

GLENN COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 10, 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
Ted Trimble	Western Canal Water District
Bruce Roundy	Resource Conservation District
David Alves	Central River Irrigation Districts
Sandy Willard-Denn	GCID
Ken Sullivan	Orland Water Users Association
Mike Vereschagin	TC Canal Authority Districts

Water Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Darin Titus	At Large Private Pumper
John Garner	At Large Private Pumper
Mike Alves	TC Canal Authority Districts
Mark Lohse	At Large Private Pumper
Rob Vlach	At Large Private Pumper

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Leigh McDaniel	Glenn Co. Board of Supervisors
Anjanette Shadley Martin	East Area
Kevin Backus	Glenn Co. Environmental Health
John Brooks	North Area

Others in Attendance:

Matt Gomes	Glenn Co. Planning & Public Works
Lisa Hunter	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Brian Taylor	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Caryn Brown	Black Butte MHP
Del Reimers	
Chris Privitera	GCID
Zac Dickens	GCID
Carol Perkins	Butte Environmental Council
Barbara Hennigan	BSBAGU
Christina Buck	Butte County
Jeff Sutton	TCCA
Lester Messina	

- I. INTRODUCTIONS: Those in attendance introduced themselves.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Draft minutes from the previous meetings on July 8, 2013 and May 6, 2014 were unanimously approved as submitted by members present.
- III. AGENDA ITEMS:
 - A. **Public Comment:** Barbara Hennigan addressed the group regarding a mapping project derived from interviews with long-term residents of the county that she believes will help to find out what the baseline for the Sacramento River used to be. She distributed her contact information for those that are interested in participating.

B. Discussion & Action Items:

1. Update on member vacancies

In May, the Board of Supervisors appointed Robert Vlach to the WAC and John Brooks to the TAC, as per the WAC's recommendation. The TAC is now fully staffed and the WAC has one remaining vacancy for the East County Reclamation and Irrigation Districts.

2. Drought Conditions Update

a) Water/irrigation district update: The various districts provided updates to their current situations. Most of the conditions remain similar from the previous month's report. Many districts along the TCCA are transferring water into their districts at high costs. County-wide, water conservation and minimum spill are being encouraged. Some common landowner transfers have occurred. No transfers have triggered the Export Water Transfer Guidelines.

b) Consider request for information-survey: A request was made to provide the WAC with information regarding the number of fallowed acres in an attempt to quantify the total number. The current estimate is that approximately 80,000 acres are fallow throughout the TCCA. A survey will be developed for dissemination to the water districts.

3. Reports

a) TAC Report: The TAC met June 3. The TAC is currently working to revise the Basin Management Objectives, and is intending to meet more frequently in an attempt to bring revisions to the WAC by the end of the year.

b) Ad Hoc Committee Report: the Ad Hoc Committee has not met since the previous WAC meeting. The Report and Action List were presented to and approved by the Board of Supervisors in May. A priority item for the upcoming meetings will be focused on the groundwater modeling efforts. The committee will tentatively meet in July.

c) Association of California Water Agencies and California Water Foundation Reports: Ms. Hunter presented a slideshow contrasting the recent ACWA and CWF reports. Though both reports were similar, there were significant distinctions concerning the definition of sustainable groundwater use, the structure of local groundwater management, and the role of the state in local management. Both reports are available online.

C. Communications: None discussed.

D. Member Reports:

There was some discussion concerning the sustainability of fixed regulatory costs imposed on landowners if the current agricultural economy were to decline, and the undesirability of adjudication to resolve local conflict. There was also some discussion of how to address gaps in local monitoring efforts, and the structure of local groundwater regulatory efforts in adjacent counties relative to the regulatory efforts in Glenn County.

IV. NEXT MEETINGS: The next WAC meeting will be scheduled at a later date. The next TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-July. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.