



Joint Colusa Groundwater Authority and Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

Special Meeting Agenda

April 19, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.

GGA Primary Location: 225 North Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988

CGA Primary Location: 100 Sunrise Blvd., Colusa, CA 95932

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions

2. Period of Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may address the Board Members regarding items that are not on the agenda but are of relevance. The Boards may not act on items not on the agenda.

3. 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing: Adoption of the Revised Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

- a. **Conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the Revised Colusa Subbasin GSP.**
- b. ***CGA Action: Consider adoption of the Revised Colusa Subbasin GSP.**
- c. ***GGA Action: Consider adoption of the Revised Colusa Subbasin GSP.**

4. Member Reports and Comments

5. Adjourn

A complete agenda packet, including back-up information, is available for inspection during normal business hours at 1213 Market Street, Colusa, CA 95932 or 225 N. Tehama St., Willows, CA 95988. The full agenda

packet can also be found on the CGA and GGA websites: [Agendas and Minutes 2023 | Colusa Groundwater Authority \(CGA\)](#)
<https://www.countyofglenn.net/government/departments/planning-community-development-services/water-resources/glenn-groundwater-authority/meetings>

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Staff Report

To: CGA-GGA Joint Board

Agenda Item: 3. Public Hearing: Adoption of the Revised Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

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Background

On October 26, 2023, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) issued a letter informing the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) of its determination of the Colusa Subbasin GSP to be “incomplete”. The letter outlined specific deficiencies and recommended corrective actions which include:

- a) Re-evaluation of the overdraft conditions in the Subbasin using the most recent data, and include projects and management actions to mitigate overdraft;
- b) Providing a more detailed explanation and justification of the sustainable management criteria for groundwater levels, particularly minimum thresholds and measurable objectives, and quantify the effects of those criteria on beneficial uses; and
- c) Providing a more detailed explanation and justification of sustainable management criteria, monitoring method, and projects and management actions related to land subsidence.

The consultant team (Davids Engineering) has been retained to complete the Colusa Subbasin GSP Revisions to address the identified deficiencies. Throughout the GSP revision process, the consultant team provided presentations and there was robust discussion and input on the identified deficiencies from the GSAs, committees, and members of the public. The CGA/GGA Joint TAC provided recommendations to the GSA Boards and Consultation Meetings were held with DWR, which also guided the GSP revision process. The CGA and GGA Board met jointly to reach consensus on various components and the direction of the GSP revisions in an open and transparent manner. The consultant team will review a summary of the Colusa Subbasin GSP revisions.

Pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4, a notice was sent on January 9, 2024 (GGA) and January 11, 2024 (CGA) to cities and counties within the area of the proposed plan. There were no requests for consultation meetings by the cities or counties.

The Revised Colusa Subbasin GSP is being presented for consideration of adoption and is available for review at: <http://colusagroundwater.org>, or <https://www.countyofglenn.net/glenngroundwaterauthority/RevisedColusaGSP2024>

A printed copy can be reviewed at the Glenn County Planning and Community Development Services Agency lobby located at 225 North Tehama Street in Willows or the Colusa County Community Development Department, located at 1213 Market Street in Colusa.

Recommendation

1. Convene a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the Revised Colusa Subbasin GSP
2. CGA Action: Approve the Revised Colusa Subbasin GSP.
3. GGA Action: Approve the Revised Colusa Subbasin GSP.

Attachments

- Presentation (will be distributed under separate cover)
- Notice to Cities and Counties
- Legal Notice: newspaper publication

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The GSP, originally adopted by the Glenn Groundwater Authority on December 14, 2021 and the Colusa Groundwater Authority on December 13, 2021, was submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by January 31, 2022 in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). DWR completed its review, and by letter dated October 26, 2023 determined the GSP to be incomplete and identified corrective actions that must be completed within 180 days of the determination.

A public hearing will be held in April 2024 to consider the adoption of the amended GSP. The Colusa Groundwater Authority will provide a separate NOI with their public hearing schedule.

Pursuant to SGMA, representatives from the Glenn Groundwater Authority are available to provide consultation with and receive comments on the GSP from your organization should consultation be requested. Consultation can be arranged by contacting Lisa Hunter at LHunter@countyofglenn.net or 530.934.6540. Comments may also be provided in writing to 225 N. Tehama St., Willows, CA 95988.

Sincerely,



Lisa Hunter
Program Manager
Glenn Groundwater Authority

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ADOPTION OF THE
AMENDED COLUSA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
BY THE COLUSA GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4 and Government Code section 6066, the Colusa Groundwater Authority shall hold a public hearing at 100 Sunrise Blvd, Colusa, CA 95932 at 10:00 a.m. on April 19, 2024 to consider adoption of the Amended Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The GSP was developed pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (CA Water Code, Section 10720 et seq.) for the Colusa Subbasin (Groundwater Subbasin Number: 5-021.52) and provides information regarding the subbasin geology, hydrology and water supplies; the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies; establishment of sustainable management criteria and monitoring networks; and programs and projects to be developed and implemented to achieve groundwater sustainability by 2042. Comments received prior to and during the public hearing will be considered by the Colusa Groundwater Authority prior to adoption of the proposed GSP. A copy of the Final GSP will be located online by April 16, 2024 at: <https://www.colusagroundwater.org>. A printed copy will be available for public review during regular business hours by April 16, 2024 at the County of Colusa Community Development office, 1213 Market St, Colusa, CA 95932.

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SUSTAINABILITY PLAN BY THE GLENN GROUNDWATER
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