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JUNE 15, 2020

1:30 PM

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting was conducted by teleconference. The meeting was accessible via telephone, computer, smartphone or tablet.

Director Members Present:	Alternate/2 nd Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X John Viegas	Vince Minto	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy	Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 nd)	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen	Evan Markey	City of Willows
George Nerli	X Leslie Nerli	Glide Water District
X John Amaro	Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	X Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
	X Andrea Jones (2 nd) (no audio)	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
	Michael Alves (2 nd)	Kanawha Water District
X Mark Lohse	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District
Gary Enos	Lance Boyd	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District

Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter, GGA/Glenn County; Sharla Stockton, Glenn County; Valerie Kincaid, GGA Counsel; Brandon Davison, DWR; Pat Vellines, DWR; Byron Clark, Davids Engineering; David Kehn, Cal-Water/GGA TAC; Michael Bolzowski; Jaime Lely, landowner; Jim Brobeck, Vina Subbasin Advisory Committee; Dana Pressley; Susan Silveira; Mary Fahey, CGA/Colusa County

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM and briefly reviewed remote meeting protocols.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of Colusa Groundwater Authority/Glenn Groundwater Authority joint meeting minutes from April 13, 2020.
- Approval of meeting minutes from May 11, 2020.

The April 13, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: Bruce Roundy, Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

Bruce Roundy: AYE

Gary Hansen: AYE
John Amaro: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE
Randy Hansen: AYE
Mark Lohse: AYE
Leslie Nerli: AYE

The May 11, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

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

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE
Bruce Roundy: AYE
Gary Hansen: AYE
John Amaro: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE
Randy Hansen: AYE
Mark Lohse: AYE
Leslie Nerli: AYE

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. STAFF UPDATES

Lisa Hunter reviewed the Program Manager Report. She highlighted staff's attendance at the Groundwater Resources Association Virtual *Groundwater Sustainability Agency Summit* and mentioned the relevancy of topics that will be reviewed during GSP development. Staff also attended *A Review of San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plans* webinar put on by the Public Policy Institute of California and portions of the Online Environmental Engagement Conference hosted by CalEPA and CA Natural Resources Agency. She noted that Form 700s were due 6/01/2020 and staff will reach out to members who have not submitted the form. A summary of Glenn County outreach efforts providing SGMA information to individuals that come to the Agricultural Commissioner's office included 380 individuals received outreach materials through this program and 53 new sign-ups on the Interested Parties List. Additional discussion included questions relating to anticipated in-person attendance at public workshops and board meetings. It was noted the public outreach meeting scheduled for the summer would be delayed a bit and further evaluation of safety concerns will continue as the process moves forward. Board meetings will likely continue remotely and in-person options will be evaluated.

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 submitted.

Motion: Chuck Schonauer, Second: John Viegas, Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

Bruce Roundy: AYE
Gary Hansen: AYE
John Amaro: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE
Randy Hansen: AYE
Mark Lohse: AYE
Leslie Nerli: AYE

A motion was made to approve the claims as presented.

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

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE
Bruce Roundy: AYE
Gary Hansen: AYE
John Amaro: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE
Randy Hansen: AYE
Mark Lohse: AYE
Leslie Nerli: AYE

7. PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS POLICY

- a. Proposition 68 terms for purchasing policy.
- b. Consider Resolution 2020-001 adopting the purchasing requirements of Glenn County.

Valerie Kincaid reviewed the item prompted by the change in Section D.10 of the Proposition 68 agreement. The amendment to the existing DWR grant agreement requires the entity to have its own purchasing requirements, or if the agency does not have purchasing requirements, they must use the State's procurement policies. The State policy is very specific and restrictive in regards to bidding and sole source exceptions to bidding. Glenn County's policy meets the requirement of the grant agreement and is well established. Staff and counsel recommend the GGA consider adopting its own purchasing requirements rather than utilizing the State's procurement policies. Ms. Kincaid provided a draft policy using the Glenn County policy as a foundation and making changes to fit the GGA structure. A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 2020-001 adopting the adapted purchasing requirements based on the Glenn County policy.

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

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE
Bruce Roundy: AYE
Gary Hansen: AYE
John Amaro: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE
Randy Hansen: AYE
Mark Lohse: AYE
Leslie Nerli: AYE

8. BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Receive report and recommendations from Budget Ad Hoc Committee.

John Viegas stated the Budget Ad Hoc Committee Report was included in the meeting packet. The report provides four options for assigning a fee per acre for fiscal year 2020/2021. The four options include the per acre fee of \$1.61 (current fee), \$1.50, \$1.40 and \$1.30. There was not consensus on a recommendation from the committee on the fee structure and it was decided to bring the item to the full board for discussion, consideration, and selection. Gary Hansen added there was good discussion at the committee meetings. Bruce Roundy asked if the lack of consensus was due to the amount to charge. Leslie responded that the committee agreed there must be some carryover for many reasons, but there was differences in opinions of how much should be carried over from year to year.

9. GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY OPERATIONS FEE

- a. Adopt the Glenn Groundwater Authority Operations Fee per acre for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.
- b. Adopt Resolution 2020-002 Authorizing the County to Collect Property-Related Fees on the County Tax Roll and Indemnification of the Collecting Agency.
- c. Authorize the Program Manger to complete or direct the completion of all tasks necessary for the completion of the submittal packet to the Glenn County Department of Finance.

Leslie Nerli expressed she believes the \$1.30 per acre option should be heavily considered and reviewed specific items in the Draft Budget Option 4, including the reserves column carrying over from the previous year. Bruce Roundy recommended the Board keep the current fee (\$1.61) due to many budgetary unknowns. Gary Hansen concurred adding the GGA is a relatively new agency and potential litigation costs should be considered. John Viegas stated at this time there needs to be a strong reserve moving forward and the County will likely make some cuts to the Water Resources budget. John Amaro suggested a compromise of the fee structure and Chuck Schonauer agreed suggesting Option 2 at \$1.50 per acre showing fiscal responsibility to the landowners.

There was a motion to set the fee at \$1.50 per acre for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Additional discussion included support of the \$1.50 per acre compromise from Gary Hansen. Bruce Roundy noted a compromise had already been made since the maximum fee was over \$1.90. Leslie Nerli clarified the cap is \$1.93 and last year was set at \$1.61. Jaime Lely supported the compromise.

Motion: Chuck Schonauer, Second: Leslie Nerli, Vote: 7:1

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

Bruce Roundy: NAY

Gary Hansen: AYE

John Amaro: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

Randy Hansen: AYE

Mark Lohse: AYE

Leslie Nerli: AYE

There was a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-002 authorizing the County to Collect Property-Related Fees on the County Tax Roll and Indemnification of the Collecting Agency. Valerie Kincaid noted the resolution references Exhibit 1 which will include the previous motion for adopting a fee of \$1.50 per acre and the county will collect it for the GGA using the same method as the previous year.

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

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE
Bruce Roundy: AYE
Gary Hansen: AYE
John Amaro: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE
Randy Hansen: AYE
Mark Lohse: AYE
Leslie Nerli: AYE

There was no objection to authorize the Program Manger to complete or direct the completion of all tasks necessary for the completion of the submittal packet to the Glenn County Department of Finance.

10. FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 BUDGET

- a. Consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Glenn Groundwater Authority Budget.

There was a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Option 2. Gary Hansen asked if there needs to be a public hearing for the passing of the GGA budget. Valerie Kincaid stated the GGA is not subject to the same provisions as the county/city and it is not necessary to have a public hearing. The item has been properly noticed and backup materials have been provided.

Motion: Leslie Nerli, Second: John Viegas, Vote: 7:1

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE
Bruce Roundy: NAY
Gary Hansen: AYE
John Amaro: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE
Randy Hansen: AYE
Mark Lohse: AYE
Leslie Nerli: AYE

11. FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 ANNUAL AUDIT

- a. Consider approval of the CliftonLarsonAllen LLP Engagement Letter to provide services to complete the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Audit upon approval from Counsel and authorize the Program Manager or Chairman to execute the agreement.

Lisa Hunter stated the GGA is required to have an annual audit. The GGA has utilized CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) LLP services for the audit the last two years and currently has the option to extend their contract. CLA provided an engagement letter to continue services for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Bruce Roundy asked if staff was comfortable extending the contract. Ms. Hunter replied that CLA has been easy to work with and generally coordinates to complete the work in conjunction with the Glenn County audit.

There was a motion to approve the CliftonLarsonAllen LLP Engagement Letter to provide services to complete the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Audit upon approval from Counsel and authorize the Program Manager or Chairman to execute the agreement.

Motion: Bruce Roundy, Second: John Viegas, Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote

- John Viegas: AYE
- Bruce Roundy: AYE
- Gary Hansen: AYE
- John Amaro: AYE
- Chuck Schonauer: AYE
- Randy Hansen: AYE
- Mark Lohse: AYE
- Leslie Nerli: AYE

12. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

- a. Receive update on Plan development and activities
- b. Receive update on GSP Development Grants (Proposition 1 and Proposition 68)
- c. Receive update on Project Agreements
- d. Consider recommendation from the GGA Executive Committee to grant the GGA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), in coordination with the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) TAC, the authority to provide guidance and direction to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development Consultant Team’s approaches to any non-policy related GSP development tasks.
- e. Consider recommendation from the GGA Executive Committee to consider amending GSP Development Agreement with Davids Engineering to include some or all of the three additional tasks pending legal review.
- f. Consider recommendation from the GGA Executive Committee to issue a formal Notice to Proceed with the Funding Mechanisms Evaluation optional task, potentially pending a Joint TAC budget review.

