

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AUGUST 1, 2019

1:30 PM

702 NORTH COLUSA STREET, WILLOWS, CA 95988

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

Others in attendance:

Lisa Hunter, GGA/Glenn County; Mark Lohse, Glenn Ground Water District; Pat Vellines, Department of Water Resources; George Pendell, Stony Creek; Bill Ehorn, Department of Water Resources; Del Reimers; Holly Reimers; Gwynn Turnbull Weaver; Valerie Kincaid, GGA Counsel (via phone)

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from June 10, 2019.
- b. Approval of special meeting minutes from July 8, 2019.

The meeting minutes for June 10, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: Gary Hansen Vote: Unanimous

Lisa Hunter mentioned the sign-in sheet attachment is included in the handouts and will be attached to the minutes. The special meeting minutes for July 8, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Motion: Gary Hansen, Second: Bruce Roundy Vote: Unanimous

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Holly Reimers read from a document published by the League of California Cities relating to Proposition 218 and Proposition 26 restating a fee or charge may not be imposed for a service unless the service is used by or immediately available to the property owner subject to the fee or charge. She feels that the landowners on the west side of the basin do not receive any benefit from the fee or charge passed through the Proposition 218 process and questions the legality of the vote.

5. STAFF UPDATE

Lisa Hunter provided a handout and gave an update stating much of the current work is focused on fee implementation and coordination with the Department of Finance to put the fee on the tax roll. There is continued coordination with the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development, invoicing and progress reports submitted to DWR, and other joint tasks. The Executive Committee will likely be discussing expectations of funding and payment obligations relating to the 10% retention on that grant. Bi-weekly meetings regarding HCM/Water Budget Project are continuing and the Colusa Subbasin Request for Proposals for GSP development has been issued. A monitoring well is being drilled in Arbutle using Technical Support Services for additional monitoring. Staff is working on an extension for facilitation support services funded by DWR utilizing the Consensus and Collaboration Program (CCP) for the Colusa Subbasin. CCP is drafting a Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Plan, Spanish outreach materials, and educational modules for Board members and the public.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Review and accept Monthly Activities Report.
- b. Review and consider approval of claims.

The Monthly Activities Report and Claims Summary were included in the meeting packet materials. A motion was made to accept the Monthly Activities Report as presented.

Motion: Bruce Roundy, Second: Chuck Schonauer, Vote: Unanimous

A motion was made to approve claims as presented.

Motion: Leslie Nerli, Second: Randy Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

7. PRESENTATION ON DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES GROUNDWATER PROGRAMS AND SGMA UPDATES (DWR)

Pat Vellines provided an overview of SGMA, Basin Boundary Modifications and Basin Prioritization, facilitation support services, technical support services, GSPs, Proposition 1 and Proposition 68, and the status of alternative plans.

The next Basin Boundary Modification period is not anticipated to occur earlier than 2022 and a Basin Re-prioritization would follow. The current Basin Prioritization process is expected to be finalized by summer 2019. The Basin Boundary Modifications are expected to be incorporated into the Bulletin 118 update which defines basins/subbasins.

Technical Support Services currently include downhole video, water quality sampling, groundwater level measurement training, data loggers, and other technical support. Facilitation Support services are also available. The Colusa Subbasin is currently utilizing these programs.

Ms. Vellines reviewed upcoming grant opportunities including Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation grants and Proposition 68 GSP funding grants. There was some discussion on Basin Boundary Modifications, management areas, and fee structures.

8. LONG-TERM FUNDING

- a. Update on Long-Term Funding activities and provide direction as needed.
- b. Adopt Resolution 2019-02 Requesting the County Collect Property-Related Fees on the County Tax Roll and Indemnification of the Collecting Agency.
- c. Authorize Program Manager to complete or direct the completion of all tasks necessary for the completion of the submittal packet to the Glenn County Department of Finance.

There was a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-02 Requesting the County Collect Property-Related Fees on the County Tax Roll and Indemnification of the Collecting Agency.

Motion: Gary Hansen, Second: Bruce Roundy, Vote: Unanimous

AYES: John Viegas, Bruce Roundy, Gary Hansen, John Amaro, Chuck Schonauer, Randy Hansen, and Leslie Nerli

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gary Enos

Lisa Hunter provided an updated certification form from the Glenn County Department of Finance. There was a motion to authorize Program Manager to complete or direct the completion of all tasks necessary for the completion of the submittal packet to the Glenn County Department of Finance.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: Leslie Nerli, Vote: Unanimous

9. CONSIDER FORMATION OF A WESTSIDE AD HOC COMMITTEE

There was discussion on the composition of this proposed committee. Valerie Kincaid was asked to describe who is allowed to be on the committee. She explained it does not have to be a GGA Board member; it can be technical advisors, staff, consultants, west side landowners, or others as the Board deems appropriate. There cannot be a quorum of the Board and staff should be involved. Ms. Hunter suggested sending letters out to range landowners notifying them of the formation of the Westside Ad Hoc Committee, and it was also suggested to work with staff from the Rangeland Association.

The following ad hoc committee composition was suggested:

- 3 Board members (John Viegas, Randy Hansen, Chuck Schonauer)
- Staff (Lisa Hunter)
- DWR Technical Advisor (Pending)
- 3 Rangeland representatives (Del Reimers, Gwynn Turnbull Weaver, one To Be Determined)

It was clarified the Rangeland representatives would recruit for the third member to represent the rangeland areas. It was further clarified the ad hoc meetings are open to the public, but are not Brown Act compliant meeting since it is an ad hoc committee.

There was a motion to form a Westside Ad Hoc Committee as outlined above.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: Gary Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

10. 2018/2019 ANNUAL AUDIT

A motion was made to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve the CliftonLarsonAllen LLP Engagement Letter upon approval from Counsel.

Motion: Randy Hansen, Second: Bruce Roundy, Vote: Unanimous

11. RECEIVE UPDATE ON GLENN GROUND WATER DISTRICT

Mark Lohse stated the GGA should be receiving a letter relatively soon confirming conditions of membership and a check for the funding obligation.

12. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee

The GGA Executive Committee met June 26, 2019 which focused on the long-term funding process and planning for the July 8, 2019 Public Hearing and the audit services engagement letter.

The CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee has not met and has nothing to report.

- b. Funding Ad Hoc Committee
The Funding Ad Hoc Committee has not met and has nothing to report.
- c. Stakeholder Engagement Committee
The Stakeholder Engagement Committee has not met, but is expected to have a meeting soon to review the Facilitation Support Services work plan and the Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Plan.
- d. Technical Advisory Committee
The Technical Advisory Committee met jointly with the Colusa Groundwater Authority TAC on June 21, 2019 to review the draft Request for Proposals and discuss the Colusa Subbasin western boundary.

13. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

14. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2019 at 1:30 PM.

15. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 2:47 PM.