



## Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee Meeting Materials

January 12, 2022 | 9:30 am

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Main Pump Station  
7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA 95963  
**And**  
Teleconference

The meeting can be accessed via telephone at [+1 \(408\) 650-3123](tel:+14086503123) or by computer, smartphone, or tablet at: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/419709309>  
Meeting Access Code: 419-709-309

### 1. Call to Order

The Chair will call the meeting to order.

---

### 2. Roll Call

Staff will conduct roll call.

---

### 3. AB 361 Open Meetings: State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences

- a. **\*Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2022-01 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e)**

Executive Order N-08-21 was issued on June 11, 2021 which provided guidance on a number of orders that were issued in relation to COVID-19. One change applied to Executive Order N-29-20 (issued March 17, 2020) relating to Open Meetings and teleconferencing stating the provisions of N-29-20 would apply through September 30, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom approved Assembly Bill 361 relating to Open Meetings and teleconferencing requirements.

On October 13, 2021, staff and members discussed options and potential implications of the expiration of Executive Order N-29-20 and passage of AB 361. Beginning October 13, 2021, the CSGSA has approved Resolutions authorizing remote teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e). A Resolution must be passed every 30 days to remain effective.

Attachments:

- Resolution 2022-01 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meeting in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e)
-

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CORNING SUB-BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)**

**WHEREAS**, the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CSGSA) recognizes the importance of transparency and clear communication in government, and is committed to full compliance with the letter and spirit of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, §§ 54950 - 54963) (hereinafter “Brown Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, all meetings of the CSGSA Committee are open and public, as required by the Brown Act, so that any member of the public may attend and participate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown Act, (Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)), allows members of a legislative body to participate in meetings remotely, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3), if a state of emergency is proclaimed pursuant to Government Code section 8625 and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020 Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in the State of California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to increase in Glenn County due primarily to the Delta variant of the virus that causes COVID-19, which is more transmissible than prior variants, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread to others; and

**WHEREAS**, the CSGSA wishes to authorize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee as follows:

1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. The Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee does hereby find that a State of Emergency was proclaimed by Governor Gavin Newsom pursuant to Government Code section 8625 on March 4, 2020 and remains active.
3. The Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee does hereby find that given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Glenn County due to the Delta variant, conditions exist

which pose imminent risks to the health and safety those attending meetings of the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee.

4. The staff are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) February 11, 2022, or (ii) such time as the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(3), to extend the time during which the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee may continue to meet remotely without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3).

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee on January 12, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

---

John Amaro  
Chairman  
Corning Sub-basin Groundwater  
Sustainability Agency

ATTEST:

---

Lisa Hunter  
Glenn County Staff  
Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

#### **4. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

Nominations and selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will take place to serve a term for the 2022 calendar year or until the election of a new Chairperson and/or Vice Chairperson. The newly selected Chairperson will assume responsibility of the meeting. The current Chairperson is John Amaro and the Vice Chairperson is Julia Violich.

---

#### **5. Meeting Minutes**

##### **a. \*Approval of December 8, 2021 meeting minutes**

Draft meeting minutes are attached.

Attachments:

- December 8, 2021 draft meeting minutes



# Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2021 | 9:30 am  
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Pump Station  
7854 County Rd 203, Orland, CA 95963  
and  
Teleconference

## 1. Call to Order

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

## 2. Roll Call

	Party Representative	Member Agency
X	Tom Arnold	County of Glenn
X	Grant Carmon	County of Glenn
X	John Amaro	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X	Pete Knight	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
	Julia Violich	Monroeville Water District
	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District

Lisa Hunter conducted roll call. As noted above, a quorum of members was present.

## 3. AB 361 Open Meetings: State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences

- a. **\*Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2021-02 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e)**

A motion was made by Grant Carmon to approve Resolution 2021-02 authorizing remote teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code-Section 54953(e). The motion was seconded by Pete Knight and passed unanimously.

Motion: Grant Carmon; Second: Pete Knight; Vote: Unanimous (4-0)

## 4. Meeting Minutes

- a. **\*Approval of October 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Grant Carmon to approve the October 13, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Pete Knight and passed unanimously.

Motion: Grant Carmon; Second: Pete Knight; Vote: Unanimous (4-0)

## 5. Period of Public Comment

No comments were made.

## 6. 9:30 am Public Hearing: Adoption of the Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- b. \*Consider approving the Corning Subbasin Advisory Board recommendation to adopt the Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Ms. Hunter provided an introduction to the item and reviewed past milestones during SGMA implementation and GSP development. Ms. Hunter emphasized adopting the GSP marks the beginning of a long-term process for GSP implementation. Annual reports and five-year updates offer regular opportunities to address data gaps and improve the GSP as groundwater management moves forward.

On November 10, 2021, the CSAB recommended the GSAs adopt the Corning Subbasin GSP. The Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan is being presented to the CSGSA for consideration of adoption.

### Public Hearing on the Corning Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Chair Amaro opened the public hearing on the Corning GSP agenda item at 9:35 am.

