

**GLENN COUNTY
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
For the Water Advisory Committee

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MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 15, 2014
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
PLACE: Glenn County Department of Agriculture
720 N. Colusa Street, Willows, CA 95988

I. INTRODUCTIONS:

TAC Members Present:

Allan Fulton	UCCE
Jim Donnelly	Glenn Co. Ag Dept
Roy Hull	DWR
Leigh McDaniel	Board of Supervisors
Matt Gomes	Glenn Co. PPWA
John Brooks	North Area
Anjanette Shadley Martin	East Area
Ben Pennock	Central Area

Others in Attendance:

Lisa Hunter	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Larry Domenighini	GCFB
Brian Taylor	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Sharla Stockton	DWR

TAC Members Absent:

Kevin Backus	Glenn Co. Env. Health
Lance Boyd	PID/PCGID-South Area

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Ms. Shadley-Martin mentioned that the Feather River Contractors were about to complete their Ag Water Management Plan and it was scheduled to be released to the public for the 30 day comment period starting in August. There was also a discussion in reference to an article in a local newspaper concerning a confrontation between a local landowner and a DWR representative. Discussion regarding potential circumstances and DWR's policy regarding monitoring with landowner consent ensued. Mr. Domenighini mentioned that

the SWRCB is asking growers to provide locations of all irrigation wells as part of their farm evaluation forms for the Long Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. The minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting were reviewed and several minor changes were recommended. The minutes were approved with the recommended revisions.

IV. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

a. WAC report

A summary of the most recent WAC meeting was given by Ms. Hunter and Mr. Domenighini.

b. Discussion of possible action – BMO revisions

There was significant discussion concerning the revision of existing BMO boundaries. Ms. Hunter presented a slideshow illustrating the current BMO subareas. The current boundaries were largely designed to reflect the borders of political subdivisions or irrigation districts, with some additional subareas reflecting groundwater pumping areas. The revised boundaries are intended to represent the region's hydrogeology.

Four possible revisions were presented and discussed. In an effort to remain consistent with pending state legislation, the revised boundaries from all proposals incorporate the DWR Bulletin 118 alluvial groundwater basin boundaries. These preliminary boundaries were then subdivided into varying combinations of borders with consideration given to major creeks and rivers, canals, fault lines, soils, well distributions and density, land use patterns, and watersheds.

It was suggested that other management entities would still have the opportunity to participate in the management process, even if their agency spanned more than one subarea. It was agreed upon that Recommendation 4 would be used as a basis to create the preferred recommendation draft to be brought to the next TAC meeting. It was also suggested that the sparsely populated foothill basins could be referenced as one single BMO area with subareas naming each Bulletin 118 basin; therefore, management efforts could be directed towards much smaller sub-zones if the need arises. It was determined that Ms. Hunter would attempt to provide a preferred recommendation after incorporating the suggestions of the TAC to show the health of each basin, incorporate groundwater level contours, show the previously determined "area of concern" developed by the ad hoc committee, and geologic formations.

c. Other topics of interest

Mr. Hull mentioned that groundwater measurements would be conducted in August. He will also be giving a presentation to the Colusa Rotary in September regarding groundwater levels.

It was also brought up that the TAC should review their authority and responsibilities given to the committee by the Board of Supervisors.

V. COMMUNICATIONS: none

VI. NEXT MEETING:

- a.** The next TAC meeting was tentatively scheduled for mid to late August. Ms. Hunter will follow up with potential meeting dates.
- b.** The next WAC meeting has not been scheduled.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.