

# Glenn Groundwater Authority

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

November 8, 2021 | 1:30 pm

LOCATION: 225 N. Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988

The meeting was also conducted via teleconference; accessible via telephone, computer, smartphone or tablet.

Director Members Present:	Alternate/2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
Grant Carmon	X Tom Arnold	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy	Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen (Vice Chair)	X Evan Markey	City of Willows
George Nerli	X Leslie Nerli	Glide Water District
X John Amaro (Chair)	X Thad Bettner (1:34)	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
	Michael Alves (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Kanawha Water District
X Mark Lohse	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District
X Gary Enos	Lance Boyd	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District

#### Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter (GGA/Glenn County), Valerie Kincaid (GGA Counsel), Holly Dawley (GCID), Ashlee Veneman (Glenn County), Ben King, Donald J. Bills (GGA TAC), Arne Gustafson, Mary Fahey (CGA/Colusa County), Tavis Beynon (CalWater), Jaime Lely (landowner), Lisa Humphreys (Glenn County Farm Bureau).

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as indicated above.

#### 3. AB 361 OPEN MEETINGS: STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES: TELECONFERENCES

- \*Consider approval of Resolution 2021-002 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e)

- Chair Amaro introduced the item. No further discussion was heard.

**On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Roundy, it was unanimously approved by members present to adopt Resolution 2021-002 "Authorizing Teleconference Meetings in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (3)".**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- \*Approval of meeting minutes from October 11, 2021.

**On motion by Director Gary Hansen, seconded by Director Enos, the meeting minutes of October 11, 2021 were unanimously approved as presented by members present as presented.**

5. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ben King, landowner and member of the CGA/GGA TAC, stated he wished to bring the Board’s attention to the California Water Commission allowing and engaging in-basin groundwater trading. Mr. King further stated he is concerned this will cause unique issues for the Colusa Subbasin and disagreed with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) planning this activity during GSP development and the lack of public presentation on this matter.

6. STAFF UPDATES

- Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) Program Manager, Lisa Hunter, stated an email reminder was sent to her relating to the 45-day comment period on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Draft Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package, and offered to send to the Board if requested. Ms. Hunter further stated the next public workshop related to this comment period will be hosted November 16, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. and will be held via zoom webinar.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

No discussion was held on item 7.a.

**On motion by Director Arnold, seconded by Director Gary Hansen, it was unanimously ordered to approve the Monthly Activities Report as presented by members present.**

No discussion was held on item 7.b

**On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Enos, it was unanimously ordered to approve the claims as presented by members present.**

8. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY PLAN

- a. Receive update on Plan development, activities, and outreach.
  - b. Receive update on GSP Development Grants (Proposition 1 and Proposition 68).
  - c. Receive update on Project Agreements.
  - d. Discussion of Well Monitoring Pilot Program
- Ms. Hunter announced the two public workshops held October 13, 2021 and October 15, 2021 (**activities and outreach**) were successful. One meeting was conducted in person and the other was virtual/teleconference; both meetings provided a broad overview of the GSP components and provided an opportunity for public questions and feedback. Ms. Hunter further stated the public comment period ended October 31, 2021. Director Leslie Nerli asked if the virtual meeting was recorded, whereby Ms. Hunter confirmed it was and available on the Colusa Subbasin SGMA Facebook page.
  - Ms. Hunter noted the administrative record provided in the agenda packet is in draft form and currently incomplete. The record also contains some errors that will be corrected prior to finalization. Director Roundy asked if the comment letter from the City of Orland had been received, whereby Ms. Hunter stated that is one of the letters has not yet been included, but had been received, and that all comments will be included in the administrative record and each will be addressed where appropriate. Ms. Hunter further stated a special meeting may need to be held before the next regularly scheduled meeting to ensure all

comments and direct questions will be properly addressed. This would be related to items needing policy direction or comments that need direct input from the boards.