#### GSA Discussion:

- No questions or comments from GSA members

#### Public Comment:

- No comments from members of the public (in person and via teleconference)

A motion was made by Pete Knight to approve the CSAB recommendation to adopt the Corning Subbasin GSP. The motion was seconded by Grant Carmon and passed unanimously.

Motion: Pete Knight; Second: Grant Carmon; Vote: Unanimous (4-0)

## 7. Staff Reports

Ms. Hunter provided the following updates:

- A new monitoring well was installed through the DWR Technical Support Services (TSS) program. Staff are considering utilizing the TSS program to apply for potential geophysical work to better understand basin conditions, particularly in areas of concern and/or data gaps (e.g., around Stony Creek where there have been reports of the ground “sinking” in the area). This effort will be coordinated with the Colusa Subbasin where the anomaly is also occurring.
- The current DWR Facilitation Support Services (FSS) contract for GSP development closes December 31, 2021. Under this contract, the Consensus Building Institute (CBI), has provided facilitation support for CSGSA meetings

among a variety of other work related to GSP development. Staff plan to submit a new FSS application for GSP implementation focused on key facilitation needs such as navigating complex discussions (e.g., funding).

- Staff requested CSGSA members submit initial thoughts on how the CSGSA would like to interact with the CSAB during GSP implementation. For instance, the CSAB could provide input on basin-wide issues (e.g., annual report development). (Next steps for the CSAB were also discussed in the following agenda item.)
- The first annual report is due April 1, 2022, as required by SGMA. Staff submitted a grant amendment request to include annual report development as a reimbursable task of the grant. The amendment process experienced some delays, but staff hope to receive approval from DWR soon. The technical firm Montgomery & Associates (M&A), currently contracted with Glenn County (utilizing DWR grant funds) for Corning GSP development, provided a scope of work and an estimate of \$50,000 for annual report development. Staff is also coordinating with the Tehama County GSA to determine if they are in favor of utilizing M&A to develop the 2022 Colusa Subbasin annual report. If there is support, Glenn County will consider amending the M&A agreement to include the annual report task.
  - If the grant amendment is approved, the grant funds will cover the majority of the annual report costs; however, the GSAs will need to cover the remaining costs (approximately \$11,000). If the grant amendment is not approved, the GSAs will need to determine how each will cover their portion of the costs. Staff suggested the cost be split equally between the two GSAs and requested each CSGSA member agency to initiate discussions within their respective agencies.

### **Discussion**

- CSGSA members speculated that funding will be one of the most contentious and challenging issues in the first phases of GSP implementation. They suggested the CSAB could help vet different funding options and hopefully provide recommended options. Ms. Hunter said that some funding discussions may apply to both GSAs; however, each GSA must decide on its own funding strategy.

### **Next Steps**

- Staff request that GSA members begin to discuss how their respective agency might contribute to the estimated funds needed for annual report development. The GSA will revisit this issue at a future CSGSA meeting.

## **8. Corning Subbasin Advisory Board Report**

Ms. Hunter provided a brief update on the previous CSAB meeting held on November 10, 2021. The main goals for the meeting were to review the public comments on the draft GSP, the approach for considering/incorporating comments, suggested revisions, and consider recommending the GSAs adopt the final GSP. Ms. Hunter reflected that many of the public comments helped improve the GSP and expressed appreciation for those who took the time to carefully review the document. She referred GSA members



to the meeting packet for the November 10, 2021 CSAB meeting materials (e.g., presentation slides, public workshop summary, GSP public comments, and GSP development schedule).

The next CSAB meeting has not been scheduled. The CSAB may potentially meet as early as February 2022 (no January meeting expected).

#### **Discussion**

- CSAB members reiterated the compiled public comments reflects the substantial effort by the public to carefully review the GSP.
- A CSGSA member noted that one recurrent issue was commenters felt there were insufficient public meetings and participation. CSAB members acknowledged the challenge with garnering and retaining interest and participation (e.g., also a challenge with many subbasins' SGMA-related meetings occurring simultaneously). They added that GSA and CSAB meetings met monthly and were open to the public to help provide frequent and transparent opportunities to be involved in GSP development discussions.

#### **Next Steps**

- CSGSA members can contact Ms. Hunter with input on the CSAB's role and responsibilities during GSP implementation. Staff will use GSAs' feedback to recommend when and how often the CSAB will meet and potential meeting topics.

### **9. \*Approve 2022 Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee meeting schedule**

Ms. Hunter presented two potential options for the CSGSA 2022 meeting schedule: meeting monthly or every other month.

#### **Discussion**

- CSGSA members predicted the GSA will need to meet more frequently during the start of GSP implementation to address near-term priorities (e.g., annual report development, establishing long-term funding mechanisms, etc.). They suggested meeting monthly for the first six months and then consider moving to every other month.

