

# Glenn Groundwater Authority

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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### MINUTES

Glenn Groundwater Authority Executive Committee

May 27, 2020

1:30 PM

Teleconference

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 and remote participation was highly encouraged.

Committee Members Present:	Agency Representing:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Viegas (Phone-in)	County of Glenn
Leslie Nerli	Glide Water District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Amaro (Phone-in)	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter, GGA/Glenn County; Sharla Stockton, Glenn County; David Kehn, CalWater; Brandon Davison, DWR; Patricia Vellines, DWR; Bill Ehorn, DWR

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:32.

2. ROLL CALL

Lisa Hunter took roll call which is indicated above and reviewed teleconference meeting protocols.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from March 25, 2020.

A motion was made to approve the March 25, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: John Amaro, Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

John Amaro: AYE

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. STAFF UPDATES

Lisa Hunter stated the CliftonLarsonAllen engagement letter for the annual audit has been received and will be on the next GGA Board meeting agenda, the Tax Year 2020-2021 Direct Charge Preparation Provost & Pritchard contract is being worked on, and water transfers are being discussed including how GSAs would like to engage in that process, which will also be discussed at the next GGA Board meeting.

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROVIDING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE GGA BOARD TO GRANT THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 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

Lisa Hunter stated the recommendation regarding the TAC’s role in guiding consultant work on technical tasks has been discussed at multiple meetings including the Joint CGA/GGA TAC and Joint Board. One concern prompting the request is the lag time between board meetings may hinder the progress of maintaining the GSP development schedule. The CGA Board considered this item at the May 26 meeting and approved the recommendation with the caveat that the TAC will provide updates at board meetings. John Viegas stated he agrees with the need for TAC updates at board meetings and recommendations being brought to the board for final approvals. Ms. Hunter clarified the TAC would provide regular updates at board meetings and have authority to guide technical non-policy related tasks. The board could provide additional feedback or direction at board meetings. Committee members also discussed water transfers and how consultants account for historical water transfer data in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Ms. Hunter stated she believes the data is accounted for in the water budget and she will confer with the consultants about this topic. Mr. Amaro asked if there are any groundwater transfers out of the basin this year and Ms. Hunter did not believe there are any at this time in the Colusa Subbasin. Mr. Amaro noted his support of the recommendation being proposed. David Kehn, TAC member, commented on the proposed process and ensuring that members of the public have an opportunity for input, but not significantly slow down the approval processes. Lisa Hunter stated the TAC meetings are Brown Act compliant meetings and the public will have the opportunity to comment not only at TAC meetings but also at Board meetings and TAC reports will go to the Board as well.

Executive Committee members recommend the GGA Board grant the GGA TAC, in coordination with the CGA TAC, the authority to provide guidance and direction to the GSP consultant team’s approaches to any non-policy related GSP development tasks.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: John Amaro, Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

John Amaro: AYE

7. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY 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 providing a recommendation to the GGA Board to consider amending GSP Development Agreement with Davids Engineering and/or a recommendation on next steps for completing remaining grant project tasks

Lisa Hunter stated plan updates were provided at the last Joint CGA/GGA TAC meeting. Committee members were updated items including the monitoring network, water budgets, model development, and approaches to minimum thresholds and measurable objectives. Ms. Hunter reviewed grant agreement specifics and directed committee members to page 10 of the meeting materials packet to highlight grant funding and tasks. The CGA

holds the grant agreement with Department of Water Resources (DWR) for GSP development and the GGA has two contracts in place with Davids Engineering.

Ms. Hunter reviewed the additional tasks included in the Proposition 68 grant application that currently are not included in the contract with Davids Engineering and one task that is included in the Davids Engineering work plan, but requires a notice to proceed prior to initiating the work. Tasks include hydrogeologic investigations, GDE evaluation, well metering pilot program and an optional funding mechanism evaluations task. She also noted the CGA approved work to proceed with the tasks at the May 26, 2020 CGA Board meeting and approved contracting with Davids Engineering pending confirmation there is no requirement that an RFP is required by the grant.

A motion was made to recommend the GGA Board consider amending the current GSP development agreement with Davids Engineering to include some or all of the three additional tasks pending legal review.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: John Amaro, Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

John Amaro: AYE

John Viegas made a motion to recommend the GGA Board issue a formal Notice to Proceed with the Funding Mechanisms Evaluation optional task, potentially pending a Joint CGA/GGA TAC budget review.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: John Amaro, Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

John Amaro: AYE

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

9. DISCUSS ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT GGA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

No additional items were added. Items to be brought forward include recommendations made at today's meeting and the GGA budget.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2020 at 1:30 PM.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

# Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors 2021 Meeting Schedule

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*The GGA Board of Directors will meet generally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 1:30 PM. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, meetings will be conducted by teleconference. When in-person meetings resume, meetings will be held at the Glenn County Department of Agriculture, 720 North Colusa Street\*, Willows, CA 95988. Exceptions are noted below.*

- January 11, 2021
- February 8, 2021
- March 9, 2021 (March 8 meeting conflict)
- April 12, 2021
- May 10, 2021
- June 15, 2021 (June 14 meeting conflict)
- July 12, 2021
- August 9, 2021
- September 14, 2021 (September 13 meeting conflict)
- October 11, 2021
- November 8, 2021
- December 14, 2021 (December 13 meeting conflict)

\* Meeting location options to consider:

Planning and Community Development Services Agency Conference Room

Glenn County Board of Supervisors Chambers

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Conference Room

City of Willows, City Council Chambers