

# Glenn Groundwater Authority

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

July 12, 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:
X Grant Carmon	Tom Arnold	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy (via teleconference)	Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen (Vice Chair)	Evan Markey	City of Willows
George Nerli	Leslie Nerli	Glide Water District
X John Amaro (Chair)	X Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	X Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
X 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; Brooke Davis, Glenn County, Valerie Kincaid, GGA Counsel; Brandon Davison, DWR; Donald Rust, Glenn County, Planning Director; Arne Gustafson; Holly Dawley, GCID; Grant Davids; Leland Meibeyer; Ryan Soden, Matthew Jones, Donald Bills, GGA TAC; Ashlee Veneman, Glenn County Planning & Community Development; David Kehn, CalWater/GGA TAC.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm and the flag salute was recited.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as indicated above.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- \*Approval of meeting minutes from June 16, 2021.

On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Enos, the meeting minutes of June 16, 2021 were approved as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Carmon, Roundy, G. Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, R. Hansen, Lohse, Enos

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Nerli

ABSTAIN: None

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were presented or heard.

5. STAFF UPDATES

- Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) Program Manager, Lisa Hunter, highlighted information provided in the Program Manager report and stated she attended the Glenn County Drought Task Force meeting on July 7, 2021. Director Schonauer also attended the meeting on behalf of the GGA.
- Ms. Hunter stated the Provident Irrigation District and the Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District requested written acknowledgment from the GGA for the 2021 Water Transfer Notification received, which she will be providing.
- Ms. Hunter announced an online workshop regarding the Multi-Benefit Flood-MAR Incentive program will be conducted July 15, 2021 and that the information has been emailed and distributed.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- \*Review and accept Monthly Activities Report.
- \*Review and consider approval of claims.
- No comments or questions were heard for either item referenced above.

On motion by Director Randy Hansen, seconded by Director Gary Hansen, it was ordered to accept the Monthly Activities report as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Carmon, Roundy, G. Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, R. Hansen, Lohse, Enos

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Nerli

ABSTAIN: None

On motion by Director Enos, seconded by Director Carmon, it was ordered to approve the claims as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Carmon, Roundy, G. Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, R. Hansen, Lohse, Enos

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Nerli

ABSTAIN: None

7. CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUTTE LAFCO REGARDING THE TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT FORMATION

- Chair Amaro introduced and reviewed the item. Ms. Hunter stated revisions have been made to the proposed district's application indicating more parcels and acreage than in the previous application.
- Director Carmon asked what counties this District would extend through, whereby Ms. Hunter stated the district boundaries all are within Butte County. Director Gary Hansen asked if a letter similar to the letter that was submitted last year may be provided to Butte LAFCO, whereby Chair Amaro confirmed that would be adequate if that was the pleasure of the Board.

- Ms. Hunter stated there are no jurisdictional conflicts between the GGA and the proposed district, and that the district has indicated it hopes to collaborate with the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) on SGMA related projects and other ventures.

On motion by Director Gary Hansen, seconded by Director Lohse, it was ordered to resubmit a similar letter to the one provided in August 2020 to Butte LAFCO in response to request for comments on the formation of the Tuscan Water District by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Carmon, Roundy, G. Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, R. Hansen, Lohse, Enos

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Nerli

ABSTAIN: None

8. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MULTI-BENEFIT RECHARGE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY FLOODMAR PILOT PROGRAM IN GLENN COUNTY WORK PLAN

- Chair Amaro introduced the item. No questions or comments were presented or heard. Director Roundy provided an update from the ad hoc committee meeting, stating the GGA is the intermediary responsible for engaging farmers and landowners in this project, and noted that the project would be advantageous for certain areas in the County.

On motion by Director Randy Hansen, seconded by Director Gary Hansen, it was ordered to approve the Sacramento Valley FloodMAR Pilot Program in Glenn County Work Plan as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Carmon, Roundy, G. Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, R. Hansen, Lohse, Enos

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Nerli

ABSTAIN: None

9. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

- Receive update on Plan development, activities, and outreach.
  - Receive update on GSP Development Grants (Proposition 1 and Proposition 68).
  - Receive update on Project Agreements.
  - \*Consider approval of amended Sustainable Management Criteria for Water Quality
- Ms. Hunter stated the Well Monitoring Pilot Program is making progress, with installation of equipment tentatively scheduled for the week of July 12, 2021.
  - Ms. Hunter noted the Colusa Groundwater Authority approved all five of the Sustainable Management Criteria for applicable sustainability indicators.
  - Ms. Hunter stated staff is using social media to share relevant messages and outreach materials are being developed to help connect the importance of drought planning in relation to SGMA. Discussion ensued among the Board members. There was general consensus for publishing an opinion/editorial piece co-written by the GGA and CGA Chairs and distributing widely. Many expressed the opinion that the article seems quite timely.

