

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Special Meeting Minutes

Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

December 19, 2022 | 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: 225 North Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988

Public participation was also offered 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	Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 nd)	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen (Vice Chair)	R Evan Markey	City of Willows
X Matt Deadmond	Leslie Nerli	Glide Water District
X John Amaro (Chair)	Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer (9:02)	Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
X Mark Lohse	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District
X Gary Enos	Lance Boyd	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District

Directors attending remotely are designated with "R" and are not counted toward a quorum, do not vote, and are considered members of the public.

Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter (GGA/Glenn County), Kaitlyn Murray (Glenn County), Valerie Kincaid (GGA Counsel), Ryan Fulton (Larry Walker Associates), Don Bills (GGA TAC), Pat Vellines (DWR), Jenny Scheer (Water & Land Solutions)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Director John Amaro called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

- Roll call was taken as indicated above.

3. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were presented.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. *Review and consider approval of claims.

- No discussion was held on Item 4.a.

On motion by Director Enos, seconded by Director Roundy, it was unanimously ordered to approve the claims as presented.

5. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM DAVIDS ENGINEERING/LUHDORFF AND SCALMANINI FOR PREPARATION OF COLUSA SUBBASIN ANNUAL REPORT

- a. *Approve recommendation from CGA and GGA Annual Report Ad Hoc Committees to accept proposal from Davids Engineering/LSCE for preparation of Water Year 2022 Annual Report for Colusa Subbasin
- b. *Approve options to include Task 6-Summary of Drought Impacts, and Task 7-Annual Report for Preparation for Water Years 2023-2025
- c. *Approve sharing of costs 50/50 with Colusa Groundwater Authority, in an amount not to exceed \$69,778, without prior approval.

- Relating to Item 5.a, Director Gary Hansen summarized the findings from the ad hoc committee. He stated five proposals were submitted, and all five proposals would have been capable of submitting an annual report. However, given their local knowledge and experience and with an option to sign a three-year contract with a price reduction, the Ad Hoc Committee unanimously decided to recommend Davids Engineering and Luhdorff & Scalmanini (LSCE) to complete the work. Director Lohse questioned if the State could deny an annual report if there is not enough information given. Ms. Kincaid replied by stating they are allowed to ask for more information, but it is not the same assessment process that is followed for reviewing the GSP.

On motion by Director Randy Hansen and seconded by Director Schonauer it was unanimously ordered to approve the recommendation from CGA and GGA Annual Report Ad Hoc Committees to accept proposal from Davids Engineering/LSCE for preparation of Water Year 2022 Annual Report for Colusa Subbasin.

- There was no discussion on Item 5.b.

On motion by Director Gary Hansen and seconded by Director Roundy, it was unanimously ordered to approve options to include Task 6-Summary of Drought Impacts, and Task 7-Annual Report for Preparation for Water Years 2023-2025.

- Relating to Item 5.c, Ms. Hunter stated Colusa Groundwater Authority has offered to enter into the contract with Davids Engineering pending approval from their board. She further stated this item is brought forward to provide reassurance the GGA will share in the cost, as the CGA will be the contract holder. Director Carmon questioned if the \$69,778 was the GGA share or the total, whereby, Ms. Hunter clarified the GGA share would be half of \$69,778.

On a motion by Director Enos and seconded by Director Carmon, it was unanimously ordered to approve sharing of costs 50/50 with Colusa Groundwater Authority, in an amount not to exceed \$69,778, without prior approval.

6. AGREEMENT WITH LUHDORFF & SCALMANINI CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY DATA REVIEW, FEE ANALYSIS, AND RATE SETTING SERVICES

- a. *Review and approve agreement with Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) to provide Groundwater Sustainability Agency Data Review, Fee Analysis, and Rate Setting services and authorize the chairman to execute the agreement with an amount not to exceed \$89,249.
- b. *Appoint a fee study ad hoc committee to work with staff and consultant team, provide guidance on the fee study, and bring options and recommendations to the board.

