

Glenn Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Meeting Minutes

Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

November 9, 2020 | 1:30 pm

LOCATION: Teleconference

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting was conducted by teleconference. The meeting was accessible via telephone, computer, smartphone or tablet.

Director Members Present:	Alternate/2 nd Alternate Directors	Agency Representing:
X John Viegas	Vince Minto	County of Glenn
X Bruce Roundy (1:36- audio present)	Pete Carr	City of Orland
	Ed Vonasek (2 nd)	City of Orland
X Gary Hansen	X Evan Markey	City of Willows
George Nerli	Leslie Nerli	Glide Water District
John Amaro	X Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
X Charles Schonauer	X Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
	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; Valerie Kincaid, GGA Counsel; Brandon Davison, DWR; Don Rust, Glenn County Planning and Community Development; Jaime Lely; Dana Pressley; David Ceppos, Consensus and Collaboration Program; David Kehn, CalWater/GGA TAC; Richard Harriman, Northern California Environmental Defense Center; Jim Brobeck; Holly Reimers; Joshua Dowell; Mary Fahey, CGA

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Viegas, GGA Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and indicated above. Lisa Hunter reviewed the remote meeting protocols.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. *Approval of meeting minutes from October 12, 2020.

The meeting minutes from October 12, 2020 were approved as presented.

Motion: Gary Hansen, Second: Charles Schonauer, Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

Gary Hansen: AYE

Charles Schonauer: AYE

Randy Hansen: AYE

Mark Lohse: AYE

4. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Hunter indicated a Program Manger Report is included in the meeting packet. She highlighted the Golden State Risk Management Authority trainings and the *Water Markets, SGMA & California's First Open-Source Water Accounting and Trading Platform* webinar. She noted contact information and location transition tasks are continuing and the billing will be sent out soon for the self-bill parcels. The 2019/2020 annual audit will be taking place beginning with an introduction phone meeting on November 17. The audit will be conducted remotely this year. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Coordinator grant was submitted on October 15 by the Colusa County Resource Conservation District and review is now taking place. The Northern Sacramento Valley Inter-Basin Coordination group has met and is an important venue for staff level and consultant lead communications regarding coordination across basin boundaries and to identify and resolve potential issues throughout GSP development. The next meeting is December 1.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

There was a motion to accept the Monthly Activities Report and approve the claims.

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

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

Bruce Roundy: AYE

Gary Hansen: AYE

Charles Schonauer: AYE

Randy Hansen: AYE

Mark Lohse: AYE

7. COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY PLAN

- a. Receive update on Plan development and activities.
- b. Receive update on GSP Development Grants (Proposition 1 and Proposition 68).
- c. Receive update on Project Agreements.
- d. *Presentation and Discussion on the Proposed Colusa Subbasin Outreach Strategy and Upcoming Public Meetings.

Ms. Hunter stated the Davids Engineering memo provided updates on GSP development and activities. There are brief status updates included in the Program Manager Report on the GSP Development Grants and Project Agreements. She introduced Dave Ceppos, Consensus and Collaboration Program, who presented on the proposed Colusa Subbasin Outreach Strategy and upcoming public meetings.

Mr. Ceppos reviewed the outline of the presentation and noted that most recently, targeted outreach has been rather minimal, which was an intentional strategy to reduce "stakeholder fatigue" and maintain cost-effectiveness. He reviewed the GSP development schedule highlighting public outreach points with regards to GSP development milestones. The proposed future strategy includes maximizing public awareness and

beneficial user input to support board decision-making, to create a robust Administrative Record, all while creating cost and operational efficiency and effectiveness during the current COVID conditions. An additional near-term goal is to update the Communications and Engagement Plan to reflect these changes. Mr. Ceppos reviewed the traditional media strategy, as well as expansion into social media platforms, including Facebook and Twitter, and potentially Instagram and LinkedIn. The Administrative Record will be designed to capture Beneficial User input, maximize opportunities for input, prepare standing Board updates on input received, and ultimately be included as an Appendix in the final GSP.