Lisa Hunter stated there is ongoing coordination with the CGA and Joint GGA/CGA TAC. The public workshops have not been scheduled at this time due to not being able to meet in person. The Technical Advisory Committee Report outlines work that has taken place thus far including several recommendations to the Board. Ms. Hunter noted though the action items were inadvertently left out of the packet, the report will be available on the website and the board will consider the providing authority to the TAC under item 12.d. The recommendations include approaches for monitoring network development, assumptions for water budget future climate scenarios, and approach to measurable objectives/minimum thresholds.

There was a motion to accept the recommendation from the GGA Executive Committee to grant the GGA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), in coordination with the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) TAC, the authority to provide guidance and direction to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development Consultant Team’s approaches to any non-policy related GSP development tasks. John Amaro stated this can streamline some processes, emphasizing policy decisions will go back to both the GGA and CGA full boards. Ms. Hunter stated the TAC will provide regular updates or reports to the GGA Board.

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

Roll Call Vote

- John Viegas: AYE
- Bruce Roundy: AYE
- Gary Hansen: AYE
- John Amaro: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE (No audible answer during item discussion, confirmed Aye at 2:40PM during Item 12.e)

Randy Hansen: AYE

Mark Lohse: AYE

Leslie Nerli: AYE

John Amaro introduced the GGA Executive Committee's recommendation to consider amending GSP Development Agreement with Davids Engineering to include some or all of the three additional tasks pending legal review.

Lisa Hunter explained with the Proposition 1 and 68 grants there a few tasks that are included in the grant funding that are not currently covered in the contract with Davids Engineering. In many cases, it makes sense to contract with Davids Engineering because the tasks are intertwined with their current work. Tasks not under contract include hydrogeologic investigations, greater analysis on Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems, and a well monitoring pilot program. The options include adding some or all tasks to the Davids Engineering contract and/or going out to bid.

There was a motion to approve the recommendation from the GGA Executive Committee to amend the GSP Development Agreement with Davids Engineering to include the three additional tasks pending legal review.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: Bruce Roundy, Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

Bruce Roundy: AYE

Gary Hansen: AYE

John Amaro: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

Randy Hansen: AYE

Mark Lohse: AYE

Leslie Nerli: AYE

Lisa Hunter stated the funding mechanisms task is listed as an optional task with a requirement for a Notice to Proceed. During an initial discussion at a Joint CGA/GGA Executive Committee meeting, there was some concern about the amount of funding to complete the task. Since that time, it was included in the Proposition 68 grant application and the grant funding has been approved.

There was a motion to approve the recommendation from the GGA Executive Committee to issue a formal Notice to Proceed with the Funding Mechanisms Evaluation optional task, potentially pending a Joint TAC budget review.

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

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

Bruce Roundy: AYE

Gary Hansen: AYE

John Amaro: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

Randy Hansen: AYE

Mark Lohse: AYE

Leslie Nerli: AYE

13. DISCUSSION ON GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY'S ROLE RELATING TO WATER TRANSFERS

Lisa Hunter explained the item is intended to begin discussion on the role in which GGA Board members feel is appropriate related to the topic of water transfers. The Executive Committee also had some discussion on this topic as it relates to the water budget and how water transfers are included in the future and historic water budgets. John Viegas noted he brought this topic up at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting regarding the County's role and the groundwater ordinance and looks forward to joint discussions to mitigate any problems with water transfers. Bruce Roundy mentioned this is a very important and sensitive topic that will need further discussion. Valerie Kincaid added although SGMA allows GSAs the ability to acquire groundwater rights, it does not mean a GSA automatically has them. There is a big difference between whether the GGA has a role of planning/management or moving water that is held by the agency. She is interested in learning more about the County's history and water movement within the basin and continued conversations. John Amaro stated this topic is an important part of what the GSAs are doing and why SGMA came about. Gary Hansen noted the conversation is relevant and timely. Bruce Roundy also mentioned the Sites Reservoir and how that may come into play.

Jim Brobeck, a member of the Vina Subbasin Advisory Committee, commented that this is a topic of significance and glad it is being brought forward as adjacent subbasins and GSAs affect one another in relation to water transfers, aquifer connection and sustainability.

14. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Executive Committee

i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee

The GGA Executive Committee met in May and recommendations from that meeting have been discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2020.

b. Stakeholder Engagement Committee

The Stakeholder Engagement Committee has not met.

c. Technical Advisory Committee

The TAC met jointly with the CGA TAC on May 8, 2020. Lisa Hunter encouraged the GGA Board members to review the TAC report and the presentation the TAC received at the May 8, 2020 meeting.

d. Budget Ad Hoc Committee

The Budget Ad Hoc Committee provided a report that was discussed in Item 8 and was foundational to Items 9 and 10 as well.

15. 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. There was nothing to report out of Closed Session.

16. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

17. NEXT MEETING

The next GGA Board meeting is July 13, 2020.

18. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 PM.