

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Meeting Minutes

Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

November 13, 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:
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)	Evan Markey	City of Willows
X 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
X Mark Lohse	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District
X Gary Enos	X Jered Shipley	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), Ryan Fulton (Larry Walker Associates), Bill Davis, Joe Turner (Geosyntec), Joel Kimmelshue, Shasta Banchio (GCID), George Pendell, Lisa Porta, Max Del Real, Mary-Ann Warmerdam

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Director Roundy led the flag salute.

2. ROLL CALL

- Roll call was taken as indicated above.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Approval of the meeting minutes from October 9, 2023.

- Chairman Hansen invited comments or revisions on the aforementioned meeting minutes; whereby, none were heard.

On motion by Director Roundy, Seconded by Director Randy Hansen the meeting minutes of the October 9, 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 three Well Permit Acknowledgement Forms have been received since October 9, 2023.
- Ms. Hunter stated regarding the on-call support services, a standard contract for the GGA is being developed that mimics Glenn County's standard contract.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. *Review and accept Monthly Activities Report.
 - b. *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 Enos, seconded by Director Amaro, it was unanimously ordered to approve the claims as presented.

7. *APPROVE 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Ms. Hunter presented the draft 2024 meeting schedule stating the Board has been meeting on the second Monday of each month.

On motion by Director Lohse, seconded by Director Roundy, it was unanimously ordered to approve the 2024 meeting schedule.

8. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) DETERMINATION

- a. Overview of Colusa Subbasin GSP "incomplete" determination.
- Ms. Hunter stated the GGA Board has 180 days to return revisions to DWR noting the deadline is April 23, 2024. She stated a re-adoption process will take place which will include public notices and hearings. Ms. Hunter reviewed highlights from the GSP determination and there was discussion on DWR's expectations. Some revision examples that were discussed included, describing mitigation methods in greater detail, funding efforts, providing project timelines, and implementing projects to promote sustainability.
 - Ms. Hunter stated she has been working with Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) as this process is a joint effort between the two GSAs. She stated a scope of work has been requested from Davids Engineering (the primary consultant of the original GSP) to propose a path forward with tasks, schedule, and estimate of costs for the GSP revision process.
 - Responding to Director Enos, Ms. Hunter agreed that it is important to stay informed and updated about projects and plans the CGA is working on.
 - Answering a question from Director Lohse, Ms. Hunter stated the GSP was evaluated through the initial submittal date, noting the pilot recharge projects were not included in the GSP. She stated the Annual Report will include the pilot recharge projects.
 - Ms. Kincaid stated there were a lot of similarities between the GSPs that were deemed incomplete. She stated DWR is looking to tie minimum thresholds for subsidence to critical infrastructure. She stated more information is needed relating to the overdraft comments. She further stated it is of greatest importance to

get a clear understanding of what DWR is looking for, as many of the basins deemed inadequate struggled to do so.

- Answering a question from Director Enos, Ms. Hunter reviewed the timing of the next steps for the GGA.
- There was some discussion on ties between the Annual Report and the GSP revisions.
- Director Roundy stated he voted no on the GSP and expressed concerns with the consulting team.
- Discussion ensued on ways to approach DWR to get a clear understanding of what is needed to get an approved GSP.
- Answering a question from Ms. Hunter, Ms. Kincaid clarified that after the revised GSP is submitted, DWR does not have a statutory turnaround date to release the outcome of the revised GSP.
- There was discussion on the meeting timelines between DWR, CGA, and CGA/GGA Joint TAC. Ms. Kincaid recommended requesting to have meetings with DWR every two weeks. Under direction of the Board, members in attendance at DWR meetings would include, Ms. Kincaid, a member of the consulting team, Chairs from GGA and CGA, and staff.
- Jenny Scheer stated it was her understanding the basins that were successful in receiving an approved GSP focused on milestones that included management actions. She further noted the subsidence issue within the basin did not recover as expected.

9. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

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

- Ms. Hunter stated the Colusa Subbasin application to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 grant program was not funded. She stated DWR has agreed to meet with the GSAs to discuss the application's shortcomings to help better prepare for future applications. There was some discussion on other grant opportunities.
- Ms. Hunter stated the Water Year 2023 Annual Report is due April 1, 2024. She stated Davids Engineering and Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) have begun work on preparing data requests and gathering data necessary to complete the report. She further stated using DWR's recent guidance document, the consultants have updated the annual report template to align with DWR's expectations. It was noted staff meets bi-weekly with the team to review progress and provide guidance.

10. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCY

a. Receive update on Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recruitment.

b. *Consider appointment of Shasta Banchio to the GGA TAC.

- Ms. Hunter stated Shasta Banchio expressed interest in filling the current vacancy on the TAC and was in attendance. Ms. Hunter stated another vacancy is expected at the beginning of next year.
- Director Amaro expressed his support in appointing Shasta Banchio to the GGA TAC, stating she is a hardworking Assistant Engineer at Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID).

On motion by Director Schonauer, Seconded by Director Enos, it was unanimously ordered to appoint Shasta Banchio to the GGA Technical Advisory Committee.

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

- In relation to Item 11.a., there was nothing additional to report.
- In relation to Item 11.b., Ms. Hunter stated the committee received a briefing from the consultant and will continue to work through this process and will bring back some information to the Board at a later time.
- In relation to Item 11.c., Ms. Hunter stated the water deliveries have concluded in the OUWUA jurisdiction and equipment/data will be collected in the near future. She stated the next phase will be focusing on long-term goals and priorities. Director Roundy expressed gratitude toward the staff regarding the recharge event at Lely Park. He further stated the importance of keeping the press informed of projects in the future.
- In relation to Item 11.d., there was nothing additional to report.

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

- Chairman Hansen invited public comment on Items 12 or 13; whereby, no public comments were presented or heard.
- The Board adjourned to closed session at 2:40 p.m.

14. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board returned from closed session at 2:46 p.m.
- Chairman Hansen stated there were no reportable actions for Items 12 or 13.

15. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Director Amaro would like to have discussions with DWR to potentially combine the three subbasins in Glenn County. He stated benefits would include cost and time savings and streamlining planning for better productivity. Discussion ensued on basin boundary lines and historical events that occurred.

16. NEXT MEETING

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

17. ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.