

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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MEETING MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

1:30 PM

702 NORTH COLUSA STREET, WILLOWS, CA 95988

Director Members Present:	Alternate/2 nd Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X John Viegas	Vince Minto	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy	Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 nd)	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
	X Andrea Jones (2 nd)	Orland-Artois Water District
X Randy Hansen	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District
	Michael Alves (2 nd)	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; George Pendell, Stony Creek; Holly Reimers; Del Reimers; Dave Weaver; Gwynn Turnbull Weaver; Valerie Kincaid, GGA Counsel (via phone); Brandon Davison, DWR ; Sharla Stockton, Glenn County

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

- Approval of meeting minutes from September 9, 2019.
- Approval of meeting minutes from October 14, 2019.
- Approval of CGA/GGA Joint Board meeting minutes from October 30, 2019.

The meeting minutes from the CGA/GGA Joint Board meeting on October 30 were not available and will be considered at a future meeting. The meeting minutes for September 9 and October 14 were approved as submitted.

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

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. STAFF UPDATE

Lisa Hunter provided the Board with a Program Manager Report. Ms. Hunter highlighted an invoice was sent to the Colusa Groundwater Authority for HCM/Water Budget project reimbursement in the amount of \$51,228.99. She also received clarifications from the Glenn County Department of Finance that the charge to include the GGA fee on the tax roll may be significantly less than expected. The confirmation letter has been sent to the Monroeville Water District for joining the GGA. She also highlighted the outreach opportunities and speaking engagements that have occurred recently. She thanked the board members for their willingness to support the meetings that concluded the facilitation support services funded by DWR that ended October 31, 2019. Regarding the long-term funding, the final corrected roll contained 5,577 parcels for a total of \$450,499.80.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

The Board reviewed the Monthly Activities Report and Claims Summary.

A motion was made to approve the Monthly Activities Report as presented.

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

A motion was made to approve the claims as presented.

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

7. 2018/2019 ANNUAL AUDIT

Lisa Hunter reported she met with CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) staff October 17, 2019 to review documentation. Initial testing did not indicate any concerns.

8. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

- a. Authorize the Chairman to negotiate and execute a contract with Davids Engineering, Inc. to provide services for the development of the Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan not to exceed \$840,000.

Lisa Hunter stated background material recognizing the process to get to the contracting phase is in the meeting packet. Ms. Hunter stated the proposal work plan, budget, and schedule will be used as a basis for building the contract. She recommended utilizing the Davids Engineering standard contract for the general terms, as has been done in past projects. Refining the work plan, budget, and schedule will take place as well and be coordinated with both Davids Engineering and the Colusa Groundwater Authority staff. There was a motion to authorize the Chairman to negotiate and execute a contract with Davids Engineering, Inc. to provide services for the development of the Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan not to exceed \$840,000.

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

9. PROPOSITION 68 GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

- a. Receive update on the Proposition 68 grant funding application and provide direction as needed.

- b. Authorize the Chairman to execute a letter indicating support for the Colusa Groundwater Authority to serve as the applicant on behalf of the Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies for the Proposition 68 grant application.

Ms. Hunter indicated that at the October 14, 2019 meeting, the Board initially felt it necessary to take the lead on the application due to the timing. As was discussed at the October 30, 2019 Joint CGA/GGA Board Meeting, DWR clarified it would be possible to amend the existing Proposition 1 grant agreement if awarded this new funding opportunity rather than enter into a separate agreement. The Colusa Groundwater Authority currently holds the agreement for the Proposition 1 grant, and as such, would be the more suitable agency to submit a grant application. Ms. Hunter suggested the GGA provide DWR with a letter supporting the Colusa Groundwater Authority to serve as the grant applicant for the Proposition 68 funding application.

A motion was made to authorize the Chairman to execute a letter indicating support for the Colusa Groundwater Authority to serve as the applicant on behalf of the Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies for the Proposition 68 grant application.

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

10. CONSIDER PROVIDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT PROJECT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NORTHERN SACRAMENTO VALLEY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP FUNDING APPLICATION

Emil Cavagnolo reviewed the Canal Pre-Screen Project and purpose of the support letter. He stated the canal pre-screen is intended to improve the surface water quality so surface water is more accessible and there is less dependence on groundwater. There was a motion to provide a support letter for the Orland-Artois Water District Canal Pre-Screen project to be included in the Proposition 1, Round 1 Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management grant application.

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

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2020 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Lisa Hunter reviewed the current board meeting schedule and the proposed 2020 board meeting schedule. The Board generally meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30 pm. She noted there is a standing conflict with the Northern California Water Association's (NCWA) Groundwater Management Task Force quarterly meetings that the Board may want to consider while finalizing the meeting schedule. Ms. Hunter also requested feedback on the meeting location. Gary Hansen suggested the Willows City Council as a larger venue if needed. For now, the Board suggested having regular meetings remain at the Agricultural Department. A motion was made to approve the meeting schedule with the recommended changes to avoid conflicts noted on the draft meeting schedule.

Motion: Leslie Nerli, Second: Chuck Schonauer, Vote: Unanimous

12. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Executive Committee

i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee

The GGA Executive Committee did not meet and has nothing new to report. The CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee has not met since the September 4, 2019.

b. Stakeholder Engagement Committee

The Stakeholder Engagement Committee has not met and there is nothing new to report.

c. Technical Advisory Committee

The Joint CGA/GGA TAC met October 16, 2019 and has been focused on the GSP development consultant selection process and Proposition 68 projects.

d. West Side Ad Hoc Committee

The West Side Ad Hoc Committee met October 21, 2019 to continue brainstorming potential ideas to address landowner concerns in the western portion of the basin. Gwynn Turnbull Weaver shared an idea to use a conservation incentive payment for not using groundwater. She believes many landowners are not happy about the fee and does not feel it is equitable and hopes through this process a plan for west side landowners can still be a possibility.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Gov't Code §54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated or significant exposure to litigation (1)

John Amaro recessed the Board to Closed Session and the Board conferred with Legal Counsel on anticipated or significant exposure to litigation. Mr. Amaro reconvened the Board to Open Session. No reportable action was taken.

14. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2019 at 1:30 PM.

16. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 3:06 PM.