

# Glenn Groundwater Authority

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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### MEETING MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MARCH 10, 2020

1:30 PM

720 NORTH COLUSA STREET, WILLOWS, CA 95988

Director Members Present:	Alternate/2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X John Viegas	Vince Minto	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy	Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen	X 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	Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
	Andrea Jones (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
	Michael Alves (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Kanawha Water District
Mark Lohse	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District
X Gary Enos	Lance Boyd	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District

#### Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter, GGA/Glenn County; Sharla Stockton, Glenn County; Holly Reimers; Del Reimer, Westside Ad Hoc Committee Member; Gwynn Turnbull Weaver, Westside Ad Hoc Committee Member; Valerie Kincaid, GGA Counsel; Pat Vellines, DWR; Brandon Davison, DWR; Erin Crandall, DWR; Darla Nonella; Tom Nonella; Tim Parraie; Ryan Everest.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes from February 10, 2020.

The February 10, 2020 Board meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

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

#### 4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Holly Reimers provided a copy of *The State Bar of California, Rule 4.2 Communication with a Represented Person*.

#### 5. STAFF UPDATES

Lisa Hunter provided the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) Board with a Program Manager Report.

She highlighted the status updates on the Technical Support Services Project and Long-Term Funding. She also mentioned the Groundwater Resources Association is holding a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Summit and encouraged those that are interested to attend. Ms. Hunter mentioned the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700s) - 2019/2020 Forms are due April 1, 2020.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Lisa Hunter noted the County Department of Finance charges are significantly less than what was originally budgeted. Additionally, the first installment from the property related fee was received, including fee corrections.

A motion was made to accept the monthly activities report as submitted.

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

A motion was made to approve the claims.

Motion: Chuck Schonauer, Second: Gary Enos, Vote: Unanimous

## 7. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

- a. Receive update on Plan development and upcoming Board and Public Workshops
- b. Receive update on Proposition 1 GSP Development Grant
- c. Receive update on Proposition 68 funding application

Lisa Hunter stated highlights for this item are included in the Program Manager Report for reference. The Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) is the contracting entity with Department of Water Resources for the Proposition 1 GSP Development Grant. The Glenn Groundwater Authority coordinates on reviewing invoices and activities updates. Currently there are some clarifications being made to invoices and back-up documentation. An updated Proposition 68 application was sent to DWR for review. Final awards are expected this March. The HCM/Water Budget Project (GGA contract with Davids Engineering) has continued bi-weekly meetings with Mary Fahey, GGA staff and the consulting team (Management Team) on project updates. Draft reports are expected in April. The anticipated completion date listed in the contract is April 30, 2020. There have been delays, for instance in the release of the C2VSim Fine Grid model from DWR. A contract amendment may be needed to extend the completion date due to these delays. For the remaining portions of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development the contract is being finalized with Davids Engineering. Ms. Hunter also indicated the Management Team is outlining next steps, meeting dates and topics, and interim milestones for the GSP Project. It is likely the April 13 GGA Board meeting date will be replaced by a CGA/GGA Joint Board Workshop to begin rolling out HCM and Water Budget Components and other GSP topics. The Board can expect more frequent, longer meetings in order to hear more detail on GSP development and provide meaningful input. Many of these meeting will be held jointly with the CGA. There were no objections to this approach.

8. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COLUSA GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY AND GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

- a. Review and discuss MOU
- b. Consider recommendation from the CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee to approve the MOU.

Lisa Hunter stated in June of 2018 the Board started working on a Memorandum of Understanding. The draft MOU has been reviewed at multiple Executive and Joint Executive Committee meetings. There are a few edits and clarifications pending and once those have been completed it will be sent to the Board for review and consideration of approval.

9. 2020/2021 BUDGET

Discussion was held regarding the formation of a Budget Ad Hoc Committee to review the current budget and develop a 2020/2021 draft budget. John Viegas, Gary Hansen, and Leslie Nerli volunteered to be members of the committee. The Ad Hoc committee was formed by board consensus.