- Ms. Hunter further stated the Administrative Spreadsheet has been updated and the errors have been corrected. Comments are included in the meeting packet.
- No updates were provided on the **GSP Development Grants (Proposition 1 and Proposition 68) or Project agreements.**

On motion by Director Enos, seconded by Director Lohse, it was ordered to approve the amended Sustainable Management Criteria for Water Quality as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Carmon, Roundy, G. Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, R. Hansen, Lohse, Enos

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Nerli

ABSTAIN: None

10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENT 1178.03 COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AMENDMENT 2 WITH DAVIDS ENGINEERING, INC

- Chair Amaro introduced the item, and Ms. Hunter reviewed the potential changes in the proposed amendment, stating the amount not to be exceeded would increase by \$75,600. Ms. Hunter further noted additional modifications may be made prior to execution of the agreement, but would not exceed a total amount of \$1,337,000.

On motion by Director Carmon, seconded by Director Randy Hansen, it was ordered to authorize the Chairman to approve and execute agreement 1178.03 Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Amendment 2 with Davids Engineering, Inc by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Carmon, Roundy, G. Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, R. Hansen, Lohse, Enos

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Nerli

ABSTAIN: None

11. INTER-BASIN COORDINATION

a. Discussion on Northern Sacramento Valley Inter-basin Coordination Report

- Ms. Hunter stated the Report is finalized and is available in the agenda packet as well as online. The purpose of the report is to provide foundational pillars for long-term inter-basin coordination and serve as a “menu of options” for basins to utilize based on their needs. The intention is to include the report as an appendix to each GSP or utilize portions of the report to include in the appropriate section of the GSP to demonstrate the inter-basin coordination that has been occurring in the Northern Sacramento Valley.
- Chair Amaro agreed with Ms. Hunter’s suggestion of adding this Report as an appendix to the GSP.
- Director Enos asked if the report needs approval from all of the basins, whereby Ms. Hunter stated Consensus Building Institute created the report and each agency/basin can manipulate and tailor the report to their own needs and approval from each GSA is not required. It is important that the agencies working on a single GSP agree on an approach to include or not include the Report in the GSP. GGA Counsel, Valerie Kincaid, stated the Department of Water Resources will consider whether a Plan does

not allow an adjacent Plan to reach sustainability, and is focusing on water flow between the subbasins and the Plans are consistent. There is not a requirement for inter-basin agreements.

- Director Gary Hansen stated his agreement with adding the entire report as an appendix to the GSP. Ms. Hunter elaborated on the purpose of the report.

## 12. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. 2021/2022 Budget Ad Hoc Committee
- b. Executive Committee
  - i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee
- c. Multi-Benefit Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee
- d. Stakeholder Engagement Committee
- e. Technical Advisory Committee

- No updates were provided for the **Budget Ad Hoc Committee** or the **Executive Committee**.
- No further updates were provided for the **Multi-Benefit Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee**
- No updates were provided for the **Stakeholder Engagement Committee** and the July 9, 2021 **Technical Advisory Committee** meeting was cancelled.

## 13. REVIEW COMMITTEES AND CONSIDER ANY NECESSARY CHANGES

- Chair Amaro introduced the item and reviewed the status of each committee. Chair Amaro asked Ms. Hunter if anyone has expressed an interest in serving or no longer serving on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), whereby Ms. Hunter stated Mr. Michael Alves has indicated in the past that he was not able to commit to the TAC meetings, and she could reach out to Mr. Alves to determine if he would still like to serve as he is often unable to attend or participate. Discussion ensued regarding committee membership.
- Ms. Hunter will reach out to Mr. Alves (current TAC member) and Ms. Nerli (potential member) to determine their desire to serve on the TAC. Members were encouraged to send names of potential applicants to Ms. Hunter.
- No further action was taken on this item.

## 14. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Director Carmon provided a summary of the County Drought Task Force meeting, stating he will be discussing the issue of financial assistance for those impacted by the drought at the next Board of Supervisors meeting. Director Carmon further stated the current moratorium on Agricultural Well permitting would be addressed again at the August 3, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting and that Assemblyman Gallagher solicited Amazon to donate 18 pallets of bottled water for local community water distribution events. A filed well incident report is required to receive county assistance. The report can be filed online through the County's website. Discussion ensued among members regarding data collection, the impacts of the drought, and potential programs for assistance.
- Director Carmon also shared that local well drillers are looking at bringing in older well drilling rigs to help drill more domestic wells in a shorter amount of time.
- Director Schonauer stated that there is water designated for fish in Black Butte Lake that may be released at some point which will assist with future irrigations and well issues.

- Director Gary Hansen announced that at the June 22, 2021 Willows City Council meeting, they unanimously approved the sale of water from the South Willows Water Company well at \$10 per 1,000 gallons to assist residents of Glenn County for domestic water use while the drought emergency order is in place. This service is available by appointment only and residents may call City Hall (530-934-7041) Monday through Friday. The program is administered by the Public Works Department.
- Valerie Kincaid announced Paul Gosselin was announced as DWR's new Deputy Director for SGMA. She also mentioned that DWR released four decisions on 2020 GSPs which gives important insight into how DWR will evaluate the GSPs. Discussion ensued on the reasons why some were accepted while others were not. One key factor was the consideration of beneficial users of groundwater.
- Director Roundy thanked the City of Willows for participating in the sale of water for domestic uses. He also noted the City of Orland is in stage 1 in their conservation plan and elaborated on the conservation program.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2021 at 1:30 pm.

16. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.