



Joint Colusa Groundwater Authority and Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

Special Meeting June 13, 2025 | 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 225 North Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988

Alternate Meeting Locations:

244 SE Piper Dr., Holt, MO 64048 | 344 E. Laurel Street, Willows, CA 95988 | 6589 Harrington Ave,
Arbuckle, CA 95912 | 975 Wilson Bend Road, Grimes, CA 95950

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Colusa Groundwater Authority:

| Director Members Present: | Alternate/2 nd Alternate Directors | Agency Representing: |
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| Janice Bell | | County of Colusa |
| Jeremy Cain | Jesse Cain | City of Colusa |
| X Kate Dunlap | Alfred Sellers, Jr. | City of Williams |
| Blake Vann | X Jeff Sutton | Glenn Colusa Irrigation District |
| X Frank Nobriga (online) | X Shelly Murphy | Colusa County Water District |
| Zach Dennis | Mike Urkov | Westside Water District |
| X Jered Shipley | | Provident Irrigation District |
| X Hilary Reinhard | Lewis Bair | Reclamation District 108 |
| Derrick Strain | Vacant | Reclamation District 479 |
| Jim Wallace | Lynell Pollock | Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company |
| * Deke Dormer (online as public) | | Private Pumper |
| Jeff Moresco | | Private Pumper |

Glenn Groundwater Authority:

| Director Members Present: | Alternate Directors | Agency Representing: |
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| Grant Carmon (arrived 2:30) | Tony Arendt | County of Glenn |
| X Brandon Smith | Vacant | City of Orland |
| Gary Hansen | Tavis Beynon | City of Willows |
| Matt Deadmond | X Vince Laufer | Glide Water District |
| X John Amaro | X Jeff Sutton | Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District |
| X Charles Schonauer | X Justin Dahl | Orland-Artois Water District |
| X Randy Hansen | Wade Danley | Kanawha Water District |
| X Mark Lohse | Seth Fiack | Monroeville Water District |
| X Jered Shipley | Gary Enos | Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District/ Provident Irrigation District |

Others in Attendance: Lisa Hunter (GGA), Carol Thomas-Keefer (CGA), Jeff Davids (Davids Engineering, Inc.), Katie Klug (Davids Engineering, Inc.), Valerie Kincaid (GGA Counsel), Thad Bettner, Shasta Banchio, Arne Gustafson, Mary Fahey, Maddie Munson, Hillary Pearson-Smith, Kamie Loeser, Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Merrilee Vanderwaal, Michael Parker (DWR), Ryan Fulton, Donald Bills; Jenny Scheer, Kellie Burt, Leanne Mord.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions (CGA Board and GGA Board)

GGA Vice Chair Amaro called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Attendance was noted above. A quorum of members was present for GGA; CGA did not have a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. *February 14, 2025 CGA/GGA Joint Board Meeting Minutes

On motion by Director Randy Hansen and seconded by Director Schonauer, the GGA Board approved the February 14, 2025 CGA/GGA Joint Board Meeting Minutes on the following vote:

AYES: Smith, Amaro, Schonauer, R. Hansen, Lohse, Shipley, Laufer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Carmon, G. Hansen

The CGA Board did not act on this item due to lack of a quorum.

3. Period of Public Comment

Vice Chair Amaro opened the floor to public comment for items not on the agenda. No public comment was received.

4. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Development

Ms. Lisa Hunter provided a brief overview, and Mr. Jeff Davids and Ms. Katie Klug, Davids Engineering, presented the following recommendations:

- a. Receive recommendations from CGA/GGA Joint Domestic Well Mitigation Ad Hoc Committee and discuss to reach a consensus on next steps.

Recommendations on program scope and funding requirements.

Recommendation 1: The well impacts analysis completed for the April 2025 Revised GSP (included in Appendix 5E) is deemed to be sufficient for planning purposes with respect to potential well impacts and associated mitigation costs.

Recommendation 2: The CGA and GGA should target \$4.5M in total funding for implementation of the Colusa Subbasin DWM (CSDWM) program across the entire Subbasin (total estimated program costs from April 2025 Revised GSP Appendix 5E). This is expected to cover the costs of mitigation (temporary and permanent measures) and program administration (estimated as 10% of mitigation costs).

