

# Joint Colusa Groundwater Authority and Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

**October 30, 2019 | 1:00 p.m.**

Sites Project Office, 122 Old Highway 99, Maxwell, CA 95955

## MINUTES

*\* Indicates action item*

**In Attendance:**

**Colusa Groundwater Authority:**

Director Members Present:	Alternate/2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
Denise Carter	Gary Evans	County of Colusa
Tom Reische	Dave Markss	City of Colusa
X Alfred Sellers, Jr.	Sajit Singh	City of Williams
X Blake Vann	Thad Bettner	Glenn Colusa Irrigation District
X Knute Myers	X Shelly Murphy	Colusa County Water District
X Jim Campbell	Lance Boyd	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District
Zach Dennis	Dan Ruiz	Westside Water District
X Hilary Reinhard	X Bill Vanderwaal	Reclamation District 108
X Charles Marsh	Derrick Strain	Reclamation District 479
X Jim Wallace	Lynell Pollock	Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company
X Darrin Williams		Private Pumper
Jeff Moresco		Private Pumper
Chris Dobson	Dan Ruiz	Maxwell Irrigation District
Jim Campell	Lance Boyd	Provident Irrigation District

**Glenn Groundwater Authority:**

Director Members Present:	Alternate/2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X John Viegas	X Vince Minto	County of Glenn
Bruce Roundy	X Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen	Evan Markey	City of Willows
George Nerli	X Leslie Nerli	Glide Water District
X John Amaro	Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	X Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
	Andrea Jones	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
	Michael Alves	Kanawha Water District
X Mark Lohse	Seth Fiack	Monroeville Water District
Gary Enos	Lance Boyd	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District

**Others in Attendance:** Lisa Hunter, GGA/Glenn County; Mary Fahey, CGA; Del Reimers, landowner/stakeholder; Valerie Kincaid, GGA Counsel; Sharla Stockton, Glenn County; Dave Ceppos, Consensus and Collaboration Program; Ken Loy, West Yost Associates; Byron Clark, Davids Engineering; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Stephen Marsh, landowner/stakeholder; Elain Rominger, landowner/stakeholder; Susan Meeker, Press – Williams Pioneer Review

## 1. Call To Order and Determination of Quorum

- a. Pledge
- b. Roll Call
- c. Introductions of others in attendance

Hilary Reinhard, CGA Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Roll was taken as indicated above and audience members introduced themselves.

## 2. Period Of Public Comment

Emil Cavagnolo stated Orland-Artois Water District is working on a grant application through the Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management program and would like the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) and Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) to consider a support letter for their application. The deadline for a support letter is December 6, 2019. Staff from each agency will include an agenda item at a future board meeting to consider this item.

## 3. \* Consider recommendation from the Joint CGA/GGA Technical Advisory Committee regarding selection of a Consultant Team to provide services for the development of the Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Lisa Hunter reviewed the staff report included in the meeting materials. The staff report outlines the process of consultant selection including submission of written proposals, interviews, and clarifying questions/reference checks. The Joint CGA/GGA Technical Advisory Committee recommends Davids Engineering, Inc. to complete the remainder of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development for the Colusa Subbasin. Darrin Williams added that it was a difficult decision. A separate motion was made by each GSA to select Davids Engineering, Inc. to complete work on the Colusa Subbasin GSP.

**CGA-Motion:** Blake Vann, Second: Knute Myers, Vote: Unanimous

**GGA-Motion:** Gary Hansen, Second: John Viegas, Vote: Unanimous

## 4. Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Round 3 (Proposition 68) Grant Proposal

- a. Update on status of SGM Round 3 (Proposition 68) grant proposal
- b. \* Colusa Groundwater Authority consideration of sharing the costs of consultant services to prepare a grant application for SGM Round 3 (Proposition 68) grant funding
- c. \* Consider Approval of Resolution 2019-06 authorizing the Colusa Groundwater Authority to serve as the grant applicant for the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) grant program, round 3 funding for GSP development on behalf of the GSAs in the Colusa Subbasin

Mary Fahey reviewed the staff report included in the meeting packet and emphasized the short timeline for submitting a Proposition 68 grant application. She noted in order to continue moving forward, the CGA and GGA program managers have been working very closely to complete the necessary items. The CGA Board informally agreed at a previous meeting to pursue Proposition 68 funding and assigned an ad hoc committee to review this opportunity. The GGA took action at a previous meeting to enter into a contract with Davids Engineering to write the proposal in good faith, anticipating the CGA would share the consultant costs, and approved a Resolution authorizing the GGA to serve as the grant applicant on behalf of the GSAs in the Colusa Subbasin. Both the CGA and GGA Boards have stated intentions to be full partners in this endeavor. The deadline to submit the proposal has been extended from November 1 to November

15, 2019. Although the GGA initially volunteered to be the grant applicant, DWR recently clarified that if the Colusa Subbasin was awarded Proposition 68 grant funding, they would amend the current Proposition 1 GSP grant Agreement. Because the CGA is the grant applicant for that Agreement, it would be necessary to have the CGA serve as the grant applicant for this opportunity.

There was some discussion on the projects and ideas being considered in the Proposition 68 proposal. The projects and topics discussed include a voluntary well monitoring/metering pilot program, Airborne Electromagnetic Surveys, a more robust evaluation of the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem (GDE) portion of the GSP, the development of a suite of funding mechanisms, groundwater recharge project evaluations, and the groundwater to surface water interaction portion of the GSP. Discussion took place regarding finishing the GSP, particular cost estimates of each project/project scope, data gaps in general and the lack of information on the west side of the subbasin.

It was the general consensus that the project scope should be flexible enough to accommodate data collection in a way that suits the needs of the basin at the time of implementation cost-effectively. If acceptable to DWR, the data gap section should include a suite of options that may be filled during the project depending on the particular needs, priorities, and costs. It was also noted that the potential tasks discussed were scalable and may be completed in phases if needed. Covering all costs of GSP development remains the highest priority. The additional priorities written into the staff report were acceptable to the board members.

There was a motion for CGA to approve sharing the cost of preparing the SGM Round 3 (Proposition 68) grant application with the GGA.

**CGA-Motion:** Darin Williams, Second: Blake Vann, Vote: Unanimous

There was a motion to approve Resolution 2019-06 authorizing the CGA to serve as the grant applicant for the SGM grant program round 3 funding for GSP development on behalf of the GSAs in the Colusa Subbasin.

**CGA-Motion:** Darin Williams, Second: Blake Vann, Vote: Unanimous

## **5. BOARD WORKSHOP: Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development**

Dave Ceppos from Sacramento State Consensus and Collaboration Program kicked off the Joint Board Workshop Program by providing an overview of Sustainable Management Criteria, Sustainability Goals, Significant and Unreasonable Conditions and Management Areas, among other topics. The Boards focused on understanding definitions and examples of Sustainable Management Criteria and how they might apply to the Colusa Subbasin. Sustainability Indicators were discussed using different theoretical scenarios and factors to consider when setting Minimum Thresholds and Measureable Objectives for various indicators. Recognizing the variability throughout the Colusa Subbasin for each Sustainability Indicator also creates challenges that will need to be considered.

## **6. Member Reports and Comments**

None

## **7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.