Grant Carmon made a motion to meet monthly at this time and reconsider the meeting schedule in six months. Pete Knight seconded the motion. Mr. Arnold was not present during this agenda item discussion; therefore, the group did not have a quorum of members present, and no action was taken. Approval of the 2022 CSGSA meeting schedule was deferred to the next meeting.

Motion: Grant Carmon; Second: Pete Knight; Vote: No vote- lack of quorum

### **10. Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee Member Reports and Comments**

Mr. Carmon shared the following updates about related activities within Glenn County:

- Several short and long-term drought-relief efforts are underway in the City of Orland area. The Orland Area Water Supply Project, which will expand and extend the City's water supply system, is eliciting expressions of interest to participate in the Project

(due December 31, 2021). The North Valley Community Foundation has begun the tank delivery program and water delivery for the tanks as well as drinking water deliveries.

- Glenn County is drafting potential new guidelines and regulations for well construction, well spacing, etc. to enhance the County's permitting program. The County welcomes public input on the draft guidelines/regulations. Updates are emailed out to those who have been involved with the County's Drought Task Force.

#### **Discussion**

- In response to a CSGSA member's question, Mr. Carmon explained the next steps for the Orland water expansion project include compiling the letters of interest from community members, mapping out the new lines, and initiating contracts with those who will be included in the expansion project. Once the contracts are finalized, construction is expected to begin fairly quickly (potentially as early as spring 2022).
- Jaime Lely, a member of the public, requested information on how to subscribe to the drought task force email list for future updates on the draft well guidelines/regulations.

#### **11. Next Meeting**

The CSGSA will meet again on January 12, 2022, at 9:30 am.

#### **12. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.

## **6. Period of Public Comment**

Members of the public are encouraged to address the Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee. Public comment will be limited to three minutes. No action will be taken on items under public comment.

---

## **7. Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan**

- a. Receive update on Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan submittal process**
- b. Discussion on Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation and next steps**

The Corning Subbasin GSP was approved by the CSGSA on December 8, 2021 and by the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (TCFCWCD) GSA on December 20, 2021. The Consultant Team has begun the GSP submittal process by uploading necessary information to the Department of Water Resources' SGMA portal. GSA staff also have access to the SGMA portal and will assist as needed. The GSP is on track to be fully submitted by the January 31, 2022 deadline.

Staff continues to coordinate with the Consultant Team and TCFCWCD staff on remaining tasks such as the Annual Report.

Discussion will be held on the shift from GSP planning to GSP implementation. The CSGSA will consider concepts, goals, and priorities for initial GSP implementation and may provide direction to staff.

---

## **8. Staff Reports**

Staff from members of the Corning Sub-basin GSA will provide relevant updates, such as a brief status update of GSP development, grant agreement, and project agreement. Reminders and clarifications may be made, and direction may be provided to staff.

---

## **9. Corning Subbasin Advisory Board Report**

The Corning Subbasin Advisory Board (CSAB) last met on November 10, 2021. Outcomes from this meeting were reported at the December 8, 2021 CSGSA. The next CSAB meeting has not been scheduled. It is anticipated that CSAB will meet in February or March 2022.

CSAB meeting materials, including presentations, agendas, and meeting summaries are available on the website at: [www.corningsubbasingsp.org](http://www.corningsubbasingsp.org).

Advisory Board members may provide additional updates.

---

## **10. \*Approve 2022 Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee meeting schedule**

In 2021, the CSGSA generally met every two months. In 2022, the GSA will be shifting from GSP planning to implementation. Two meeting schedule options are attached for consideration. The CSGSA may consider additional options. This item is carried over from the December 8, 2021 meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Attachments:

- Draft 2022 CSGSA Meeting Schedule Options



## DRAFT CSGSA 2022 Meeting Schedule Options

### Option 1

Meetings of the Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee will generally be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every 2<sup>nd</sup> month. Meetings will be held at the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation Pump Station located at 7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA 95963. Exceptions are noted below.

Date	Time	Location
January 12, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
March 9, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
May 11, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
July 13, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
September 14, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
November 9, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA

Note: Meetings may be conducted by teleconference when allowed under special circumstances such as following the conditions of AB 361 or Executive Orders allowing such meetings.

### Option 2

Meetings of the Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee will generally be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every month. Meetings will be held at the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation Pump Station located at 7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA 95963. Exceptions are noted below.

Date	Time	Location
January 12, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
February 9, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
March 9, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
April 13, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
May 11, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
June 8, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
July 13, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
August 10, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
September 14, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
October 12, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
November 9, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA
December 14, 2022	9:30 am	7854 County Road 203, Orland, CA

Note: Meetings may be conducted by teleconference when allowed under special circumstances such as following the conditions of AB 361 or Executive Orders allowing such meetings.

Draft 12/8/21

## **11. Corning Sub-basin GSA Committee Member Reports and Comments**

Members of the CSGSA Committee are encouraged to share information, reports, comments, and suggest future agenda items. Action cannot be taken on matters brought up under this item.

---

## **12. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be determined during Item 10.

---

## **13. Adjourn**

The meeting will be adjourned.