

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

225 North Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988 | 530.934.6540

Meeting Minutes

Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

August 14, 2023 | 1:30 p.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 (23/24 Chair)	R Evan Markey	City of Willows
X Matt Deadmond	Michael Alves	Glide Water District
X John Amaro (23/24 Vice Chair)	Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	X 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), Valerie Kincaid (GGA Counsel), Jenny Scheer (Water and Land Solutions), Joe Turner (Geosyntec), Teri DuBose, Matt Hansen, Ryan Fulton (Larry Walker Associates), Brandon Davison (DWR), Marc Frelier, Michael Ward, George Pendell

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Gary Hansen (Chairman Hansen) called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and Vice Chairman Amaro led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

- Roll Call was taken as indicated above.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Approval of the special meeting minutes from July 26, 2023.

- The special meeting minutes from July 26, 2023 were not available.

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chairman Hansen invited public comments; whereby, none were heard.

5. STAFF UPDATES

- Ms. Hunter stated seven Well Permit Acknowledgement forms were received in the last month.

- Ms. Hunter stated she will be meeting with the Glenn County Resource Conservation District regarding the Glenn County Recharge Development Plan grant application that was submitted last year.
- Ms. Hunter stated the Public Hearing relating to fees that was scheduled for August 7, 2023 had been cancelled, and cancellation notices were posted on the website and on doors of the meeting location during the scheduled meeting time. She was also present on site to alleviate any confusion from the public.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- *Review and accept Monthly Activities Report.
 - *Review and consider approval of claims.
- The Monthly Activities Report was not available.
 - There was no discussion on Item 6.b.

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

7. FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 ANNUAL AUDIT

- *Consider approval of the CliftonLarsonAllen LLP Statement of Work to provide services to complete the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Audit pending Counsel review and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
- Ms. Hunter stated CliftonLarsonAllen LLP provided services to complete the 2021-2022 annual audit with the option to extend the agreement for three fiscal years. She stated the amount of \$10,000 is consistent with the proposal and the 2023-2024 budget.

On motion by Director Carmon, seconded by Director Roundy it was unanimously ordered to approve the CliftonLarsonAllen LLP Statement of Work to provide services to complete the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Audit pending Counsel review and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

8. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Ms. Hunter stated DWR has expressed interest in installing GPS subsidence monitoring stations in the Colusa Subbasin. She stated she is meeting with the CGA Program Manager and DWR staff to discuss the opportunity and related details to implement the project.
- Ms. Hunter stated she has a meeting scheduled with The Nature Conservancy to discuss a potential partnership on work related to groundwater dependent ecosystems.

9. GGA GROUNDWATER RECHARGE SERVICES

- Receive an update on groundwater recharge services.
 - Discuss prioritization themes for long-term project identification planning.
 - Discuss potential outreach opportunities for groundwater recharge pilot project implementation activities.
- Ms. Hunter stated 119 acre-feet of water was purchased which is enough for approximately 5 rotations at one site. She stated the City of Orland has also purchased water and a meeting is scheduled to discuss the reimbursement process. She further discussed outreach options, such as signage at Lely Park; whereby additional discussion ensued regarding the press/media event to highlight what the GGA and its partners

have accomplished. Responding to a question from Director Roundy, Ms. Kincaid explained the GGA has money budgeted to reimburse the City, and the discussion will include the logistics on how the City will be reimbursed for the cost of water delivered for this project.

- Ms. Jenny Scheer provided an update on the recharge pilot projects at Lely Park and Rick Martin’s gravel pit. She further shared initial results from the Vereschagin pit resulting in approximately 315 acre-feet of applied water infiltrating at approximately 10 feet per day. There was additional discussion on water levels, factors affecting infiltration, data monitoring, and water deliveries and schedules.
- Ms. Scheer gave a presentation on Groundwater Recharge Services-Long Term Project Identification and asked for initial feedback regarding GGA’s priorities, goals, and objectives. There was some discussion on what long-term projects could help the GGA reach their goals. Director Schonauer spoke regarding filtration systems and flushing of the systems that also infiltrates into the ground. There was a suggestion that helping to connect to filter stations or booster pumps could be helpful. Director Carmon suggested accessing grant funding to help local farmers put in infrastructure that may assist in project implementation. Director Lohse suggested a portion of the additional fee associated with groundwater use could be designated for groundwater recharge projects. Discussion ensued on water rights, and several different opportunities and suggestions to help develop long-term projects.

10. *DISCUSSION ON SENATE BILL 366 AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT

- Ms. Hunter stated this item was requested to be agendaized previously and is to determine if the Board wishes to execute a letter of support for Senate Bill 366 regarding the California Water Plan.
- There was general discussion on details of the bill including compliance requirements. There was overall consensus the bill consisted of vague language. The Board agreed to table the item until further information is received.

11. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee
 - b. Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee
 - c. Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee
 - d. Technical Advisory Committee
- Ms. Hunter stated the Executive Committee has not met.
 - Vice Chairman Amaro stated the Fee Study Ad Hoc Committee met last week with Lohdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) regarding the discrepancy issues with the June invoice. He stated the committee requested a summary of further assistance. Director Lohse stated he requested a timeline from LSCE to better understand deadlines. There was general discussion on issues regarding the mailing lists, invoice discrepancies, and improvements that can be made. Ms. Kincaid spoke about the importance of defining classifications and policy definitions to lessen confusion from stakeholders. Discussion ensued on various ideas of improving the Fee Study process.
 - Work related to the Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee is provided under Item 9. There was nothing further to report.

- Ms. Hunter stated the Technical Advisory Committee met on August 11, 2023. She stated there was discussion on continuing to prioritize the technical tasks through the 5-year update. She further stated that although there was not a quorum of members of the GGA TAC, there was consensus from the CGA TAC to recommend to the GSAs to use the on-call consulting services to help prioritize goals and assist with grant submissions. She also mentioned there is a vacancy on the Technical Advisory Committee and wanted to convey that message to interested parties.

12. 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.

13. 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

14. CLOSED SESSION

Gov't Code § 54956.9 (d)(2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant exposure to litigation – one matter.

- Chairman Hansen invited public comments on Items 12, 13, or 14; whereby, no public comments were presented or heard.
- The Board adjourned to closed session at 3:09 p.m.

15. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board returned from closed session at 3:28 p.m.
- Chairman Hansen stated there were no reportable actions for Items 12, 13, or 14.

16. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Director Schonauer stated that relating to Item 10, the Farm Bureau supported Senate Bill 366. He further stated, the Assembly Committee hearing missed the constitutional deadline and the Bill was done for the year, but could be brought back next year. There was general agreement from the Board that it was not necessary to bring Item 10 back for further consideration.
- Director Carmon spoke regarding the Proposition 218 process and recommended in the future to label the envelopes more clearly so stakeholders are aware the mailing contains the Prop. 218 notice. He also suggested categorizing each parcel before notices are sent out.

17. NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

18. ADJOURN

- The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.