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## Meeting Minutes Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

February 10, 2025 | 1:30 PM

225 North Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988

Public participation was also offered via teleconference; accessible via telephone, computer, smartphone or tablet.

Director Members Present:	Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X Grant Carmon	X Tony Arendt	County of Glenn
X Brandon Smith	R Pete Carr	City of Orland
Gary Hansen (24/25 Chair)	Tavis Beynon	City of Willows
Matt Deadmond	Vince Laufer	Glide Water District
X John Amaro (24/25 Vice Chair)	Jeff Sutton	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
Charles Schonauer	X Justin Dahl	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
X Mark Lohse	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District
X Jered Shipley	Gary Enos	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District

Directors attending remotely are designated with "R" and are not counted toward a quorum, do not vote, and are considered members of the public.

Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter (GGA/Glenn County), Valerie Kincaid (GGA Counsel), Kellie Burt, Jenny Scheer, Maddie Munson, Bruce Roundy, Arne Gustafson, Donald Bills, Brandon Davison, Michael Ward, Geroqe Pendell, Liz, Ronna Bowers

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- Vice Chairman Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### 2. ROLL CALL

- Roll call was taken as indicated as above. A quorum of members was present.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- \*Approve the meeting minutes from June 11, 2024.

- Vice Chairman Amaro invited comments or revisions on the aforementioned meeting minutes; whereby, none were heard.

**On motion by Director Carmon, seconded by Director Randy Hansen, the meeting minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.**

### 4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Vice Chairman Amaro invited public comments; whereby no public comments were heard.

## 5. STAFF UPDATES

- Lisa Hunter, Program Manager, provided information about the UC Cooperative Extension Third Thursdays: Things from the Field event series: Groundwater and SGMA to be held February 20, 2025. A flyer with registration information was made available. L. Hunter will be presenting at this event.
- L. Hunter stated there have been zero well permit acknowledgement forms received since January 14, 2025.
- L. Hunter reviewed the new procedure for filing the Form 700s, which will now be filed electronically to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), and encouraged members to reach out with any questions.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. \*Review and accept Monthly Activities Report.
  - b. \*Review and consider approval of claims.
- Vice Chairman Amaro invited questions or comments on Item 6.a; whereby, L. Hunter indicated the creation of the new sub-accounts for the Well Mitigation Program and the Demand Management Program is complete.

**On a motion by Director Carmon, seconded by Director Shipley, it was unanimously ordered to approve the monthly activities report as presented.**

- Vice Chairman Amaro invited questions or comments on Item 6.b.; whereby, L. Hunter responded to a request from Director Shipley to clarify the changes to staff's billing rates.

**On motion by Director Randy Hansen, seconded by Director Dahl it was unanimously ordered to approve the claims as presented.**

## 7. STONY CREEK TEMPORARY PERMIT 21470

- a. \*Authorize Chairman to execute Agreement between Glenn Groundwater Authority and Orland Sand and Gravel.
  - b. \*Authorize Chairman to execute Memorandum of Understanding Between Glenn Groundwater Authority and the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Related to Water Accounting for Diversions Pursuant to Permit 21470.
  - c. \*Authorize Program Manager to procure equipment and materials for project implementation in an amount not to exceed \$17,506.
- Maddie Munson with Water and Land Solutions requested Item 7.a be postponed until her colleague could join the meeting, as she will provide specifics about changes the landowner has requested to the agreement.
  - Regarding Item 7.b, L. Hunter provided an overview of the Temporary Permit purpose, process, funding sources, contents, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the participating Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, the draft landowner agreements, and the equipment necessary to implement the project.
  - Discussion ensued on the project, necessary equipment, logistics, status and location of sites and landowner coordination, permit timing, goals, coordination with partners to reduce costs, piloting the project as proof of concept, costs and benefits, the status of the screens ordered for the Corning Subbasin project, targeting areas for recharge where it is needed most, what lessons are hoped to be learned through the process, augmenting the natural processes, this opportunity being a way that the "white areas" can be involved in

recharge, the desire to initiate potential coordination opportunities earlier in the process, value of this permit including the water availability analysis that was completed, monitoring, permit terms, and options for staffing operations.

- Revisiting Item 7.a, Jenny Scheer with Water and Land Solutions reviewed comments from the landowner on the draft agreement including the indemnification paragraph and having no staffing available to operate the pump.

**Vice Chairman Amaro called for a motion on Item 7.a; whereby, Item 7.a died from lack of a motion.**

- L. Hunter and GGA Counsel Valerie Kincaid reviewed the MOU agreement which was prepared to comply with Permit Term 9990300.