- Relating to Item 6.a, Ms. Hunter stated the selection of Luhdorff & Scalmanini was approved on October 31, 2022; therefore, this item is to complete the contracting process. She further stated Counsel reviewed the agreement. A couple changes were made to the scope of work as compared to the proposal and she is

confident in the scope of work. Ms. Kincaid noted that fee discussions are difficult as well as decisions that will arise. Director Amaro asked if Land IQ has the ability to monitor well extractions. Ms. Kincaid stated that Land IQ monitors what is planted and water use data, but not well extraction data. Discussion ensued on different fee options, level of data needed for certain fees, and the tradeoff between more data contributing to increased costs.

On motion by Director Schonauer and seconded by Director Roundy it was unanimously ordered to approve the agreement with Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) to provide Groundwater Sustainability Agency Data Review, Fee Analysis, and Rate Setting services and authorize the chairman to execute the agreement with an amount not to exceed \$89,249.

- Relating to Item 6.b, Director Amaro, Director Carmon, and Director Lohse volunteered to be on the fee study ad hoc committee.

On motion by Director Gary Hansen and seconded by Director Roundy, it was unanimously ordered to appoint Director Amaro, Director Carmon and Director Lohse to the fee study ad hoc committee.

7. UPDATE ON URBAN DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- Ms. Hunter stated that in November, Ryan Fulton with Larry Walker Associates (LWA) presented an overview on this grant opportunity. She further stated there is very little turnaround time as the application is due January 31, 2023. She stated the groundwater recharge project that the GGA has been working on with Geosyntec and Water & Land Solutions is looking like a good option for this particular funding source and can utilize the SGM Round 2 application materials as a foundation for the application. She further stated an item will be brought to a future board meeting to consider an agreement with LWA to pay for grant writing services. Furthermore, the Dunnigan and Colusa County Water Districts' application will move forward on its own as it is complete and the applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.
- Director Carmon questioned how much funding is available for the grant; whereby, Mr. Fulton stated there is no maximum amount per application and the minimum request is \$3 million. The total amount available for award is \$300 million with \$180 million of that reserved for drought resiliency projects, which the recharge project would qualify.

8. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Ms. Hunter reported the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) grant application was successfully submitted. Director Schonauer asked for clarification on the prioritizing of the different components. Ms. Hunter explained the final order of prioritization in the application as data gaps (\$2.59 million), trickle flow recharge project (\$1.599 million), Orland-Artois annexation and recharge project (\$8 million), GSP compliance (\$1.637 million), Sycamore Slough recharge project (\$2 million), GGA recharge project (\$2 million), GCID recharge project (\$500,000), and Spring Valley recharge project (\$90,000). Ms. Hunter and Ms. Kincaid noted award and distribution of funds is unclear and discussion ensued on prioritization and potential awards. Ms. Kincaid pointed out this funding will not be ongoing.
- Director Roundy reported although labor has been an issue, Orland is now moving forward with connecting homes to the city water services.

- Ms. Kincaid shared DWR has not provided any feedback yet on GSP marks of adequate or inadequate for the incomplete 2020 plans. Twelve out of twenty are waiting for determinations.
- Mr. Hansen thanked staff and Counsel for their work.
- Director Carmon reported he attended a CSAC conference which included a 3-hour class on drought. He further stated in that class, one recommendation was for counties to look at land use as a way to combat some of the water issues in the State. He will also be recommending the Board of Supervisors hold a study session that is open to the public to have an open conversation regarding these issues and ideas. There was some discussion on the county's land use authorities, GSA roles, and ideas to consider when addressing drought or water supplies issues.
- Director Roundy asked if there are groups that monitor legislation on behalf of GSAs, similar to the League of Cities. There was some discussion on different groups that monitor these issues; however, there is no equivalent group specific to GSAs.

9. NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.