- Ms. Hunter stated the public hearing for the adoption of the GSP will be held at the December 14, 2021 meeting and, though not required by SGMA, the hearing will be noticed in the local newspaper. Director Gary Hansen asked if the public meeting would be held at the regular meeting location (PCDSA; 225 N. Tehama Street, Willows, CA.), whereby Ms. Hunter confirmed it would be.
- Ms. Hunter stated the 90-day notice to cities and counties within the plan area were sent to six entities. She provided presentations to both the City of Orland and the City of Willows City Councils through that process.
- Ms. Hunter noted there has been significant coordination on remaining work elements, for example the data management system, well monitoring pilot program, and the annual report.
- Ms. Hunter stated the land subsidence sustainable management criteria discussed and proposed at the last meeting was accepted at the recent CGA meeting. Ms. Hunter called attention to an additional study that will likely be added to the GSP to better understand infrastructure sensitivity in relation to subsidence. Director Leslie Nerli asked where this information would be in the GSP, whereby Ms. Hunter stated the new study that would be in the Projects and Management Actions section. Director Roundy spoke to the City of Orland's comment letter sent, and his concerns about the integrity of the municipal well water and the possibility of the system going dry.
- Ms. Hunter provided an update on the current Data Management System (DMS) and current plans for updates and preparation to support a future migration to a more robust DMS.
- Ms. Hunter stated both the Colusa Subbasin will be utilizing the services of Davids Engineering for the annual report and that the motion from the last meeting may be brought back for amendment as the annual report should not be contingent upon the grant amendment approval. Chair Amaro asked what the annual report contains, whereby GGA Counsel, Valerie Kincaid, stated the annual report determines if the plan is meeting the set minimum thresholds and measurable objectives in the GSP. Director Leslie Nerli asked if the data from 2015 could be used as the baseline data versus 2021, whereby discussion ensued surrounding the appropriate baseline data and undesirable results metrics.
- Ms. Hunter stated there are no updates on the **GSP Development Grant (Proposition 1 and Proposition 68)** figures and a grant amendment request the addition of the annual report as a reimbursable task and will allocate funds to the appropriate tasks and their corresponding budget categories.
- Ms. Hunter provided an update on the **Project Agreements**, stating a new agreement is being drafted for completion of the annual report.
- Mr. King spoke in support of the Sites Project for long-term sustainability in relation to drinking water.
- Ms. Hunter provided an update on the **Well Monitoring Pilot Program**, stating staff is still coordinating on how best to expand the program and there are currently six wells in the program, with two still awaiting agreement signature. A map was included in the meeting packet. It was noted that four of the six wells are actually located in the Colusa Groundwater Authority area of the subbasin. Director Leslie Nerli asked about the delay in the remaining agreements being signed, whereby Ms. Hunter stated she would contact the landowner to reinstate discussion. Director Leslie Nerli asked if all wells in the program are agricultural wells, whereby Ms. Hunter confirmed they were as they are trying to collect data related to agricultural

activity and groundwater. Director Gary Hansen asked if municipal water wells could participate in the program, whereby Ms. Hunter stated they could; however, municipal wells are generally already monitored and it may not provide the same benefits as it does to private landowners who are not currently monitoring well data. Director Gary Hansen asked if there is any cost to the well owners, whereby Ms. Hunter said discussion is still being had to determine how much cost, if any, will be the landowner's responsibility, as the program is a partnership. Discussion ensued surrounding the purpose of the program and methodology for site selection.

#### 9. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee
- b. Multi-Benefit Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee
- c. Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee
- d. Technical Advisory Committee

- There were no committee updates.

#### 10. 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.

- The Board adjourned to closed session at 2:36 P.M.

#### 11. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board returned from closed session at 3:28 P.M. No reportable action was taken.

#### 12. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Director Gary Hansen stated he attended the GSP public meeting held at the Sites Project Office in Maxwell, CA and thanked Ms. Hunter for her presentation to the City of Willows.

#### 13. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2021 at 1:30 pm.

#### 14. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm.