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MINUTES

GLENN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 09, 2017

8:30 A.M.

720 NORTH COLUSA STREET, WILLOWS, CA 95988

Director Members Present:		Agency Representing:	
<b>X</b>	John Viegas	County of Glenn	
	Pete Carr	City of Orland	
	Gary Hansen	City of Willows	
	George Nerli	Glide Water District	
<b>X</b>	John Amaro	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District	
<b>X</b>	Charles Schonauer	Orland-Artois Water District	
<b>X</b>	Randy Hansen	Kanawha Water District	
<b>X</b>	Gary Enos	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District	
Alternate Members Present:			
	Vince Minto	County of Glenn	
<b>X</b>	Bruce Roundy (9:50)	City of Orland	
	Evan Markey	City of Willows	
<b>X</b>	Leslie Nerli	Glide Water District	
	Thaddeus Bettner	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District	
<b>X</b>	Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District	
	Wade Danley	Kanawha Water District	
	Lance Boyd	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Members Present:			
<b>X</b>	Ed Vonasek	City of Orland	
	Andrea Jones	Orland-Artois Water District	
<b>X</b>	Michael Alves	Kanawha Water District	

Others in attendance:

Erin Smith, DWR; Lisa Hunter, Glenn County; Sharla Stockton, Glenn County; Dave Ceppos, CCP; Bill Vanderwaal, RD 108

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call
- c. Introductions

John Amaro called the meeting to order at 8:34 A.M. The pledge of allegiance was recited, roll call was taken as indicated above, and those in attendance were invited to introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 13, 2017

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: Randy Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

- b. Review and approve agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion: Gary Enos, Second: Charles Schonauer, Vote: Unanimous

3. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. PRESENTATION- SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Dave Ceppos is a facilitator with the Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP) with Sacramento State University. Mr. Ceppos stated CCP will be providing facilitation support services for several subbasins throughout the state, including the Colusa Subbasin. The support is funded through contracts with the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources. He reviewed the Glenn SGMA Workgroup process he facilitated which took place prior to the formation of the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) and outlined the presentation. He also mentioned that this facilitation will be forward looking with the past being left behind.

Mr. Ceppos summarized legislative goals, key milestones, and definitions of SGMA. Related to key milestones, he discussed the current Project Solicitation Package which is out in final form with a submission date of November 13, 2017. Basin Boundary Modification request period is tentatively projected for January 1, 2018. He added this will likely directly affect the West Butte Subbasin. There will be ongoing coordination between the three counties and other GSAs which have a shared responsibility for determining those boundaries, which will in turn affect neighboring subbasins, such as the Colusa Subbasin. Erin Smith suggested that members review the boundary legal description. The Basin Boundary Modification request period can be used to clarify boundaries. Mr. Ceppos also reviewed the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Regulations including sustainable management criteria, monitoring, project and management actions, management areas, sustainability indicators, and engagement of stakeholders. There was closing discussion on potential funding mechanisms, Proposition 218, stakeholder involvement, and outreach.

5. STAFF UPDATES

Lisa Hunter updated the group regarding ethics training compliance. A link to the training was included in the handout for Directors/Alternates still requiring the training. She reminded Directors/Alternates to complete and submit the required FPPC Form 700. She added the first invoice went out to the GGA member agencies which includes the first and second quarter payments. The California Secretary of State documents have been filed with the county and the task

is complete. Most members have completed their Oath of Office that was administered September 28. Any remaining Directors/Alternates will be contacted by Ms. Hunter.

## 6. COMMITTEE UPDATES

### a. Executive Committee

#### i. CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee

Ms. Hunter reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet. The CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committee met September 22, 2017. This was a general coordination meeting which included discussion on general activities, facilitation support services for the Colusa Subbasin, and several recommendations which will be discussed in later agenda items. Proposition 218 was also discussed and it was determined that both agencies would like to have legal counsel in place before moving forward.

### b. Budget Ad Hoc Committee

The Budget Ad Hoc Committee has not met and will be discussed later in the agenda.

### c. Legal Counsel Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Hunter stated the RFP was finalized, mailed, and emailed to 13 individuals. The submittal deadline is October 23. Some firms have indicated interest in responding to the RFP. The Legal Counsel Ad Hoc Committee anticipates having a recommendation for the GGA Board's consideration at the November 13 meeting. Colusa County is also going through the same process.

### d. GGA/CGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Hunter stated this committee is working with the CGA Technical Committee to discuss the Proposition 1 grant application and the Water Budget RFP. These items will be discussed under later agenda items.

## 7. CONSIDER DISSOLVING THE BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE

There was some discussion regarding the Budget Ad Hoc Committee having served its purpose. The budget has been approved by the GGA. Additional comments suggested that the committee could be reinstated in the future if needed. There was a motion to dissolve the Budget Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion: Leslie Nerli, Second: Gary Enos, Vote: Unanimous

## 8. PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION FOR COLUSA SUBBASIN GSP DEVELOPMENT

### a. Recommendation to amend the cost share for the preparation of the Proposition 1 Grant application from not to exceed \$5,000 to not to exceed \$8,000 without prior approval.

Ms. Hunter stated this item was added to the September 13 agenda as an emergency item. The \$5,000 was an initial estimate and once the scope of work was put together it was determined that \$8,000 would be a more accurate estimate. Item 8.a. was moved to be approved as submitted.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: Leslie Nerli, Vote: Unanimous

- b. Recommendation from the CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committees to designate the Colusa Groundwater Authority as the applicant for the Proposition 1 Grant Application for Colusa Subbasin GSP Development.

