

# GLENN COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 8, 2013  
Time: 1:30 pm  
Place: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District  
344 East Laurel Street  
Willows, CA 95988

### **Water Advisory Committee Members Present:**

David Alves	Central River Irrigation Districts
Kelly Boyd	East County Reclamation and Irrigation Districts
Ted Trimble	East County Reclamation and Irrigation Districts
Sandy Willard Denn	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
Larry Domenighini	Glenn County Farm Bureau
Ken Sullivan	Orland Unit Water Users Association
Donnan Arbuckle	Resource Conservation District
Mike Vereschagin	Tehama Colusa Canal Authority Districts
Mike Alves	Tehama Colusa Canal Authority Districts
Mark Lohse	At-Large Private Pumps (Agricultural/Municipal/Industrial)
Bruce Roundy	At-Large Private Pumps (Agricultural/Municipal/Industrial)
Darin Titus	At-Large Private Pumps (Agricultural/Municipal/Industrial)

### **Water Advisory Committee Members Absent:**

John Garner	At-Large Private Pumps (Agricultural/Municipal/Industrial)
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### **Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:**

Lance Boyd	At-Large, South Area
Kevin Backus	Glenn County Environmental Health
Ben Pennock	At-Large, Central Area
George Wilson	At-Large, North Area

### **Others in Attendance:**

Lisa Hunter	Glenn County Ag Department
Rosanna Marino	Cal Water, Willows
Eric Miller	MPM Engineering
Lester Messina	
Mark Atlas	PID/PCGID Attorney
John Ayres	Brown and Caldwell

- I. INTRODUCTIONS: Those in attendance introduced themselves.
  
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Correction to Item D paragraph b. Mike Vereschagin also announced that Emil Cavagnolo who has been with the Orland Unit Water Users Association has been moved up to Interim/Acting Manager. This item should state Orland-Artois Water District, not Orland Unit. The minutes for June 12, 2012 were approved with correction.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. **Public Comment:** None.

B. **Discussion & Action Items:**

1. **TAC Report**

The TAC met December 17, 2012. There was nothing more to add from TAC members present.

2. **Groundwater Recharge Feasibility Study, E. Corning Basin – Brown and Caldwell**

The project is funded by a DWR grant to look at the possibility of using surface water for irrigation in most years and groundwater when surface water is not available. John Ayres from Brown and Caldwell provided a presentation on the Glenn County Groundwater Reliability and Recharge Pilot Project. The presentation provided an overview of the project, a preliminary canal layout, surface and groundwater costs and next steps. The project analysis is complete and currently the costs seem prohibitive. The final report is anticipated to be finished by the end of January.

3. **Discussion on Ordinance Revision and incorporation of the Preliminary Plan for Groundwater and Coordinated Water Management and Export Water Transfer Guidelines**

Items 3 and 4 were combined into a single presentation with handouts. An overview of the history of the Water Advisory Committee, Basin Management Objectives, the ordinance revision, Preliminary Plan objectives, and the responsibilities of the WAC members were reviewed.

4. **Discussion on WAC responsibilities and expectations**

In addition to the discussion listed under item 3, it was requested that County staff forward Northern California Water Association's Week in Review via email to the WAC and TAC members to help keep abreast of water matters. The WAC website is also a great place to look for information.

5. **Discussion on modifications of Bylaws of the Glenn County Water Advisory Committee**

The Bylaws of the Committee need to be revised to incorporate ordinance changes. Some suggestions were to delete the section on alternate members and to use Rosenberg's Rules of Order instead of Robert's Rules of Order. Send comments and suggestions regarding changes to the bylaws to Lisa Hunter or Larry Domenighini. A draft will be presented at the next WAC meeting in February.

6. **Reminder- Any outstanding applications for committee members must be completed and turned in to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.**

Members were reminded to turn in completed applications as a matter of record to the Board of Supervisors if not already turned in.

**C. Communications:**

**1. Letter from Department of Water Resources regarding the CASGEM program**

A copy of the letter was handed out and discussed.

**D. Member Reports:**

- a. Ted Trimble announced the Wildlife & Rice Farming live webcam outside of his office can be viewed at Western Canal's website at [westerncanal.com](http://westerncanal.com) and click on the Wildlife & Rice Farming Webcam link.
- b. A question was asked if the Committee was going to discuss the declining groundwater levels on the west-side of the county. Discussion will take place this summer.
- c. Discussion regarding the Committee's interests and topics to invest time and research such as land use changes, drought preparedness, public information and education, preliminary plan objectives, grants and opportunities to be proactive. It will be beneficial to compile a list of things that the Committee would like to accomplish so that items are ready to move forward if an opportunity presents itself in the future. Many tasks set before the WAC are ongoing, and although a task may have been done previously, does not necessarily mean it is complete.

The next WAC meeting has been scheduled for February 12, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, 344 East Laurel Street, Willows, CA 95988.

The next TAC meeting has been scheduled for February 26, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Glenn County Department of Agriculture, 720 N. Colusa St., Willows, CA 95988.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lisa Hunter