There was a question regarding how inter-basin coordination will be included in the record. Mr. Ceppos noted there are requirements for inter-basin coordination which will be included in record. A comment was made on weighing the cost and benefit received to ensure efforts are efficient and economic. Discussion took place on a comment to potentially look into other platforms such as MeWe or Parler and suggestions to ensure posts show up in Facebook feeds. It was also clarified that “traditional media” includes print media such as local newspapers. Strategies can also be used to “boost” Facebook posts, which may require additional investment. A question was asked if the purpose is intended to be educational or to gather input or both? Mr. Ceppos stated it will likely be both. A posting calendar will help guide those decisions, which will eb and flow as different topics are highlighted. It was mentioned that member agency (e.g. City of Orland, City of Willows) social media can help get information out quickly and create enhanced networking. A comment was made that the Communications and Engagement Plan should address how input will be utilized in the GSP. It should document the input received and note how the GSA addressed the input in the GSP. A comment was made that in the past, word of mouth has been an important way to communicate including clubs, postings, school websites, post at the post office, and farm youth groups.

No opposition to proposed strategy was raised. Mr. Viegas asked if cost projections were available prior to moving forward. Mr. Ceppos noted the draft narrative of the strategy is being developed and cost estimates could be shared with the board.

There was a motion to approve the Colusa Subbasin Outreach Strategy and upcoming public meetings plan as presented pending a more comprehensive written plan which may need additional board action.

Motion: Chuck Schonauer, Second: Gary Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

Bruce Roundy: AYE

Gary Hansen: AYE

Charles Schonauer: AYE

Randy Hansen: AYE

Mark Lohse: AYE

8. GOLDEN STATE RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

- a. *Consider nominating the Glenn Groundwater Authority as a candidate district for the election to serve on the Golden State Risk Management Authority Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2021.
- b. *Authorize the Program Manager to submit nomination notification to the Golden State Risk Management Authority.

Mr. Viegas introduced the item. There was currently no interest for an individual to serve on the Golden State Risk Management Authority Board of Directors. No action was taken and the items died due to lack of a motion.

9. *APPROVE 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

Ms. Hunter reviewed the draft meeting schedule and stated it is consistent with the current meeting schedule to meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30 pm with the exception of a standing meeting conflict with a Northern California Water Association (NCWA) meeting. The schedule has been adjusted to accommodate that conflict. It seems likely that the teleconference option will remain in place for the next few months and a physical meeting location could be determined at a later date. Physical meeting room options mentioned in the past few months include the Planning and Community Development Services Agency conference room, the Glenn County Board of Supervisors Chambers, the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District conference room, or the City of Willows, City Council Chambers. Valerie Kincaid mentioned this is the regular meeting schedule; however, board members should be prepared for special meetings as needed mid-2021 through GSP adoption. A motion was made to approve the 2021 meeting schedule.

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

Roll Call Vote

John Viegas: AYE

Bruce Roundy: AYE

Gary Hansen: AYE

Charles Schonauer: AYE

Randy Hansen: AYE

Mark Lohse: AYE

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee
- b. Stakeholder Engagement Committee
- c. Technical Advisory Committee

Ms. Hunter noted the Executive Committee has not met since May and has nothing new to report; however, more regular meetings should be expected in the future. The Stakeholder Engagement Committee has not met and has nothing to report. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met jointly with the CGA TAC on October 16, 2020. The consulting team provided a presentation and there was good discussion on a variety of topics, which are noted in the meeting packet. The board should expect more detailed information and recommendations to start coming from the TAC as GSP development continues. She encouraged the board members to review the TAC presentations that are posted on the website which will inform future decision-making. The next Joint CGA/GGA TAC is scheduled to meet November 13, 2020.

11. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Gary Hansen thanked Mr. Viegas for running the meeting. Mr. Schonauer mentioned the weather has been dry and expressed the need for rain.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2020 at 1:30 pm.

13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm.