



Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee
Teleconference
September 9, 2020
9:30 am

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 this meeting will be conducted by teleconference.
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1. Call to Order

John Viegas called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

2. Roll Call

| | Party Representative | Member Agency |
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| | Vince Minto | County of Glenn |
| X | John Viegas | County of Glenn |
| X | John Amaro | Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District |
| | Pete Knight | Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District |
| X | Julia Violich (9:41) | Monroeville Water District |
| | Seth Fiack | Monroeville Water District |

Lisa Hunter conducted roll call. A quorum of members was not present. Mr. Viegas recessed the meeting until a quorum of members was present. Mr. Viegas called the meeting back to order at 9:43 am. Ms. Hunter conducted roll call and confirmed a quorum of members were present, which is noted above. Mr. Viegas noted all action items would be taken first.

3. *Approval of July 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the July 8, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: John Amaro; Second: Julia Violich; Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote:

John Viegas: Aye

John Amaro: Aye

Julia Violich: Aye

Ms. Hunter reviewed the meeting protocol.

4. Period of Public Comment

None

5. Staff Reports

No staff reports were made.

Ms. Violich exited the meeting at 10:09 am.

6. Corning Subbasin Advisory Board Report

Ms. Hunter noted a summary report is included in the meeting packet. There were no additional comments by CSAB members.

7. *Consider recommendation from the Corning Subbasin Advisory Board to remove Seawater Intrusion from the list of applicable Sustainability Indicators

There was a motion to approve the Corning Subbasin Advisory Board recommendation to remove Seawater Intrusion from the list of applicable Sustainability Indicators.

Motion: John Amaro; Second: John Viegas; Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote:

John Viegas: Aye

John Amaro: Aye

Julia Violich: Aye

8. *Consider recommendation from the Corning Subbasin Advisory Board to approve the Preliminary Corning Subbasin Sustainability Goal Description

There was a motion to approve the Preliminary Corning Subbasin Sustainability Goal Description as presented.

Motion: John Amaro; Second: Julia Violich; Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote:

John Viegas: Aye

John Amaro: Aye

Julia Violich: Aye

9. Receive update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan development

Ms. Hunter provided an update on the status of the DWR Proposition 1 GSP Development grant and GSP Development Agreement with Montgomery and Associates. Highlights of work include detailed technical presentations for the CSAB which provides good information for CSAB and the public, management meetings, data gathering, model input review, water budget work, principal aquifer designation,

sustainable management criteria approaches, water level data and review of Glenn and Tehama County methods on water level Basin Management Objectives and triggers. Additionally, draft GSP sections are being reviewed and edited internally including the Plan Area, Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model, Groundwater Conditions, and the Introduction. The committee members commended the team on their good work.

10. Technical Support Services

- a. Receive update on Technical Support Services Project**
- b. *Provide direction on payment of well construction permit application fees**

Sharla Stockton reviewed the staff report included in the meeting packet. The agreements will be sent to Glenn County Counsel for review. She noted it is necessary to submit the well application permit and the payment at the same time. Ms. Hunter noted the CSGSA does not have its own budget and there is currently no mechanism in place to assign a GSA-wide cost. It is being requested to provide direction on how the well application permit fee will be paid. After discussion, Mr. Amaro moved that the Colusa Subbasin Advisory make the payment on the well construction permit application fee. Mr. Viegas indicated it would be helpful to add a limit to the payment and suggested \$200 or \$250. Ms. Hunter requested clarification on the agency noted in the motion. Mr. Amaro clarified the Corning Subbasin Advisory rather than Colusa. Ms. Hunter noted, the funding must come from a member agency, as the Corning Subbasin does not have its own funding. Mr. Viegas, with concurrence from Ms. Hunter, noted Glenn County could cover the cost of the permit. Mr. Amaro amended his motion to the County of Glenn will provide payment on the well construction permit application fees up to \$250.

Motion: John Amaro; Second: John Viegas; Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote:

John Viegas: Aye

John Amaro: Aye

Julia Violich: Aye

11. Facilitation Support Services

- a. Receive update on Facilitation Support Services application**

Ms. Hunter reviewed the information contained in the meeting packet. She noted the application covers the entire Corning Subbasin and would support outreach efforts, especially in light of COVID challenges. The application would also include support for the CSGSA meetings. Development of the application was discussed at management team meetings to ensure concurrence from both GSAs in the subbasin. The application has been submitted to DWR for review.

12. Department of Conservation Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator grant

- a. Discuss grant opportunity and possible partnerships
- b. ***Consider approval to apply for, or support a grant application for a Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator for the Corning Subbasin**

Ms. Hunter mentioned the Colusa Subbasin is partnering with the Colusa County Resource Conservation District for this application. This opportunity is focused on building partnerships and utilizing strengths from each of the partners. Ms. Hunter has reached out to potential partners to determine if there is interest in applying for this grant. They have not yet been able to get together discuss, but she feels this may be a great opportunity to have on-the-ground projects that support SGMA activities.

The committee members were supportive of the opportunity. A motion was made to apply for, or support a grant application for a Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator for the Corning Subbasin. Upon further discussion, Ms. Hunter noted, the preferred option would be to find an agency, such as a Resource Conservation District, that would be willing to submit the application, and if there is no interest from a partner agency, are committee members supportive of agency staff spending effort on the application? Committee members concurred with the approach for application submittal.

Motion: John Amaro; Second: Julia Violich; Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote:

John Viegas: Aye

John Amaro: Aye

Julia Violich: Aye

13. Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee Member Reports and Comments

None

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2020 at 9:30 am.

15. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.