

## **GLENN COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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### **MINUTES**

Meeting Date: June 14, 2011

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
Gene Clark	Reclamation Dist # 2106 & 1004
Ted Trimble	Western Canal Water District
Mike Vereschagin	Orland-Artois Water District
Rosanna Marino	City of Willows
Leigh McDaniel	Glenn Co. Board of Supervisors
Larry Maben	BOS District 3 Private Pumpers
James Weber	E. Corning Basin Private Pumpers
Elwood Weller	Provident Irrigation District
Joel Mann	Glide Water District
Mark Lohse	BOS District 5 Private Pumpers
David Alves	Princeton Irrigation District
John Viegas	Glenn Co. Board of Supervisors
Mike Alves for Wade Danley	Kanawha & Glide Water District
Jere Schmitke	City of Orland

#### **Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:**

Lance Boyd	South Area
Andrew Farrar	East
Ben Pennock	Central Area

#### **Others in Attendance:**

John Ayres	Brown & Caldwell
Lester Messina	Glenn Co. Dept. of Agriculture
Sandy Denn	GCID
Doug Ross	Sacramento Valley Mirror
Eugene Massa Jr.	CBDD
Bill Ehorn	DWR
Lisa Hunter	Glenn Co. Dept. of Agriculture
Mark Atlas	Counsel for PCGID & PID
Rick Massa	OUWUA
Gaylee Curcio	Glenn Co. Dept. of Agriculture
Kelly Staton	DWR
Sue King	OAWD
Anjanette Martin	WCWD
Ed Romano	private pumper

#### **Water Advisory Committee Members Absent:**

Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
Ken Sullivan	Orland Unit Water Users Assoc.
Bob Coruccini	Willow Creek Mutual Water Co
Del Reimers	W. Colusa Basin Private Pumpers

I. INTRODUCTIONS: Those in attendance introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for February 8, 2011 were approved as mailed.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. **Public Comment:** None.

B. **Discussion & Action Items:**

1. **Groundwater Recharge Feasibility Study-E. Corning Basin**

John Ayres with Brown & Caldwell made a Power Point presentation on the recharge feasibility study being performed in the E. Corning Basin, Sub-area 8. The study will look into 1) the potential for in-lieu recharge in the area, 2) determine if anyone would be interested in using the surface water and 3) from that interest come up with the amount of water and the best method to get water to those interested. A benefit of in-lieu recharge is the possibility of replacing groundwater and providing flexibility with two sources.

All parcel owners in the study area in Glenn County were sent information about the first scheduled meeting (June 15<sup>th</sup>) and will be kept informed throughout the course of the project. Additional outreach is planned for landowners in Tehama County adjacent to the Glenn County project area. For more information and updates on the project, visit the website [www.glennwac-eastcorning-recharge.org](http://www.glennwac-eastcorning-recharge.org)

2. **Spring Groundwater Levels**—Lester Messina presented a chart of BMO levels of the different sub-areas in the county from April 2011 measurements. In sub-area 10, three wells were highlighted as being below stage alert levels 1 & 2 but not quite at stage alert level 3. Two wells highlighted in sub-area 5 are below the stage level 3 and have been for a couple of years. Some levels in the Orland/ Artois area have come up but are still on stage 2 or 3. Except for these two sub-areas, no other sub-areas have wells in the stage 2 or stage 3 alerts.

Bill Ehorn from DWR also noted that groundwater levels have increased overall in our region due to the above average rainfall this year. Using spatial maps of the Sacramento Valley with different types of monitoring wells, Bill showed the change in spring groundwater levels in shallow, intermediate, and deep zones. The average for all well depths in Glenn County has increased 2.2 feet this spring from last spring; however there are still some wells going down. DWR is in the middle of comparing this spring with spring 2004 data from multi-completion dedicated monitoring wells; the data will be available in the next two weeks on their website.

3. **BMO Revisions for Sub-areas 4 and 5 (OUWUA and O/A WD)**—Similar to what was done last year with sub-areas 8, 9, and 10, the TAC extended the period of record of wells in sub-areas 4 and 5 from 1977-1997 to 1977-2009 and continued with standard deviation methodology. Not only will this allow for a more uniform approach with other sub-areas but more relevant data will be considered to account for land and water use changes over time.

Larry Domenighini requested that Lester bring a summary of the data looked at in sub-areas 4 and 5 for the committee to review at the next meeting prior to forwarding the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

4. **CASGEM Update** —Bill Ehorn reported that DWR is currently at phase 2 of the CASGEM program which is accepting and reviewing the monitoring plans submitted by those who applied to be a monitoring entity ( first phase). The last phase of the program is uploading groundwater level data into the CASGEM database. Monitoring entities have until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to report their data.

The County has stepped forward to be the umbrella reporting agency for all WAC member water and irrigation districts as well as the private pumper areas.

5. **NSV RWMG Update**—The regional water management group has been meeting regularly since January; at the next full board meeting in August, they will be selecting the consultant to assist them in the development of the IRWMP and funding is distributed. Supervisor McDaniel continues to serve as Interim Chair of the Governing Board and Lester Messina has been named into the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) along with Luke Reimers (son of Del Reimers, WAC member).
6. **Rewrites to the Groundwater Ordinance:** At an impasse on the subject of the revisions to the groundwater ordinance, Supervisor McDaniel asked the WAC for ideas on how to resolve the issue and still address the concerns of the Board of Supervisors for a clear and responsive ordinance that discusses water export, internal issues, water quality and land subsidence. Here are the comments and/ or suggestions from the WAC:
  - a. Keep the original Ordinance 1115, a product of years of hard work and an exemplary model for groundwater management, but modify the language where appropriate.
  - b. Form groups of 3-4 people to discuss the ordinance minus the policy component and in doing so, review the comments made on the ordinance and iteration of the ordinance not previously seen by the WAC.
  - c. In the discussion include the written comments and concerns of the public and other interested groups that Supervisor McDaniel has brought forth.
  - d. Obtain a priority list from the Board of Supervisors detailing their specific requirements.
  - e. As background information, review the preliminary plan adopted in 2004 which went over the tasks and next steps of the WAC.

**D. Member Reports: None**

The next WAC meeting has been scheduled tentatively for August 9, 2011.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Gaylee Curcio