

GLENN COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 11, 2014

Time: 1:30 pm

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

Water Advisory Committee Members Present:

Larry Domenighini	Glenn County Farm Bureau
Ken Sullivan	Orland Water Users Association
Mike Alves	TC Canal Authority Districts
Mark Lohse	At-large Private Pumper
Bruce Roundy	Resource Conservation District
David Alves	Central River Irrigation Districts
Sandy Willard-Denn	GCID

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Roy Hull	Department of Water Resources
Lance Boyd	At-large, South Area
Kevin Backus	GC Environmental Health
Anjanette Shadley-Martin	At-large, East Area
Jim Donnelly	Glenn County Ag Commissioner
Ben Pennock	At-large, Central Area

Water Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Mike Vereschagin	TC Canal Authority Districts
Darin Titus	At-large Private Pumper
Ted Trimble	Western Canal Water District
John Garner	At-large Private Pumper

Others in Attendance:

John D. Brooks	
Lisa Hunter	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Rich Warren	OES
Heather Hacking	Chico ER
Del Reimers	
David Toney	Glenn Co. Farm Bureau
Lisa Humphreys	Glenn Co. Farm Bureau
Will Martin	
John K. Viegas	BOS
Rosanna Marino	City of Willows, Cal Water
Matthew Gomes	Glenn Co. Planning & Public Works
Jeff Sutton	TCCA
Doug Ross	Valley Mirror
Pat Kennedy	GCID
Rick Massa	Ouwua
John Ayres	GEI Consultants
Brian Taylor	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Lester Messina	
Mike Billiou	

- I. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Those in attendance introduced themselves.

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Draft minutes from the December 10, 2013 meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve the minutes was initiated by Bruce Roundy; the motion was seconded by Sandy Willard Denn. The minutes were approved unanimously. Minutes for the previous meetings from July 8, 2014 and June 11, 2014 were not available.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. **Public Comment:** None.

B. **Discussion & Action Items:**

1. **Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, 2014/2015 term**

Bruce Roundy made a motion to retain the current Chairperson and Vice Chairperson (Larry Domenighini and Sandy Willard Denn, respectively); David Alves seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. **Update on member vacancies**

Lisa Hunter addressed the current vacancies on the Water Advisory Committee, which consist of one position for the East County Reclamation and Irrigation Districts and another representing At-Large Private Pumpers. Two positions on the TAC are also open, one for a member of Planning and Public Works and another for At-Large, North Area. Interested parties were encouraged to apply.

3. **Drought Conditions**

Both the county and the state as a whole recently declared a state of emergency due to the prolonged drought conditions. Both declarations were disseminated as attachments to the agenda packets. Discussion of the drought's impact on water supply and irrigation was incorporated into agenda item #4 (see below).

4. **Water/Irrigation Districts**

Pat Kennedy discussed the submission of a CEQA emergency exemption submitted by the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and the district's intention to sell groundwater to distressed orchard owners within the district. Approximately 250 acre-feet have been pumped. There were also some water transfers into GCID totaling approximately 1500 acre-feet. Rick Massa from the Orland Unit gave updates regarding the water levels and inflow rates of the Stony Gorge and East Park Reservoirs, both of which were well below capacity. Jeff Sutton from the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority discussed the upcoming allocation announcement from the Bureau of Reclamation, which is predicted to be 0%, and the expectations that a large amount of annual crops in the region will not be planted in the upcoming year in response to the limited water supply. Others that provided updates include Anjanette Shadley Martin for WCWD, Lance Boyd for PCGID and PID, and Mike Alves for Glide and Kanawha.

5. **Reports**

a) TAC Report: There were no updates from the Technical Advisory Committee at this time.

b) Paso Robles Groundwater Basin –San Luis Obispo County: Brian Taylor summarized the groundwater supply issues currently being experienced by San Luis Obispo County and the county's efforts at mitigating the problem, in contrast to local groundwater issues and management strategies.

c) Western Glenn County Ad Hoc Committee Draft Report: A draft copy of the Ad Hoc Committee's report, which was delivered to the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 4th, was included in the agenda packets. A brief summary of the general topics was given by Larry Domenighini, which included discussion of modeling, cost and recharge studies, the need for surface water use to supplement groundwater use and increased coordination, outreach and education, a recapitulation of existing Basin Management Objectives and a description of the data collected thus far regarding the "area of concern" in the western portion of the county. Potential county governance options were also reviewed. Ideas were discussed including economics, coordination, funding mechanisms, well drilling moratorium complications and well permits, recharge studies, and groundwater and surface water modeling. Lisa Hunter requested comments on the draft report be sent to her.

6. Other Topics of Interest

An update was provided regarding an Abnormal Groundwater Level Report from 2012 and current well issues for the individual. It is anticipated that more Abnormal Groundwater Level Reports will be received this year.

An announcement was made at the end of the meeting that Term 91 restrictions have been lifted until March 15th.

C. Communications: None

D. Member Reports: None

The next WAC meeting was tentatively scheduled for June or July. The next TAC meeting has not been scheduled. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.