

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Meeting Minutes

Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

March 16, 2022 | 1:30 p.m.

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 nd Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X Grant Carmon	Tom Arnold	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy (1:38)	Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 nd)	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)	Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
	Michael Alves (2 nd)	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), Anna Reimer (West Yost), Tavis Beynon (Cal Water Service), Brandon Davison (DWR), Denise Carter (CGA), Holly Dawley, Holly Reimers, Jim Brobeck, Joey Judson (CliftonLarsonAllen), Katie Klug (Davids Engineering), Kelly O'Brien, Ken Loy (West Yost), Ronald Ginocchio, Donald Bills, Grant Davids (Davids Engineering), Jaime Lely (landowner).

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and lead the group in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as indicated above.

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

- a. *Consider approval of Resolution 2022-003 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e)

- Vice Chair Hansen introduced the item. No further discussion was heard.

On motion by Director Enos, seconded by Director Randy Hansen, it was unanimously approved by members present to adopt Resolution 2022-003 "Authorizing Teleconference Meetings in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e)" by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Carmon, Gary Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, Randy Hansen, Lohse, Enos, and Leslie Nerli.

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Director Roundy

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. * Approval of meeting minutes from February 14, 2022
- b. * Approval of special meeting minutes from February 23, 2022
- Vice Chair Gary Hansen invited comments or revisions on the aforementioned meeting minutes. No comments were heard.

On motion by Director Carmon, seconded by Director Enos, the meeting minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Carmon, Gary Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, Randy Hansen, Lohse, Enos, and Leslie Nerli.

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Director Roundy

On motion by Director Leslie Nerli, seconded by Director Schonauer, the meeting minutes of the February 23, 2022 special meeting were unanimously approved as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Carmon, Gary Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, Randy Hansen, Lohse, Enos, and Leslie Nerli.

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Director Roundy

5. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jim Brobeck requested an update on agenda item 9 in reference to sink holes appearing in Glenn County (number, location and size).

6. FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 ANNUAL AUDIT

- a. *Receive presentation and accept Glenn Groundwater Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency Financial Statements and Supplementary Information Year Ended June 30, 2021.
- Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) Program Manager, Lisa Hunter, introduced Joey Judson of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA) who provided an update on the draft Glenn Groundwater Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for the Year ended June 30, 2021, stating there were no unusual findings and no new accounting policies adopted throughout the aforementioned period. Mr. Judson encouraged the Board to review the "Management Discussion and Analysis" Section for a general overview of the information.
- Vice Chair Gary Hansen called for questions and comments from the Board members and public whereby none were heard.

On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Roundy, the Glenn Groundwater Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency Financial Statements and Supplementary Information Year Ended June 30, 2021 was accepted and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Carmon, Roundy, Gary Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, Randy Hansen, Lohse, Enos, and Leslie Nerli.

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

7. STAFF UPDATES

- Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) Program Manager, Lisa Hunter, referred to the Program Manager report and reminded the Board members to submit their Form 700 if they have not already done so.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. *Review and accept Monthly Activities Report.
 - b. *Review and consider approval of claims.
- No discussion was held on item 8.a.

On motion by Director Leslie Nerli, seconded by Director Roundy, it was unanimously ordered to accept the Monthly Activities Report as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Carmon, Roundy, Gary Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, Randy Hansen, Lohse, Enos, and Leslie Nerli.

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

- Director Carmon asked for clarification on the billing frequency of two invoices, whereby Ms. Hunter stated in some cases, multiple invoices from the same vendor will show as being paid in the same month because of the length of time for the claims to be signed and processed. Discussion ensued regarding the billing and payment process and information presented on the monthly activities report.

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

AYES: Directors Carmon, Roundy, Gary Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, Randy Hansen, Lohse, Enos, and Leslie Nerli.

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

9. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)

- a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Annual Report
 - b. GSP Development Grants (Proposition 1 and Proposition 68) and Project Agreements
 - c. Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation
- Grant Davids and Katie Klug of Davids Engineering provided a presentation on the Colusa Subbasin Annual Report that will be submitted to the State. The presentation included the annual report requirements, groundwater conditions, water supplies and water use, GSP Implementation, and answered related questions presented by the Board.
 - Ken Loy of West Yost addressed Mr. Brobeck's request for information on sink holes from the public comment period, stating the data is very new and research is at the beginning stages, but that he does find the matter an area of concern attesting to the importance of groundwater management. Mr. Loy further stated the sink holes seem to be located mostly in the Stony Creek area, and that he does not believe

subsidence is the cause, instead suggesting shallow gravel channels that have been impacted by the lowering of the water table may be a cause and provided further technical details. Mr. Loy further stated the district managers will be continuing to map the locations and collect data.

- Ms. Hunter stated staff launched an online application for the Well Monitor Piloting Program Round 2, and also accepted hard copies, with 13 wells indicating interest in the program. Director Carmon asked if the well locations are appropriate areas for tracking conditions whereby discussion ensued.

10. DISCUSSION ON STAFFING

- Vice Chair Gary Hansen introduced the item, stating the Board was to have a general discussion on recruiting more help for the program manager and the GSA. The Vice Chair asked what type of assistance the Board would be looking to recruit as well as what the needs of the agency are, whereby Ms. Hunter provided various options for staff support.
- Director Enos stated he would be in favor of administrative support focused solely on the GGA and using staffing solutions outside of the County.
- Director Roundy stated he is concerned about the current workload and would like to determine what help Ms. Hunter would need and how often (i.e. seasonal, etc.). GGA Counsel, Valerie Kincaid, stated the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) is going through a similar process, whereby Director Nerli suggested sharing staff between the two agencies.
- Director Carmon stated a County part time employee may create administrative burdens due to the training and onboarding process, as well as employee management, and suggested hiring a full time County employee which the GGA could share the cost of supporting, and spoke against the GGA hiring their own employee.
- Vice Chair Hansen stated he is not in favor of the GGA hiring its own employee and asked Ms. Hunter to provide more information on what staffing needs would be expected to present at a future meeting, and Ms. Hunter said further discussion on this item may continue when the budget is discussed.

