

**GLENN COUNTY
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
For the Water Advisory Committee**

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Minutes

Meeting Date: March 10, 2009

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Glenn County Department of Agriculture
720 N. Colusa Street
Willows, CA 95988

TAC Members Present:

Kevin Backus	GC Dept of Health Services
Mark Black	GC Ag Dept
Lance Boyd	South Area
Andrew Farrar	East Area
Allan Fulton	UCCE
Ben Pennock	Central Area
Kelly Staton	DWR
George Wilson	North Area

TAC Members Absent:

Randy Murphy	Public Works
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WAC Members Present:

Mike Vereschagin	WAC Chairman
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Others:

Bill Bergmann	GEOPLUS Inc.
Tina Brothers	WAC/TAC Secretary
Kristen McKillop	Butte County Water & Resource Conservation
Lester Messina	Glenn County Ag. Dept.

- I. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Those in attendance introduced themselves.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the November 18, 2008 meeting were approved as mailed.

III. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

A. Draft Water Transfer Guidelines

1. Addition of Technical/Monitoring Components to Draft Guidelines-Lester informed the TAC that at the last WAC meeting it was decided to have the TAC give input on this document on a technical level. The WAC felt if there is going to be water transfer fees there would need to have clear guidelines put into place. Lester opened it up to the TAC for input and after a lengthy discussion it was decided by the TAC came to the conclusion that these guidelines need to be project specific and a monitoring program will be developed based on the lack of merits of any proposed transferring. George Wilson is going to email Lester his comments regarding surface water and it will be added to the guidelines and the TAC will present the changes to the WAC on April 14, 2009.

B. Existing BMO's for Groundwater Levels (Resume discussion from November 18, 2008 meeting)-Lester mentioned that DWR, Northern District will be starting the springtime BMO measurements the week of March 22, 2009. Some of the BMO's are sitting on fall levels and one is at a stage 3 level. In order for that well to come up to a stage 2 it has to equal the average of spring elevation during the time the BMO's were established. This means it needs to come up 15 feet. Lester asked the question, "Would there be a level at that point and time considered adapted management to move forward if the one well can't get out of a stage 3 or stage 2?" This question was asked because this well is close to GCID's district well and another well that may participate in a program this year which is going to make this a sensitive area for pumping.

Kelly, DWR made the suggestion to compare spring, summer and fall BMO's measurements.

Allan, Tehama County Cooperative Extension gave an example of what they did at Tehama County. When they set up their proposed trigger levels their consultant picked a key well, he used some of the same criteria Glenn County did for BMO wells however he went one step further by taking the aggregate analyst of well infrastructure around other wells within a nine mile radius. The consultant's idea was to see what that one well represented in terms of the infrastructure around it and he looked at the drop in the water level.

It was suggested to revisit this discussion after the spring BMO readings are done.

MEMBER REPORTS:

1. Lester mentioned that Environmental Health is being more cooperative in giving information for placements of wells in the county. Lester wanted them to know we appreciate it.
2. Allan passed out the meeting agenda announcement for an outreach meeting on April 1, 2009 at the Maxwell Inn entitled "Efforts and Challenges to Manage Glenn and Colusa Counties' Water Resources."

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEXT MEETINGS:

The next WAC meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the GCID Board room.
The next TAC meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Brothers
WAC/TAC Secretary