

Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Glenn Groundwater Authority GSA Long-Term Funding for GSP Implementation

GGA Member Agencies

City of Orland • City of Willows • County of Glenn • Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District • Glide Water District • Kanawha Water District • Monroeville Water District • Orland-Artois Water District • Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District • Provident Irrigation District

Who is the Glenn Groundwater Authority?

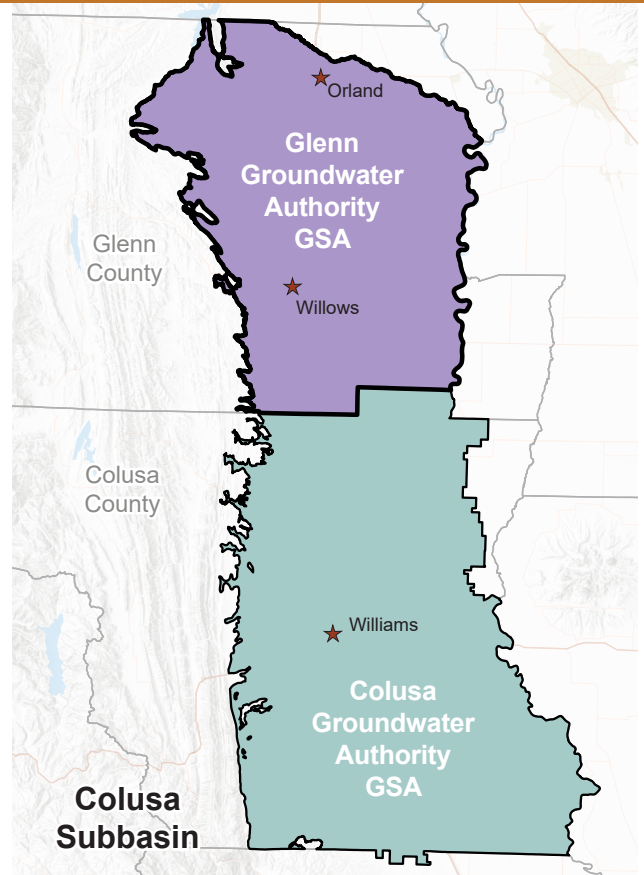
The Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) responsible for developing and implementing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Glenn County portion of the Colusa Subbasin. The GGA works cooperatively with the Colusa Groundwater Authority, the GSA who manages the Colusa County portion of the Colusa Subbasin.

GSP Implementation Funding for Years 2024-2028

The Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) has been adopted by the GSAs and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The GSAs are working together to develop the most efficient manner to implement the GSP and comply with Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) regulations through cost sharing and collaboration. Each GSA is responsible for their respective GSA administration costs with SGMA compliance costs shared by the GSAs when appropriate to keep future fees as low as possible. GSAs must conduct monitoring, complete required reporting, and implement projects and management actions as needed to ensure basin sustainability by 2042. To fund these activities, revenue requirements have been developed by each of the GSAs to help inform the evaluation of options to raise the necessary revenue.

What Fee Options Are Being Considered by the GGA for Covering GSP Implementation Costs?

The GSAs both have existing Proposition 218 fee in place on a per acre basis. The GSAs committed to evaluating the fee structures once the GSP planning process concluded and implementation began. Each GSA will embark on its own fee evaluation process, but will continue to coordinate in an effort to gain efficiencies and maintain consistency if possible. There are three main fee options the GSAs will consider including Proposition 26, Proposition 218, and extraction fees.



How were GSP Implementation Costs Developed for the Proposed Fees?

The proposed GSP implementation costs reflect the minimum revenue requirements to comply with SGMA and meet Colusa Subbasin sustainability objectives based on known information and data about the Colusa Subbasin and GSA operational costs. These costs may change depending on information gathered during the options evaluation process. Considerations may include awarded grant funding, considerations for administration and/or enforcement of the selected fee option, and similar items.

PROJECT TIMELINE



What Happens if We Fail?

Maintaining local control over our groundwater resources is a top priority for the GGA. Implementing the GSP and complying with SGMA will keep the State from intervening. State intervention due to SGMA non-compliance would mean the landowners within the GGA footprint would report directly to the State Water Resources Control Board and be subject to State approved fees.

The local GSAs are working hard to avoid State intervention.

Current Fee Information and Next Steps

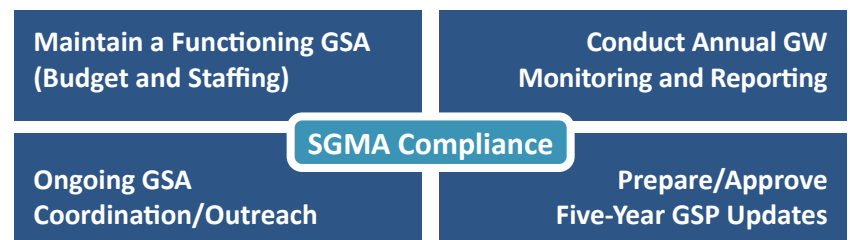
The GGA Board is considering updating its current per acre Proposition 218 fees in accordance with Water Code Section 10730 to cover the administrative and operational costs of GSP implementation and SGMA compliance. Under the current fee structure, the maximum fee is \$1.93 per acre with fees currently at \$1.50 per acre.

The proposed updated fees will fund GSA administration and SGMA compliance activities related to GSP implementation. Local and regional projects to enhance groundwater sustainability are included in the GSP and/or Annual Reports and will be supported through other funding sources when available on an as-needed basis aimed at achieving State mandated

sustainability. Funding this effort is critical for maintaining local control over the implementation of sustainable groundwater projects and management actions in the Colusa Subbasin. The GGA is committed to retaining local control over SGMA implementation, utilizing landowner dollars efficiently and beneficially.

You can visit the GGA webpage using the following link (www.countyofglenn.net/dept/planning-community-development-services/water-resources/glenn-groundwater-authority) to learn more about the Colusa Subbasin GSP implementation activities and follow updates on establishing a long-term funding strategy to cover the costs of GGA administration and SGMA compliance activities. Frequently asked questions are being developed to address your questions and concerns. We welcome your comments and thoughts on how we can work together to maintain local control over our water resources.

2024-2028 Colusa Subbasin GSP Implementation Summary of State SGMA Requirements



The GGA GSA will be responsible for covering its GSA administration costs and its share of the total GSP implementation SGMA compliance costs identified in the adopted GSP. The GGA will serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of parcels subject to the fee in the GGA service area and will share SGMA compliance costs with the Colusa Groundwater Authority GSA through an MOU to manage the GSP implementation budget and report on the status of GSP implementation activities.