

GLENN COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 12, 2012

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
344 East Laurel Street
Willows, CA 95988

Water Advisory Committee Members Present:

Donnan Arbuckle	Resource Conservation District
Larry Domenighini	Glenn County Farm Bureau
Larry Maben	BOS District 3 Private Pumpers
Ted Trimble	Western Canal Water District
Mike Vereschagin	Orland-Artois Water District
Leigh McDaniel	Glenn Co. Board of Supervisors
Ken Sullivan	Orland Unit Water Users Assoc.
Jere Schmitke	City of Orland

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Kevin Backus	Glenn Co. Environmental Health
Ben Pennock	Central Area
Kelly Staton	DWR-NRO
George Wilson	North Area
Lance Boyd	South Area

Others in Attendance:

Lester Messina	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Lisa Hunter	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Gaylee Curcio	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Rick Massa	Orland Unit Water User's Assoc.
Stacy Kavanaugh	NRCS
Anjanette Martin	WCWD
Zac Dickens	GCID

Water Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Bob Coruccini	Willow Creek Mutual Water Co
Gene Clark	Reclamation Dist. # 2106 & 1004
Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
David Alves	PCGID
Mark Lohse	BOS District 5 Private Pumpers
Del Reimers	West Colusa Basin Private Pumpers
James Weber	East Corning Basin Private Pumpers
Thad Better	Glenn Colusa Irrigation District
Elwood Weller	Provident Irrigation District
Joel Mann	Glide water District
Rosanna Marino	City of Willows

I. INTRODUCTIONS: Those in attendance introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for March 13, 2012 were approved as mailed.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. **Public Comment:** None.

B. **Discussion & Action Items:**

1. **Spring Groundwater Measurements**

No Spring Groundwater measurements are currently available. With CASGEM interface down, DWR is working to secure a new contract to repair the program as well as hire new programmers to replace the three they have lost. While it is top priority, Kelly Staton could not provide a timeline of when the program would be up and running again. In the meantime, those needing information could avail of the Fall and Spring summary spreadsheets from DWR.

Kelly suggested that the committee write a letter to express to DWR the importance of getting the CASGEM program up and running as soon as possible as the committee relies on this database to determine current groundwater conditions, determining BMO compliance, etc.

2. **CASGEM**— DWR currently monitors 125 wells in our county in addition to 25 dedicated monitoring wells. DWR will continue monitoring until funding runs out, at which time it would become the County's responsibility to report the dedicated wells to CASGEM. The county is the reporting agency for all districts and the monitoring agency for all areas not within the political boundaries of a district.

There are still about 6 other basins that are awaiting approval in CASGEM. An engineer would have to sign off an alternate monitoring plan that it is not feasible to monitor these basins or wells would need to be chosen in these basins to monitor.

3. **LGA Grant (AB 303)**

An opportunity to submit for a local groundwater assistance grant has come up again for those interested. The deadline is July 13th. The likelihood of the County procuring this grant may be slim because of competition and other technical considerations. Grant ideas were shared by the group.

This grant could possibly be used by the County to do modeling or for installing dedicated monitoring wells. A consultant would probably need to be hired to show that the project would be viable. The WAC moved that an AB 303 application be submitted for the Orland-Artois area in cooperation with Colusa Basin Drainage District, who has been looking to do modeling as well, for modeling and installation of an additional dedicated monitoring well.

4. **NSV IRWMP online project submittal (<http://www.nsvwaterplan.org>)**--The online project submittal is nearly complete. Anyone having a project is encouraged to submit the project to the IRWM even if it is only in the concept phase. The submittals are due by August 9 for inclusion in the IRWM plan.

5. **Report of Abnormal Groundwater Level** —Lester met with those who filed a report of abnormal groundwater level in January but was unable to obtain any additional participation from surrounding landowners. Some of those who were experiencing problems were able to alleviate it by lowering their pumps. One individual who has a unique problem resolved it by adding 23 feet of pipe to their well. This area has seen improvement in the past after water delivery from the Orland project begins.

6. **Tehama Colusa Canal Authority Fish Passage Improvement Project operations**-the passage improvement is up and running. There is still some testing and verification going on so some of the automated features is only partly operational but the gates are open to help maintain fish passage.

7. Discussion on County Counsel review and comments or Ordinance revision and draft

Export Water Transfer Guidelines—the Water Advisory Committee proposed changes to the Ordinance 1115 including Exhibit C (Export Water Transfer Guidelines). County Counsel has reviewed the fee structure proposal with the one-time document review fee of \$2500 as being acceptable and the \$5 per acre fee might be considered a tax.

C. Communications: None

D. Member Reports:

- a. Mike Vereschagin announced that a retirement luncheon will be held in honor of Sue King at Rolling Hills Casino on July 11th. The committee suggested that a letter of appreciation be given to Sue in recognition of all her efforts especially with the Stony Creek fan project, which was her brainchild.
- b. Mike Vereschagin also announced that Emil Cavagnolo who has been with the Orland-Artois Water District has been moved up to Interim/Acting Manager.
- c. Donnan Arbuckle requested an update on the Capay recharge project. The group was updated on the status of the feasibility study project. One more public meeting will be held in September. A list of potentially interested people who have replied to the postcards as interested in staying on the focused group list and a list of people who could potentially benefit from the project are being sent outreach postcards.
- d. Ben Pennock announced that GCID made it through their flooding season. With a new system of drain flow measurement and knowing what the baseline outflows are, pumping will need to be really controlled from July to August, so that there would be enough water available to landowners.

The next WAC meeting has been scheduled tentatively in August.

The next TAC meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Gaylee Curcio