

# GLENN COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Time: 1:30 pm

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

### Water Advisory Committee Members Present:

Sandy Willard-Denn	GCID
Larry Domenighini	Glenn County Farm Bureau
Mark Lohse	Private Pumper
Mike Vereschagin	TC Canal Authority Districts
Ken Sullivan	Orland Water Users Association
Mike Alves	TC Canal Authority Districts
Rob Vlach	Private Pumper

### Water Advisory Committee Members Absent:

David Alves	Central River Irrigation Districts
Bruce Roundy	Resource Conservation District
Del Reimers	Private Pumper
Terry Bressler	East County Rec & Irr Districts
Ted Trimble	Western Canal Water District
Darin Titus	Private Pumper

### Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Ben Pennock	At-Large, Central Area
Anjanette Shadley	At-Large, East Area
John Brooks	At-Large, North Area

### Others in Attendance:

Lisa Hunter	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Mary Fahey	Colusa County
Barbara Hennigan	BSBAGU
Michael Billiou	Private
Geoff Fulks	Cal Water
Zac Dickens	GCID
Sharron Ellis	Orland Farmer
George Pendell	Stony Creek
Jason Beauchamp	Glenn County Ag Dept.
Doug Ross	Valley Mirror
Michael Larsen	Kearns & West
Bob O'Sullivan	
Erin Smith	DWR

## I. INTRODUCTIONS:

Those in attendance are shown above.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. The minutes from the February 10, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

## III. AGENDA ITEMS:

### A. Public Comment:

None.

### B. Discussion & Action Items:

#### 1. Update on member vacancies

The Board of Supervisors appointed Del Reimers as an at-large private pumper representative at the June 2, 2015 meeting. There are no vacancies at this time.

## 2. Reports

- a) **TAC**—The TAC has not met since the last WAC meeting. The TAC has an ad hoc committee working on BMO revisions. The ad hoc committee will be meeting soon in order to review the work being done.
- b) **Education/Outreach Committee**—The outreach meetings were held in February/March in Willows, Orland, and Ord Bend. The meetings were well attended with over 200 attendees total. Topics included WAC history, hydrology, and new state laws with a question/answer portion following with good participation. In addition to these meetings, Larry Domenighini and Lisa Hunter also provided a presentation to the Glenn County Rangeland Association in Elk Creek reaching an additional 30-35 people. Mr. Domenighini recommended holding another set of outreach meeting next winter.
- c) **Legislation Committee**—The legislation committee has not met since last winter. The committee was originally formed to help gather the information to provide an update on the groundwater legislation to the Board of Supervisors. The WAC held discussion regarding the role of the committee. The committee members were adjusted to include Larry Domenighini, Sandy Denn, Mark Lohse, David Alves, and Anjanette Shadley. Sharron Ellis also requested to be included in the meetings. The committee will remain in place to discuss issues that may come up.

## 3. DWR update

Erin Smith provided an update on spring 2015 groundwater levels. Her presentation included the water year index from 1971 to 2014, the Northern Sierra Precipitation: 8-station index, spring 2015 contour maps, and groundwater change maps indicating the change in groundwater between the spring of 2004 to 2015, 2011 to 2015, and 2014 to 2015. She also highlighted the DWR groundwater website. The presentation will be made available on the WAC website.

## 4. Review Spring BMO conditions

Lisa Hunter reviewed the handouts provided. Spreadsheets and maps were included depicting both the current BMO configuration, and the new proposed BMO configuration. Sixty-three wells are considered BMO wells. Eleven wells are in a stage 3 alert. Sixteen wells are in a stage 1 or 2. Wells with no measurement were not included in the count of wells in a stage alert.

Anjanette Shadley shared that Western Canal Water District in coordination with DWR is taking additional groundwater measurements this year.

A discussion took place regarding the proposed BMO areas that the WAC previously approved. Some members would like to see more discussion regarding these areas.

## 5. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

The scope of work included in the agenda packet was briefly reviewed. The Board of Supervisors approved the scope of work for Kearns and West funded by the California Water Foundation in March. The purpose of the work is to provide facilitation in Glenn and Colusa Counties in the Colusa subbasin for SGMA governance. The work is being conducted by a neutral third party facilitator.

Michael Larsen, from Kearns and West provided an overview of the facilitation process and further clarified the purpose of the scope of work and the role of Kearns and West.

The WAC reviewed the status of potential GSAs within the County area. Currently, PID, PCGID, Kanawha and Glide Water Districts have elected to become GSAs. OAWD will consider GSA options at their next meeting. The City of Orland will hold a public hearing at their next meeting. Garner Law Firm provided a letter advising of a potential private pumper group GSA. GCID is considering their options and will be preparing to hold a public hearing. OUWUA and Cal Water (Willows and Hamilton City) do not qualify to become stand-alone GSAs under the current law, but would like to participate in the process. Western Canal is in the process of reviewing their options. Glenn County will have a discussion with the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting in order to discuss options, receive comments, and hear direction from the Board. City of Willows has not yet discussed their options. Their preference at this time would be to have Cal Water participate for the city.

Anjanette Shadley provided an update on activities within Butte County. Mary Fahey provided an update on Colusa County progress.

**6. Drought**

District representatives and private pumpers shared current drought challenges, responses, and impacts to their operations.

**7. Meeting schedule**

The WAC is required to meet 3 times per year. The last few years the group has met about 5 times per year. The WAC held discussion regarding a meeting schedule. The next meeting will be held November 10.

**8. Other Topics of Interest**

Larry Domenighini reminded the WAC that according to the bylaws, a new chairman and vice chairman will need to be selected for the 2016/2017 term.

The WAC should provide an update to the Board of Supervisors as required in the ordinance. Send suggestions for topics to be included to Larry or Lisa.

**C. Communications:**

None discussed.

**D. Member Reports:**

None.

**IV. NEXT MEETINGS:**

The next WAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 10, 2015. The next TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 2015. The date for this meeting has yet to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.