

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
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MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 11, 2018

1:30 P.M.

720 NORTH COLUSA STREET, WILLOWS, CA 95988

Director Members Present:	Agency Representing:
John Viegas	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen	City of Willows
George Nerli	Glide Water District
X John Amaro	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Kanawha Water District
Gary Enos	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District
Alternate Members Present:	
Vince Minto	County of Glenn
Pete Carr	City of Orland
X Evan Markey	City of Willows
X Leslie Nerli	Glide Water District
Thaddeus Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
Lance Boyd	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District
2 nd Alternate Members Present:	
Ed Vonasek	City of Orland
X Andrea Jones	Orland-Artois Water District
X Michael Alves	Kanawha Water District

Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter, Glenn County; Sharla Stockton, Glenn County; Valerie Kincaid, O’Laughlin & Paris; George Pendell, Stony Creek; Ben Kermen, Capay Landowners Association; Erin Smith; Department of Water Resources

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call
- c. Introductions

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. The pledge of allegiance was recited, roll call was taken as indicated above, and those in attendance were invited to introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from May 14, 2018.

The May 14, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

Motion: Bruce Roundy, Second: Randy Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

- b. Review and approve agenda

There were no objections and the agenda was approved as prepared.

Motion: Gary Hansen, Second: Bruce Roundy, Vote: Unanimous

3. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Review and accept Monthly Activities Report
- b. Review and consider approval of claims

The group reviewed the monthly activities report and claims. There was a motion to accept the Monthly Activities Report as presented.

Motion: Bruce Roundy, Second: Randy Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

There was a motion to approve claims as presented.

Motion: Leslie Nerli, Second: Gary Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

5. FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET

- a. Consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget.

A draft budget was presented at the April 9, 2018 Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) meeting. Lisa Hunter stated the anticipated cost for GGA portion of Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development and projects has been consolidated in one budget

item. On page 13 in the meeting packet there is a detailed outline regarding the changes to the budget since the April version. Leslie Nerli highlighted the total estimated expenses for the 2018-2019 budget. Ms. Hunter stated Colusa County will be administering the grant for the Colusa Subbasin, so the funds for the grant do not appear in the GGA budget. Andrea Jones inquired if the Special Department Expense item refers to Glenn County. Ms. Hunter explained that category is used for items that do not fit under the other categories for the GGA, not the County. The 2018/2019 budget was approved unanimously as presented.

Motion: Randy Hansen, Second: Charles Schonauer, Vote: Unanimous

- b. Provide direction to Program Manager and Budget Ad Hoc Committee as necessary.

There was no additional direction given to the Program Manager.

6. LONG-TERM FUNDING

- a. Hold discussion and provide direction to Program Manager, Legal Counsel, and/or committees as needed.

The Board reviewed the options presented by Valerie Kincaid at the May 14 meeting which were summarized and included in the meeting packet. Ms. Kincaid provided clarification to questions asked by Board members and also provided an update on the status of the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) process. To her understanding, the CGA selected the property-related fee option (Option 2) and has released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain a rate consultant, which will determine the fee structure for the long-term funding plan. Ms. Kincaid clarified the service provided under the water service option (Option 3) must be available to all parcels being assessed. She also mentioned there are places in the state where Option 3 has passed without resistance with a per parcel cost, excluding de minimis users. Landowners who are being assessed are the only constituents that can protest the fee. Option 3 includes an opportunity for majority protest while Option 2 includes an opportunity for majority protest followed by an affirmative voter approval by ballot. Ms. Kincaid then summarized the litigation risk, probability of passage, and estimated timeline for each option. She clarified the service being provided under Option 3 is SGMA compliance and GSP development.

Ms. Nerli asked if the Board would prefer to delegate evaluating funding options to the Executive Committee which would bring a recommendation to the GGA Board, or have Directors bring information to their respective boards and bring the item back to the July meeting as an action item. By consensus, the Board agreed to bring information to their respective boards, specifically regarding Option 2 and Option 3, and to bring the item back as an action item at the July meeting. It was further mentioned that both options will require a robust outreach plan.

7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER.

The Executive Committee discussed audit options at previous meetings. Ms. Hunter included support material in the meeting packet and she has discussed the audit process with Golden State Risk Management Authority and with the County Auditor. Michael Alves suggested that member agencies provide suggestions for auditor services. There was a motion to approve the item as presented.

Motion: Gary Hansen, Second: Charles Schonauer, Vote: Unanimous

8. BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
 - a. Hear report from the Basin Boundary Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Hunter stated a report regarding Basin Boundary Modifications from the Basin Boundary Modification Ad Hoc Committee is included in the meeting packet. The committee has worked diligently on understanding, discussing, and providing recommendations on potential basin boundary modifications.

- b. Consider recommendation to provide a Letter of Support for the Colusa Groundwater Authority's proposed Basin Boundary Modification to bring a portion of the West Butte Subbasin into the Colusa Subbasin.

The Board approved the recommendation as presented.

Motion: Bruce Roundy, Second: Randy Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

- c. Consider recommendation to provide a Letter of Support for Butte County's proposed Basin Boundary Modification to adjust the subbasin boundaries to align with existing County boundaries to address inconsistencies in the current mapping.

