

**GLENN COUNTY  
WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES**

Meeting Date: December 9, 2008

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District  
344 East laurel Street  
Willows, CA 95988

**Water Advisory Committee Members Present:**

Donnan Arbuckle	Resource Conservation District
Thad Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
Larry Domenighini	Glenn County Farm Bureau
Keith Hansen	Glenn County Supervisor
Mark Lohse	BOS District 5 P P
Larry Maben	BOS District 3 Private Pumpers
Joel Mann	Glide Water District
Rosanna Marino	City of Willows
Del Reimers	West Colusa Basin P P
Jere Schmitke	City of Orland
Ken Sullivan	Ouwua
Ted Trimble	Western Canal Water District
Elwood Weller	Provident Irrigation District

**Water Advisory Committee Members Absent:**

David Alves	PCGID
Jack Baber	Reclamation District No. 1004
Gene Clark	Reclamation Dist # 2106 & 1004
Bob Coruccini	Willow Creek Mutual Water Co.
Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District

Craig Vereschagin	East Corning Basin P P
Mike Vereschagin	Orland-Artois Water District

**Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:**

Lance Boyd	PID/PCGID
Andrew Farrar	East Area
Kelly Staton	Department of Water Resources
Ben Pennock	Central Area
Kevin Backus	Glenn Co. Environmental Health
George Wilson	North Area

**Others in Attendance:**

John Amaro	Glenn Co. BOS
Tina Brothers	WAC/TAC Secretary
Eugene Massa Jr.	CBDD
Lester Messina	Glenn Co. Dept. of Agriculture
Dan Ramos	Capay Rancher
Rachelle Valverde	GCID

- I. INTRODUCTIONS: Those in attendance introduced themselves.
  
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from October 28, 2008 meeting were approved as mailed.
  
- III. AGENDA ITEMS:
  - A. **Public Comment:** None.

**B. Discussion & Action Items:**

- 1. Continued Discussion on Strategic Planning for Water Resources** – Ted mentioned there was pretty good discussion at the last meeting. It was agreed to bring it back for additional discussion. Lester informed the WAC that the packet was presented to the Glenn County Board of Supervisors on November 4, 2008. Due to not having all Board of Supervisors present it was continued to a latter date. Lester handed out the packet that was presented to the BOS and reminded everyone that it basically outlines options for ways of funding a strategic planning process for water resources outside the general fund. It was mentioned by a surface water irrigation district that he would like more information in writing on identifying levels of benefit which would not duplicate efforts already established.

After a lengthy discussion of the options a motion was made to write a letter in support of the BOS moving forward with countywide water resource planning however the WAC is requesting the BOS to fund this program through the General Fund. All were in agreement. Ted will write the letter and Lester is willing to present it at the BOS meeting on December 16, 2008.

Larry asked to request from the county information regarding current expenditures on water resources and an idea of projected expenditures. To give us an idea of what are the cost now, what man power is needed and the money for data loggers that needs replaced and continue to update our monitoring needs. Lester mentioned that information will be part of the discussion at the BOS meeting. Ted suggested getting those figures after the BOS meeting.

- 2. TAC Report on Fall Groundwater Levels**-Lester passed out two maps with the 2007 & 2008 Fall Sacramento Valley Groundwater Elevations along with DWR's fall groundwater contours for comparison. Lester mentioned these were presented at a Tehama County water resource meeting last week. Kelly provided some explanation on the map data. The data showed that all water levels in Glenn County have dropped 4 feet from last fall.

Lester passed out a spread sheet and reviewed it with the WAC regarding fall BMO's. Locally we have BMO's in two Private Pumper areas that utilize fall measurements for some of their BMO compliance and were measured in the late part of October 2008. Two of the wells are in Sub-area 9 are in Stage 2 and one well located at Lohse Mill is at a Stage 3. Lester explained that a stage 3 alert may be rescinded only if the spring measurements indicate that the groundwater surface elevation recovers to the previously established average spring BMO level. All three wells in Sub-area 10 are in stage 2 however they are close to being stage 3. This issue was discussed at the last TAC meeting and it was determined that we do not have enough information to come up with any level of adaptive management. The last time water levels were at these levels, it took 5 years to recover. Ben mentioned the need to look at trends of crops being planted. Lester is going to review the crop reports at the Ag Dept over the last ten years to figure out how much crops have increased because we need good data to make good decisions. Ben also mentioned the need for other data like population change and demand trends, etc. Lester pointed out that these are things that need to be done routinely and will be part of future water resource planning efforts.

These wells will be re-assessed in the spring.

- 3. Addition Item/Sub-Area Map**-At the sub-committee meeting for nominating a new WAC chairman, the committee requested a map showing all the sub areas and who was the WAC representative for that area. The maps were provided and discussed.

**C. Communications:** None.

**D. Member Reports:** None.

The next WAC Meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2009 at 1:30 pm. Subsequently it has been changed to February 18, 2009, same location.

The next TAC Meeting at this date has not been scheduled.

Adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Sincerely submitted by,

Tina Brothers  
WAC/TAC Secretary