Recommendation 3: For budget planning purposes, the CGA and GGA should aim to fully fund the CSDWM program (i.e., \$4.5 M) through a linear funding plan over a 10-year time horizon (i.e., \$450,000/year).

Recommendation 4: For budget planning purposes, the CGA should aim to raise sufficient funds to cover 45% of the total CSDWM program costs, and the GGA should aim to raise sufficient funds to cover 55%. This split corresponds to the estimated proportion of estimated well impacts in each GSA if groundwater levels drop to the minimum thresholds (from April 2025 Revised GSP Appendix 5E).

Recommendation 5: The CSDWM program should track CGA and GGA contributions to a shared CSDWM program fund separately.

Recommendation 6: The CGA and GGA should split actual CSDWM program administrative costs equally (i.e., 50/50).

Recommendation 7: The CGA and GGA should account, track, and split actual CSDWM program mitigation costs by the actual location of the mitigation actions (i.e., within CGA or GGA).

Recommendation 8: The GSAs should reserve the right to adaptively adjust the annual funding of the CSDWM program within the 10-year period, as appropriate, to adequately fund actual mitigation and administration costs.

Recommendation 9: Annual funding for the CSDWM program should be reviewed through an annual review process conducted by Committee. Recommendations for adjustments to the annual funding amount should be provided to the GSA Boards by this Committee.

It was the consensus of the GGA Board and the CGA members present to accept the ad hoc committee's recommendations on DWM program scope and funding requirements.

Mr. Davids and Ms. Klug then reviewed the following recommendations on program administration: Recommendations on program administration.

Recommendation 1: The CSDWM program should have a single program manager or management entity (e.g., dedicated staff or a third-party consultant) for the entire Colusa Subbasin.

Recommendation 2: The GSAs should coordinate with the Counties to advertise and administer mitigation services through a single, united program from the perspective of the public ("one stop shop"). This should be facilitated through either a uniform program between the GSAs and Counties, or a planned coordination framework behind the scenes to provide that uniformity from the perspective of the public. This should involve a clear partnership between the GSAs and the Counties, likely with dedicated staff or third-party support (e.g., North Valley Community Foundation).

Recommendation 3: The GSAs should aim to consolidate CSDWM program implementation with County-led programs as much as possible (e.g., solicit opportunities to administer mitigation services through the County/Counties and for the GSAs to provide behind-the-scenes support and funding).

Recommendation 4: A Committee is suggested to guide CSDWM program administration and mitigation recommendations/actions at the GSA Board level.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the GGA Board and the CGA members present to accept the ad hoc committee's recommendations on DWM program administration. CGA directors noted that if the GSAs were to use staff for program administration, it should be at a minimum, with technical and other work provided through outsourcing.

5. Groundwater Demand Management Program Development

- a. Receive update on program development activities.

Ms. Hunter reported that the Demand Management ad hoc committees had not met since the end of April, and staff was working to develop a Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications for groundwater accounting systems.

6. *Approve Task Order #1173.05.03 between Davids Engineering, Inc. and Colusa Groundwater Authority in an amount not to exceed \$146,000 without prior approval. (CGA)

Action on this item was deferred due to lack of a quorum for the CGA Board.

7. *Approve sharing cost of Task Order #1173.05.03 between Davids Engineering, Inc. and Colusa Groundwater Authority in an amount not to exceed \$73,000 (50 percent of total cost) without prior approval. (GGA)

Action on this item was related to Item 6 and was deferred to a future meeting.

8. Colusa Subbasin Periodic Evaluation

a. *Direct Staff to Request Task Order from Davids Engineering, Inc. to complete the Colusa Subbasin Periodic Evaluation or provide direction on preferred next steps.

Ms. Hunter and Ms. Carol Thomas-Keefer noted that the Periodic Evaluation for the GSP must be prepared and submitted to DWR by January 2027 and recommended that the GSA boards consider requesting a task order for this work from Davids Engineering, since that consultant prepared the original and revised GSP and is most familiar with the Plan requirements and progress. The GGA board and CGA members present concurred and directed staff to request a task order from Davids Engineering. Grant Carmon arrived.

9. Review Meeting Schedule and Next Steps

Ms. Hunter reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for upcoming joint board meetings, and the GGA Board and the CGA members present generally agreed, although Vice Chair Amaro requested that directors be polled for a quorum in advance of the meetings.

10. Member Reports and Comments

None.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.