Ms. Hunter stated most of the items contained in Butte County's request do not affect the GGA directly. However, included in the Vina Subbasin application, Butte County is going to add some language to align the subbasin boundaries to the existing county boundaries rather than the rivers and streams boundaries making them more consistent, which is essentially a GIS mapping issue. The Board approved the recommendation as presented.

Motion: Gary Hansen, Second: Bruce Roundy, Vote: Unanimous

- d. Consider providing a Letter of Support to bring the Glenn County portion of the Corning Subbasin into the Colusa Subbasin pending formal notification of a request stating such.

Ms. Hunter explained there has been discussion regarding merging the Glenn County portion of the Corning Subbasin into the Colusa Subbasin. There are concerns with the Proposition 1 funding allocation which was awarded to Glenn County for the development of a GSP in the Corning Subbasin. Glenn County and Tehama County staff are coordinating with Department of Water Resources (DWR) to clarify the Proposition 1 funding for the Corning Subbasin as it relates to potential basin boundary modification. Ms. Hunter stated it has not been decided to move forward with this potential basin boundary modification; however, if Glenn County chooses to move forward, it would be beneficial to have the GGA's support.

Ben Kerman spoke to the GGA Board on behalf of the Capay Landowners Association which is part of the Corning Subbasin. He commented that most water users in the Corning Subbasin are completely groundwater dependent and are unique in that way. He expressed to the group that he wants to make sure there is ongoing coordination between counties and GSAs to ensure groundwater sustainability. Ms. Hunter stated it is required by SGMA that GSPs are coordinated and one subbasin cannot operate at the detriment of another.

The Board approved the item as presented.

Motion: Charles Schonauer, Second: Leslie Nerli, Vote: Unanimous

9. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES DRAFT 2018 SGMA BASIN PRIORITIZATION

- a. Consider providing a comment letter to the Department of Water Resources concerning the Draft 2018 SGMA Basin Prioritization.

Lisa Hunter briefly reviewed the DWR's Draft Basin Prioritization. The Colusa Subbasin in the updated DWR basin re-prioritization is considered a high priority basin rather than a medium prioritization. Under SGMA, high and medium priority basins are treated the same including submittal deadlines. The Colusa Subbasin has been reprioritized based on component 8, groundwater related transfers. The CGA is also considering this item. There may be an opportunity to develop a joint letter if the Board desires.

Erin Smith clarified that water transfers were not originally considered in the previous basin prioritizations and it was determined they should be factored in the scoring components. Ms. Smith added there are public workshop announcements and additional information online. She also mentioned the online comment period is currently open through July 18.

Valerie Kincaid further clarified that basin priority is different than critically overdrafted basins. Priority is not a measure of groundwater management activities, and does not mean the basin is being managed unsustainably.

- b. Provide direction to Program Manager, and/or committees as needed.

By consensus, the Board directed the Executive Committee to review comments and draft a comment letter to bring back to the Board for consideration.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2018 FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

a. Election of Chairperson

Leslie Nerli nominated John Amaro for the position of Chairperson. Gary Hansen moved to close nominations, seconded by Randy Hansen. The Board unanimously voted John Amaro to the position of Chairperson.

b. Election of Vice-Chairperson

Leslie Nerli nominated John Viegas as Vice-Chairperson. Gary Hansen moved to close nominations. The Board unanimously voted John Viegas as Vice-Chairperson.

c. Election of Secretary

Leslie Nerli nominated Lisa Hunter for the position of Secretary. Gary Hansen moved to close nominations. The Board unanimously voted Lisa Hunter as Secretary.

d. Confirm appointment of Treasurer as County of Glenn

A motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion: Leslie Nerli, Second: Charles Schonauer, Vote: Unanimous

11. PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES

Lisa Hunter distributed a handout describing Program Manager Updates. She highlighted a few items including the Letter of Support for the Water Supply Water Quality Act of 2018, budget reconfiguration and draft budget preparation, and ethics training and Form 700 for GGA Directors.

12. COMMITTEE UPDATES

John Amaro, Lisa Hunter, and committee members provided updates for each committee. Activity summaries are also included in the meeting packet.

a. Executive Committee

i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee

The Executive Committee did not meet and has nothing to report. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2018.

b. CGA/GGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee

The Technical Ad Hoc Committee did not meet and has nothing to report.

c. HCM/Water Budget Selection Committee

The HCM/Water Budget did not meet and has nothing to report. CGA and GGA staff are working with consultants on revisions to scope of work and contract prior to the committee's next meeting.

d. Stakeholder Engagement Committee

The Stakeholder Engagement Committee did not meet and has nothing to report. Lisa Hunter is coordinating with the facilitator to determine when it would be best to convene this committee.

e. Budget Ad Hoc Committee

The Budget Ad Hoc Committee did not meet. The committee reviewed the proposed budget changes presented in Item 5 and has nothing further to report.

f. Basin Boundary Modification Ad Hoc Committee

The Basin Boundary Modification Ad Hoc Committee report was discussed in Item 8. The committee has nothing further to report.

13. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Leslie Nerli inquired if the Basin Boundary Modification Ad Hoc Committee could be dissolved? It was suggested that the Committee remain active until the next Board meeting.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.

15. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 3:21 P.M.