10. WESTSIDE AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

John Viegas introduced the report highlighting the process, intent, and format of the Westside Ad Hoc Committee Report with five options including pros and cons of each. He added the committee would like the consideration of these options to be expedient. He opened the floor for other board members and ad hoc committee members to comment. Holly Reimers, a westside landowner stated the reason for the submission of this report is because landowners are not happy and want to bring other options to the forefront for the Board's consideration. Lisa Hunter summarized each option including examples, pros and cons, and noted which options the Westside Ad Hoc Committee members prefer. Discussion, including committee and public input, was included after each option summary.

Option 1: Change GGA Fee Structure to Include a Minimal Fee (defined line)

Discussion included availability and cost of data collection and water use information, use of satellite images such as Google Earth, concerns regarding domestic wells surrounded by deeper wells, availability of site maps and permitting information to determine who uses groundwater, surface water, or both, the definition of the "line" is meant to be an example, property values relating to availability of water, and the reporting of water use using an honor system.

Option 2: Incentive Program for Non-Pumpers

Discussion included crop values related to payment of fees, monitoring options, mail out surveys, public use reporting list, and a waiver system for people that are not pumping groundwater.

Option 3: Technical Evaluation and Fact Gathering

Discussion included the foundational need for this task in GSP development, acquisition of data to support a potential Basin Boundary Modification, availability of well completion report information that was not accounted for in developing the basin boundary, the quality and usefulness of well completion reports and related data, the desire to prioritize technical work to inform future conversations, and incentive programs to move the process forward and to access data from landowners.

#### Option 4: Complete the GSP and Continue Technical Evaluation

Discussion included the dissatisfaction of the landowners for this option, the potential for any outside funding sources that could help subsidize properties during this process, potential for private water contracts or sponsors, and the Proposition 1 grant that pays for a large portion of the GSP development that is not funded by the landowners.

#### Option 5: Unmanaged Area

Discussion included there are many unknown with this option, the landowners dissatisfaction with this option, the burden to the landowners under this option, the perceived inequity in the current Proposition 218 process, the County's options for potential involvement if the westside were to become an unmanaged area, the development of a GSP for the entire basin, perceived benefits or lack of benefits provided by the GGA, and State Water Resources Control Board basin management.

John Viegas made a motion to continue the item to the April 13, 2020 meeting at 1:30 PM. Gary Hansen seconded the motion.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: Gary Hansen

Additional discussion was held. Del Reimers commented that if there was no decision by the next meeting there will be recourse. Chuck Schonauer suggested a Special Board meeting be scheduled prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting to discuss this specific topic. The Executive Committee should review the report and make further recommendations to the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting. John Viegas suggested leaving the item on the regularly scheduled Board meeting agenda in the case a Special Board meeting is not held. Leslie Nerli suggested the GGA Board meet an hour prior to the Joint GGA-CGA meeting.

A revised motion was made that the Executive Committee discuss this topic and provide a recommendation to the Board at the April 13, 2020 regular Board Meeting or a Special Meeting, whichever occurs earlier.

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

## 11. COMMITTEE UPDATES

### a. Executive Committee

#### i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee

The GGA Executive Committee did not meet, but instead met jointly with the CGA Executive Committee to discuss the Draft MOU, GSP development, and Department of Water Resources Technical Assistance Programs.

### 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 Westside Ad Hoc Committee developed a report which was submitted to the Board and discussed under Agenda Item 10.

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. Direction was provided to staff and legal counsel during closed session. No reportable action was taken.

13. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Lisa Hunter mentioned there is a funding mechanism task (optional task 4) in the GSP development scope of work which requires a notice to proceed. The CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee will discuss this task and a recommendation regarding timing of the task may be brought back to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next GGA Board meeting is April 13, 2020 at 1:30 PM. A Special Meeting may be called prior to April 13.

15. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:10 PM.