**On a motion by Director Carmon, seconded by Director Randy Hansen, it was unanimously ordered to authorize the Chairman to execute Memorandum of Understanding Between Glenn Groundwater Authority and the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Related to Water Accounting for Diversions Pursuant to Permit 21470.**

- Vice Chairman Amaro introduced Item 7.c referring to the itemized list and costs included in the meeting packet. There was discussion on compatibility of the fish screens for future projects, fabrication of the fish screens, temporary pump logistics, and coordination with partners. There was a suggestion that this item be revisited over the next several months to determine the best path forward if no sites within the GGA are moving forward under this permit. J. Scheer and M. Munson reviewed the process of consulting with CDFW to determine the specifics of the fish screen needs and the timing of when that determination is made.

**Vice Chairman Amaro called for a motion on Item 7.c; whereby, Item 7.c died from lack of a motion.**

#### **8. GROUNDWATER RECHARGE PILOT PROJECTS**

- a. \*Authorize Chairman to execute Second Amendment to Agreement between Glenn Groundwater Authority and City of Orland Regarding Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project, extending the agreement until October 31, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 during the extended period.
  - b. \*Authorize Chairman to execute Second Amendment to Agreement between Glenn Groundwater Authority and Rick Martin Regarding Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project, extending agreement until October 31, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 during the extended period.
- L. Hunter reviewed past efforts for groundwater recharge at these sites and benefits of the projects, including relationship building with Orland Unit Water Users Association, landowner involvement, and public outreach. L. Hunter and J. Scheer reviewed logistics of the proposed projects and clarified the landowners have not yet been asked if they would like to continue.

**On motion by Director Shipley, seconded by Director Carmon, it was unanimously ordered to approve Item 8.a as presented.**

**On motion by Director Carmon, seconded by Director Randy Hansen, it was unanimously ordered to approve Item 8.b as presented.**

#### **9. WELL MITIGATION PROGRAM**

- a. Discuss development of a Well Mitigation Program.
- L. Hunter stated there were no current updates on the Well Mitigation Program. The ad hoc committee is expecting to meet soon, jointly with the Colusa Groundwater Authority ad hoc committee.

## 10. DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- a. Discuss development of a Demand Management Program.

- L. Hunter noted the ad hoc committee met jointly with the Colusa Groundwater Authority ad hoc committee on January 22. She noted that the discussion was fruitful and that a more detailed report would be shared at the Joint Board meeting on February 14.

## 11. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)

- a. Receive an update on Colusa Subbasin GSP implementation activities.

- L. Hunter reported that there are no updates related to the GSP Incomplete Determination. Staff reached out to DWR inviting them to attend and share any relevant information at the Joint Board meeting.
- L. Hunter stated the Annual Report work is underway.

## 12. REVIEW, CLARIFY, AND REVISE COMMITTEES

- a. \*Assign new committees, update membership, and/or dissolve committees as needed

- L. Hunter reviewed past discussions and a recommendation from the January meeting to assign positions rather than specific people to the Demand Management Ad Hoc Committee, essentially allowing for the agency's alternate member to participate on behalf of the member when needed, similar to some other committees.

**The proposed changes to the Demand Management Ad Hoc Committee were agreed to by consensus.**

- L. Hunter recommended dissolving the Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee, as they have completed their assignments. Director Carmon spoke in opposition noting a strong preference in continuing to explore and implement recharge projects. There was some discussion on the purpose of an ad hoc committee being limited in scope and time, with a suggestion to dissolve the current committee and form a new committee with a specific charge.

**There was consensus to dissolve the Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee and to form a new Recharge Ad Hoc Committee with a discussion to identify focus areas and charges to be agendaized for the next meeting.**

**Grant Carmon, Brandon Smith, and Justin Dahl were assigned to the Recharge Ad Hoc Committee.**

## 13. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee
- b. Demand Management Ad Hoc Committee
- c. Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee
- d. Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee
- e. Technical Advisory Committee
- f. Well Mitigation Ad Hoc Committee

- There were no further updates for Items 13.a. through 13.f.

## 14. CLOSED SESSION

Gov't Code §54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated or significant exposure to litigation regarding tax refund claims and challenges to previously adopted property related fees.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Gov't Code §54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Aqualliance, California Water Impact Network, and California Sportfishing Alliance vs. Colusa Groundwater Authority, Glenn Groundwater Authority

Colusa County Superior Court - Case Number CV24584

16. CLOSED SESSION

Gov't Code §54957 – Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Review invoices from Consultant for Fee Analysis and Rate Setting Services

- Vice Chairman Amaro invited public comment on Items 14, 15, or 16; whereby no public comments were presented or heard.
- The Board adjourned to closed session at 2:43 p.m.

17. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board returned from closed session at 2:55 p.m.
- Vice Chairman Amaro stated there were no reportable actions in relation to Items 14, 15, or 16.

18. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Vice Chairman Amaro invited members to share reports and comments; whereby, Director Dahl noted Orland-Artois Water District shared recharge amount and well measurement information in the meeting packet, in which approximately 2,500 acre-feet has been recharged. He noted this information can be shared monthly. There was some discussion on the status of the projects and water currently standing in gravel pits.

19. NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2025 at 1:30 pm.

20. ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.