

# GLENN COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Glenn County Department of Agriculture  
720 North Colusa Street  
Willows, CA 95988

### Water Advisory Committee Members Present:

Rob Vlach	Private Pumper
Bruce Roundy	Resource Conservation District
David Alves	Central River Irrigation Districts
Larry Domenighini	Glenn County Farm Bureau
Mike Alves	TC Canal Authority Districts
Mike Vereschagin	TC Canal Authority Districts
Ted Trimble	Western Canal Water District
Mark Lohse	Private Pumper
John Amaro	GCID

### Others in Attendance:

Lisa Hunter	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Lester Messina	
Dave Ceppos	
Paddy Turnbull	
Rick Massa	
Thad Bettner	
George Pendell	

### Water Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Terry Bressler	East County Rec & Irr Districts
Del Reimers	Private Pumper
Ken Sullivan	Orland Water Users Association
Darin Titus	Private Pumper

### Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Matt Gomes	Glenn County P&PWA
Lance Boyd	At-Large, South Area
Anjanette Shadley	At-Large, East Area

## I. INTRODUCTIONS:

Those in attendance are shown above.

## II. AGENDA ITEMS:

### A. Public Comment:

None

### B. Discussion and/or Action Items:

#### 1. Correspondence to Board of Supervisors

- a) **Rescind action taken at the May 10, 2016 meeting to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending county-wide removal of the well permit moratorium.** —On a motion by Mike Vereschagin and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Roundy, the

action taken at the May 10, 2016 meeting to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending county-wide removal of the well permit moratorium was rescinded by a unanimous vote.

**b) Consider recommendation to Board of Supervisors regarding the well permit moratorium set to expire August 3, 2016 at 11:59 PM.**—A discussion ensued which included the following points:

- Some feel the moratorium is illegal and goes beyond state law.
- A county-wide water budget would be helpful. Some agencies are willing to help fund the project. Are areas in balance, out of balance, and by how much? The Colusa County water budget project was highlighted as an example.
- Data, not politics or emotion should guide decisions.
- Groundwater is variable throughout the County.
- Funding for a consultant is necessary.
- Reducing the area of the moratorium--areas not in a stage 3 alert.
- Realistic timeframe to finish policy work.
- Many felt the fear of multiple permits being pulled if the moratorium was lifted is unrealistic.
- A letter could outline the legal concerns, science aspects, and concerns with the current BMO process. A letter could contain a scope of work necessary to achieve the science the Board is looking for.

A motion was made by Mike Vereshagin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Amaro to direct the TAC to work with staff to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors for WAC consideration using the following statement as a guideline prior to the next WAC meeting on June 14:

*The WAC cannot recommend that the well moratorium be continued based on lack of sound data/science and further studies are needed to be done to gather data by a third party consultant and funding is needed to complete these studies.*

The motion passed unanimously.

**III. NEXT MEETINGS:**

The next WAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 14, 2016.

The next TAC meeting will be scheduled May 26, 2016.

**IV. ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.