11. *CONSIDER APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP TITLED ADDENDUM #3 TO CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT (CSA) NO. 18-344- CONSULTING SERVICES FOR TAX YEAR 2022-2023 DIRECT CHARGE PREPARATION, GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY, GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT PENDING LEGAL REVIEW

- Ms. Hunter introduced the item, stating the agreement is similar to last year's agreement. The files related to the property-related fee places on the County's tax bills are updated and submitted to the County each year as required.

On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Carmon, it was unanimously ordered to approve the proposal from Provost & Pritchard as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Carmon, Roundy, Gary Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, Randy Hansen, Lohse, Enos, and Leslie Nerli.

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

12. 2022/ 2023 BUDGET

- a. Discuss 2022/2023 Budget Preparations
- b. *Appoint 2022/2023 Budget Ad Hoc Committee

- Ms. Hunter introduced item 12a., stating the Board will need to start preparing the new fiscal year budget for adoption and recommended establishing a Budget Ad Hoc Committee to work through the budget process.
- Director Nerli suggested using the same members for the Ad Hoc Committee as used in the past for continuity purposes and to streamline the process.

On motion by Director Schonauer, seconded by Director Enos, it was unanimously ordered to appoint Directors Gary Hansen, Carmon, and Leslie Nerli to the 2022/2023 Budget Ad Hoc Committee by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Carmon, Roundy, Gary Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, Randy Hansen, Lohse, Enos, and Leslie Nerli.

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

13. *TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT

- Vice Chair Gary Hansen complimented David Kehn of Cal Water on his participation at the CGA/GGA Joint Technical Advisory Committee meetings and announced Mr. Kehn's departure from Cal Water Service and thanked him for his hard work.
- Director Roundy asked about the recommended applicant's Grade 4 water distribution certification and Grade 2 water treatment certification, whereby Director Evan Markey replied the State certifies at five different levels, and the gradings are based on the water system complexity as well as the water treatment of the system.
- Landowner Jaime Lely asked if the Board would consider allowing public members to join the 2022/2023 Budget Ad Hoc Committee to better represent dry land farmers, whereby Vice Chair Hansen stated the Ad Hoc Committee is an internal committee made up of Board members to discuss the budget process. Ms. Lely further asked if future discussion would be occurring regarding the Proposition 218 fee that is being implemented, whereby Vice Chair Hansen confirmed it would be discussed at future meetings and encouraged public input at those meetings.
- Director Markey invited questions for applicant Tavis Beynon, who stated he is excited to be involved and assist as needed.

On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Lohse, it was unanimously ordered to appoint Tavis Beynon, of California Water Service to the Technical Advisory Committee per the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Carmon, Roundy, Gary Hansen, Amaro, Schonauer, Randy Hansen, Lohse, Enos, and Leslie Nerli.

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

14. 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
- e. Water Well Drilling Permits and Standards Ad Hoc Committee.

- Ms. Hunter stated the CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee met January 28, 2022 and stated the next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2022.
- Ms. Hunter stated there are no updates for the Multi-Benefit Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee.
- Director Schonauer provided an update for the Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee, stating the committee met on March 3, 2022 and discussed several project options along with Darin Titus, the Orland Unit Water Users Association Chair. Director Schonauer further stated two sites of interest were identified, one on the Van Tol property and the other South of Orland on County Road 20, and members of the committee will be attending the next Orland Unit Water Users' Association Board meeting. Director Schonauer stated the committee will meet again prior to the next GGA Board meeting. Discussion ensued surrounding other recharge sites and the recharge process.
- Vice Chair Gary Hansen recessed the meeting at 3:26 p.m.
- Vice Chair Gary Hansen reconvened the meeting at 3:30 p.m.
- Ms. Hunter stated the CGA & GGA Joint Technical Advisory Committee met March 11, 2022 and the presentations from that meeting are now available on the GGA's website.
- Ms. Hunter stated the Water Well Drilling Permits and Standards Ad Hoc Committee met March 3, 2022 and their next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2022. Director Carmon stated the committee went through the draft permit standards one section at a time and says the next step is to identify zoning for well drilling and create a map. More discussion is expected at the County's Drought Task Force on March 17. Director Enos asked when the Board of Supervisors will be reviewing the agriculture well moratorium and if there is any relation to the content being reviewed, whereby Director Carmon stated the Board would revisit the moratorium in June 2022 and stated they are hopeful implementation of the new permit requirements will take place prior to lifting the moratorium.

15. 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.

16. 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

- No public comments were presented or heard for agenda items 15 or 16.
- The Board adjourned to closed session at 3:35 p.m.

17. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board returned from closed session at 3:59 p.m.; no reportable action was taken.

18. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Director Carmon stated there will be a Glenn County Drought Task Force meeting at Success Square in Orland March 17, 2022. Director Carmon asked if the GGA may request the public to reduce water usage, whereby Ms. Kincaid stated the GGA has authority to do extraction limitations through ordinance and adoption, as well as a Minimum Threshold Exceedance Policy. Discussion ensued.
- Director Roundy stated the City of Orland approved a resolution to implement Stage 2 of the City of Orland Water Shortage Contingency Plan effective April 6, 2022 and explained the various other stages. Discussion ensued.

19. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

20. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.