Ms. Hunter stated in order to submit the grant application, a single applicant must be designated. CGA has agreed to be the applicant. Applicant responsibilities have been coordinated and spread out regionally to maximize funding for all shared subbasins. There was some concern regarding DWR requesting a 3 year financial history which has been a requirement in the past. Some clarification was received that DWR will not be requesting that due to the nature of GSAs being new and not having financial history. There was a motion to approve the CGA to be designated as the grant applicant for the Colusa Subbasin. Motion: Charles Schonauer, Second: Randy Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

- c. Recommendation from the CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committees to authorize the County of Colusa to administer the Proposition 1 Grant for Colusa Subbasin GSP Development if awarded.

Ms. Hunter added this is similar to the item above in that a grant administrator must be designated in the application. Colusa County has volunteered to take on this responsibility. A motion was made to approve the item as submitted. Motion: Leslie Nerli, Second: Charles Schonauer, Vote: Unanimous

- d. If Item 11.b and Item 11.c are approved, authorize Board Chairman to develop and sign a letter supporting designated applicant and administrator.

Ms. Hunter stated in item 8.d., the Item 11.b and 11.c. should be corrected to 8.b. and 8.c. respectively. A support letter from partner agencies make the grant application strong and demonstrates agreement and coordination on work within the basin. There was a motion to authorize the chairman to develop and sign a letter of support and to note the changes to the agenda item changing 11.b and 11.c to 8.b and 8.c. Motion: John Viegas, Second: Randy Hansen, Vote: Unanimous

- e. Authorize the GGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee to provide all necessary information for submittal of the grant application and execution of a grant agreement and grant authority to the GGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee to review, comment, and approve the draft proposal.

Leslie Nerli thanked the ad hoc committee members for their work. The committee members are John Viegas, Emil Cavagnolo, and Michael Alves. A motion was made to authorize the GGA Technical Ad Hoc committee to provide all necessary information for the grant application and authorize the GGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee to review, comment, and approve the draft proposal. Motion: Gary Enos, Second: Charles Schonauer, Vote: Unanimous

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER JOINT WATER BUDGET REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- a. Recommendation from the CGA/GGA Joint Executive Committees to review and provide comments on draft RFP.

Ms. Hunter reviewed the information in the agenda packet. The CGA/GGA Joint Technical Committee is working on this item. The CGA has approved developing and issuing the RFP. It would be helpful to conduct this work jointly basin-wide. A basin-wide approach provides cost efficiencies as well as coordinated technical data. The Joint Executive Committee has also discussed this item and has agreed to move forward with this approach. This item is incorporated into the 2017/2018 budget or could be included in the grant funding if the group chooses that option.

John Viegas added his thanks to Mr. Vanderwaal and the committee for their work on the RFP. He read the document and felt it was sufficient and had no further comment.

No additional comments were heard.

- b. Authorize the GGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee to coordinate with the CGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee to issue the RFP after further review and comment.

There was a motion to authorize the GGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee to coordinate with the CGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee on issuing the RFP after review and comment.

Motion: Leslie Nerli, Second: John Viegas, Vote: Unanimous

- c. Authorize the GGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee, or a portion thereof, to participate as part of the Selection Subcommittee to review proposals and bring a recommendation to the GGA Board.

There was a motion to approve Item 9.c. as submitted.

Prior to the vote, Bill Vanderwaal encouraged any members that may be interested in reviewing the RFP to speak up. John Amaro asked the group if there was any interest from other members to review the RFP. Mr. Vanderwaal added he would provide guidelines for reviewing the RFP and it would be beneficial if some directors could be a part of the review process.

Leslie Nerli showed interest in participating. There are currently three committee members in the Technical Ad Hoc Committee. Only one additional member can be added. Ed Vonasek also showed interest.

The motion was amended to authorize Item 9.c. with the addition of Ed Vonasek.

Motion: John Viegas, Second: Gary Enos, Vote: Unanimous

The Water Budget/HCM Selection Subcommittee will consist of Mike Alves, Emil Cavagnolo, Ed Vonasek, and John Viegas. It was further clarified those members mentioned are the Selection Committee members, not the agency in which they represent.

- d. Provide further direction to GGA Technical Ad Hoc Committee and Program Manager as necessary.

Ms. Hunter asked if there was any additional direction the GGA would like to give to the Technical Ad Hoc Committee before they come back with a final recommendation. There were no additional comments or recommendations from the GGA members.

#### 10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FORMING A SUBCOMMITTEE TO COORDIANTE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY ON A PROPOSITION 1 GRANT PROPOSAL FOR MULTI-BENEFIT GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT CREATION

Ms. Hunter reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet. This item was brought forward by a representative from GCID who was contacted the The Nature Conservancy (TNC). CGA has formed a subcommittee to review this potential opportunity. She recommended having a subcommittee from the GGA coordinate with the CGA subcommittee and to learn more about this project prior to deciding whether to provide support for the project. The Joint Executive Committee has also discussed this opportunity.

Mr. Amaro asked the group if they wanted to form a subcommittee. He offered the idea of having the Executive Committee take on this task rather than form a new subcommittee. It was further clarified that after more information is brought back, a subcommittee could be formed or passed to another committee such as the Technical Ad Hoc Committee.

Dave Ceppos added there is a big push to operationalize this multi-benefit, recharge theme by legislation with state funding.

By consensus it was decided that the Executive Subcommittee would take this task on rather than forming another subcommittee.

#### 11. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Bruce Roundy commented he has a standing meeting conflict with the GGA meetings. LAFCO meets the second Mondays at 9:00 AM which he must attend. It was requested to agendize discussion and potential changes to the meeting schedule for the next GGA meeting.

#### 12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

#### 13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 10:35 A.M.