

# Glenn Groundwater Authority

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency

225 North Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988 | 530.934.6540

### Meeting Minutes

#### Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

October 9, 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 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X Grant Carmon	Tom Arnold	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy	R Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen (23/24 Chair)	R Evan Markey	City of Willows
Matt Deadmond	Michael Alves	Glide Water District
X John Amaro (23/24 Vice Chair)	Vacant	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
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 (GGA/Glenn County), Valerie Kincaid (GGA Counsel), Jenny Scheer (Water and Land Solutions), Ryan Fulton (Larry Walker Associates), Pati Nolen, Bill Davis, Brandon Davison, Pete Dennehy (Montgomery & Associates), Joe Turner (Geosyntec)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

- Roll call was taken as indicated above.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- \*Approval of the special meeting minutes from July 26, 2023.
  - \*Approval of the meeting minutes from August 14, 2023.
  - \*Approval of the meeting minutes from September 12, 2023.
- Chairman 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 July 26, 2023 meeting, the August 14, 2023 meeting and the September 12, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.**

#### 4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chairman Hansen invited public comments; whereby, no public comments were heard.

#### 5. STAFF UPDATES

- Lisa Hunter stated four Well Permit Acknowledgement Forms have been received since September 13, 2023.
- Ms. Hunter stated in regards to the WaterSMART grant applications for the Colusa Subbasin, she met with Carol Thomas-Keefer from Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) and it was determined the deadline was too soon to submit an application for this round. She stated they are continuing to evaluate the necessary tasks with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) with plans to submit an application for the next round occurring in the Spring.
- Ms. Hunter stated she contacted Davids Engineering regarding the on-call support services and confirmed they are willing to assist with scheduling of tasks through the five-year update and items to prepare for the grant applications. She further stated a few other firms are interested in providing on-call services and she will be bringing back draft agreements to a future meeting.
- Ms. Hunter stated she will be sending an email to member agencies to submit any nominations for the vacant seat on the TAC. She stated she received a letter of interest from Shasta Banchio with Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID).

#### 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- \*Review and accept Monthly Activities Report.
  - \*Review and consider approval of claims.
- Chairman Hansen invited comments or questions; whereby, none were heard.

**On motion by Director Amaro, seconded by Director Schonauer, it was unanimously ordered to approve the Monthly Activities Report as presented.**

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

#### 7. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- \*Consider approval of Letter of Support for USBR WaterSMART Applied Science Grant Application for Reclamation District No. 108, Colusa County Water District, and Dunnigan Water District Groundwater Recharge Data Sharing and Modeling Improvements Project.
  - \*Consider approval of Letter of Support for USBR WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grant Application for Orland-Artois Water District's Infrastructure Expansion Project: Planning & Design Phase.
  - \*Consider approval of Letter of Support for USBR WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Grant Application for Orland-Artois Water District's Infrastructure Expansion Project: Implementation / Construction Phase.
- Ms. Hunter stated since the Colusa Subbasin GSAs are not applying for these grants, the GGA is not in competition for these grant funds. Furthermore, each of these applications is part of a different funding opportunity and so the applications are not competing for the same funds.
  - Ryan Fulton from Larry Walker and Associates spoke regarding Item 7.a stating the three districts are applying for the WaterSMART Applied Science Grant for a groundwater data sharing and modeling project. He stated the goal is to collect and format the data received and distribute to GSAs for collaboration.

- There was some discussion on how much funding was available for the WaterSMART grants.

**On motion by Director Roundy, seconded by Director Enos it was unanimously ordered to approve the Letter of Support for USBR WaterSMART Applied Science Grant Application for Reclamation District No. 108, Colusa County Water District, and Dunnigan Water District Groundwater Recharge Data Sharing and Modeling Improvements Project.**

**On motion by Director Carmon, seconded by Director Randy Hansen, it was unanimously ordered to approve the Letter of Support for USBR WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grant Application for Orland-Artois Water District's Infrastructure Expansion Project: Planning & Design Phase.**

**On motion by Director Amaro, seconded by Director Roundy, it was unanimously ordered to approve the Letter of Support for USBR WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Grant Application for Orland-Artois Water District's Infrastructure Expansion Project: Implementation / Construction Phase.**

8. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. Receive an update on Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation activities.

- Ms. Hunter stated there was nothing additional to report at this time.

9. GGA GROUNDWATER RECHARGE SERVICES

- a. Receive an update on groundwater recharge services and pilot project implementation activities.
- b. Receive an update on outreach/press event showcasing groundwater recharge pilot projects scheduled for October 11, 2023.

- Ms. Hunter stated the outreach/press event will be held on October 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. She stated there will be GGA members (also representing their respective partner agency) in attendance to say a few words and answer any questions that may arise. A Press Release will be issued October 11 inviting the media and interested parties to attend. She presented a picture collage that will be present at the event, showing recharge sites throughout the GGA area. Jenny Scheer presented two informational signs that will be posted at the site. One of the signs will be more permanent as it shows the process of recharge which occurs throughout the year at Lely Park. It was noted Geosyntec designed the signs and the City of Orland will do the installation. Discussion ensued on the benefits and logistics of the event.

10. 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

- Committee updates were included in the meeting packet; no additional committee updates were heard.

11. 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.

12. 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 Items 11 or 12.
- The Board adjourned to closed session at 1:56 p.m.

13. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board returned from closed session at 2:25 p.m.
- Chairman Hansen stated there were no reportable actions for Items 11 and 12.

14. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Chairman Hansen invited member reports or comments; whereby, none were heard.

15. NEXT MEETING

- The next regular scheduled meeting is on November 13, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

16. ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.