

# Glenn Groundwater Authority

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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### MEETING MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

1:30 PM

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:	
X 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 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Members Present:	
Ed Vonasek	City of Orland
X Andrea Jones	Orland-Artois Water District
Michael Alves	Kanawha Water District

#### Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter, GGA/Glenn County; Sharla Stockton, Glenn County; Mark Lohse, Glenn Ground Water District; Valerie Kincaid, GGA Counsel ; Pat Vellines, Department of Water Resources; Brandon Davison, Department of Water Resources; Ben Kermen, Capay Landowners; David Kehn, CalWater; Ann Lohse; Dan Schuller; Kandi Manhart, Glenn County Resource Conservation District

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above. Those in attendance were invited to introduce themselves.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from January 14, 2019.

The meeting minutes from January 14, 2019 were approved as submitted.

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

### 4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Hunter mentioned the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the “2017 GPS Survey of the Sacramento Valley Subsidence Network” and she provided Board members with “2017 Sacramento Valley GPS Survey Project Fact Sheet” handouts.

### 5. STAFF UPDATES

Lisa Hunter reviewed the program manager report included in the backup material and highlighted a few items including:

- Continuing to distribute SGMA Fact Sheet, Subbasin Fact Sheet, and email distribution list signup sheet during grower permit renewals.
- California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700s) - 2018/2019 Forms are due April 2, 2019.
- Staff attended the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) public workshop.
- HCM/Water Budget Project Update.
- GGA invoiced CGA for project costs associated with the HCM/Water Budget Project for reimbursement (\$13,058.50).

Additionally, Ms. Hunter mentioned the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) website will be updated to include the Bylaws, the GGA Budget, and the funding/fee assessment process information if there are no objections. None were heard.

### 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

The Monthly Activities Report and budget update were included in the meeting packet. There were no claims to consider. A motion was made to accept the Monthly Activities Report as presented.

Motion: Leslie Nerli, Second: Vince Minto, Vote: Unanimous

### 7. PRESENTATION ON DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BY I•GIS

The presentation did not occur and may be rescheduled at a later date.

### 8. LONG-TERM FUNDING

- a. Receive update on long-term funding process and kick off meeting.
- b. Review policy questions and provide guidance as necessary.
- c. Review schedule and update on county tax roll deadlines; provide direction on schedule and potential tax roll contingencies.

- d. Consider creating a Funding Ad Hoc Committee and authorize the committee to provide guidance to the consulting team including policy decisions, outreach materials, coordination efforts, and draft budget development; OR  
Consider assigning the above duties to an existing standing committee (Executive Committee, Stakeholder Engagement Committee).
- e. Provide additional direction to Program Manager, Legal Counsel, and/or Committees as needed.

Valerie Kincaid reviewed the Long-Term Funding Report contained in the meeting packet including the kick off meeting with Provost & Pritchard, policy issues, schedule, billing, fee study/budget, and city parcel inclusion/exclusion from the 218 process. She also reminded the Board the 218 process is good for five years at which point, the fee would need to be re-assessed.

Policy questions included in the meeting packet were discussed. There was consensus that the rate structure is intended to provide SGMA coverage for all parcels and a flat rate per acre is appropriate. The City representatives indicated it seemed practical that the Cities each pay the flat per acre fee on behalf of the parcels located within the respective City's boundary and exclude the parcels from the 218 process. There was consensus on this approach. The border policy for parcels partially within the basin would be further vetted during committee discussions, after initial data is received. It was noted that government-owned parcel are exempt from property taxes, but could be billed from the GGA directly. Native American Lands are exempt from SGMA, although are encouraged to participate. It also seemed reasonable to include an indexed inflation factor in the fee study.

The Tentative Schedule included in the meeting packet is slightly more compressed (21 days shorter) than the original schedule to meet the August 10 County Department of Finance deadline to include a fee (if approved) to this year's tax bill. There are still a few remaining questions that may change the final schedule. There was consensus to move forward with the Tentative Schedule.

Ms. Kincaid clarified that once the fee study process has started there will be more information on parcels and related topics that will help guide parcel related questions including GIS/mapping policy decisions. Vince Minto suggested considering a minimum fee rather than a minimum parcel size. Ms. Hunter stated there will ample opportunities to provide direction on technical issues and policy questions as the study continues and prior to adoption.

After some discussion on delegating responsibilities to a committee, the Board decided to create a Funding Ad Hoc Committee and authorize the committee to provide guidance to the consulting team including policy decision, outreach materials, coordination efforts, and draft budget development. The Funding Ad Hoc Committee members selected are John Amaro, Leslie Nerli and Vince Minto.

## 9. GLENN GROUND WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

- a. Receive an update on Glenn Ground Water District.
- b. Provide direction as needed.

Ms. Hunter received an email from the Glenn Ground Water District inquiring about the process to request a seat on the GGA Board. It is expected the Glenn Ground Water District will formally request to participate in the near future. Ms. Hunter explained there might be some associated tasks the Board and/or Executive

Committee will need to work through concerning adding new agencies and a fair and equitable process including the potential for paying back fees.

#### 10. SELECTION OF STANDING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- a. Review Technical Advisory Committee nominations received from member agencies.
- b. Consider selection of Technical Advisory Committee members; **OR**  
Direct the Executive Committee to review nominations received and provides recommendation to the Board on selection of Technical Advisory Committee members.

Ms. Hunter clarified that Thad Bettner indicated he would be willing to participate; however, if there was concern that he is an Alternate Board member, Zac Dickens would be the nomination from Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District. The Board authorized the formation of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on April 19, 2018. The Board previously decided there would be five TAC members, with a technical background, representing diverse geographic areas and types of groundwater users. Nominations were made by GGA member agencies. The GGA Board is responsible to make membership appointments. The nominations received are included David Kehn, Michael Alves, Emil Cavagnolo, Mark Lohse, Thad Bettner or Zac Dickens, and Ron Stilwell.

Gary Hansen explained the reasoning for the nomination provided by the City of Willows (David Kehn) including his affiliation with CalWater and municipal water supply experience. Bruce Roundy concurred with Mr. Hansen's position. The GGA Board decided to consider having six members serve on the Technical Advisory Committee rather than five. There was a motion to select all six nominees, excluding Thad Bettner, for the standing Technical Advisory Committee. The committee members are David Kehn, Michael Alves, Emil Cavagnolo, Mark Lohse, Zac Dickens, and Ron Stilwell.

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

#### 11. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee

The GGA Executive Committee has not met and has nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2019.

- b. GGA/CGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee
  - i. CGA/GGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee

The Committee has not met and has nothing further to report.

- c. Stakeholder Engagement Committee

The Stakeholder Engagement Committee has not met and has nothing to report. It is projected this committee will meet in February or March.

#### 12. CONSIDER DISSOVLING THE GGA TECHNICAL AD HOC COMMITTEE

There was a motion to dissolve the GGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee.

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

13. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

14. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2019 at 1:30 PM.

15. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 2:43 PM.