



CGA/GGA Joint Board Meeting Packet

May 15, 2026



Joint Colusa Groundwater Authority and Glenn Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

Special Meeting Agenda

May 15, 2026 | 1:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions
2. Period of Public Comment

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3. Groundwater Demand Management Program Development (pg. 5)
 - a. Receive update from staff, consultant team, and ad hoc committee members.
4. Discussion on Land Subsidence and approach to address GSP Recommended Corrective Action. (pg. 6)
5. Task Order review and discussion on potential extensions and amendments (pg. 8)
 - a. Davids Engineering, Inc. Task Order 1173.05.03 Colusa Subbasin GSP Implementation Support
 - b. Davids Engineering, Inc. Task Order 1178.08.01 Colusa Subbasin Water Accounting System - Phase I Development and Implementation
6. Review Meeting Schedule and Next Steps
7. Staff Reports

8. Member Reports and Comments
9. Colusa Groundwater Authority Adjournment
10. Glenn Groundwater Authority Closed Session
Gov't Code §54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Hollis E. Reimers, Trustee; Delbert J. Reimers, Trustee; Gwynn Turnbull; and B.I. Glenn, LLC vs. Glenn Groundwater Authority Glenn County Superior Court - Case Number 25CV00038
11. Report out from Closed Session
12. Glenn Groundwater Authority Adjournment

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Staff Report

To: CGA-GGA Joint Board

Agenda Item: 3. Groundwater Demand Management Program
Development

a. Receive update from staff, consultant team, and ad hoc committee members.

Date: May 15, 2026

Background

The CGA and GGA Groundwater Demand Management Ad Hoc Committees have been meeting jointly, generally with consultant support, to discuss and prepare recommendations to the GSAs on the development of a Groundwater Demand Management Program.

The ad hoc committees met May 14, 2026 (after posting the meeting materials). Staff, the consultant team, and ad hoc committee members will provide an update.

Ad Hoc Committee Members

CGA: Lewis Bair, Halbert Charter, Jeff Moresco, Jim Wallace

GGA: John Amaro (or Jeff Sutton), Mark Lohse (or Seth Fiack), Chuck Schonauer (or Justin Dahl)

Recommendation

1. Receive update from staff, consultant team, and ad hoc committee members.
2. Provide direction to staff, consulting team, legal counsel, and or committees as needed.

Attachments

- None

Staff Report

To: CGA-GGA Joint Board

Agenda Item: 4. Discussion on Land Subsidence and approach to address GSP Recommended Corrective Action

Date: May 15, 2026

Background

In April 2024, the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) and Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) submitted a Revised Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to address deficiencies identified by the Department of Water Resources. The 2024 GSP was approved by DWR in February 2025. The approval included a Recommended Corrective Action related to Land Subsidence as follows:

RECOMMENDED CORRECTIVE ACTION 3

The GSAs should address the following recommended corrective actions for the sustainable management criteria for subsidence by the next periodic evaluation:

- a) GSP Regulations require GSAs to describe potential effects on land uses and property interests that may occur from undesirable results. The GSAs should provide clear and detailed information showing and describing the infrastructure it has considered while establishing the undesirable result. Department staff recommend providing this information with maps and tables that identify specific infrastructure the GSAs have considered. Staff also recommend the GSAs collect formal correspondence from the agencies they contacted indicating the infrastructure's susceptibility or lack of susceptibility to subsidence. The GSAs should provide an explanation of how the Agencies have determined and considered land uses and property interests.
- b) Identify the spatial extent and rate with the spatial extent and cumulative limit of subsidence that represents an undesirable result in a manner that considers the beneficial uses and users, including the functional impacts to infrastructure.
- c) Identify the spatial extent and rate with the spatial extent and cumulative limit of subsidence that represents the minimum threshold in a manner that considers the beneficial uses and users and shows how the Agencies' rationale has considered those uses and interests, including the functional impacts to infrastructure.
- d) Redefine undesirable results conditions so that they occur with subsidence that substantially interferes with surface land uses and may lead to undesirable results, and manages the Subbasin to minimize or avoid subsidence.

e) Redefine conditions for Yellow- and Red-Light Triggers to take action so that the actions feasibly may prevent reaching an undesirable result condition, so that the GSAs may manage the Subbasin to minimize or avoid subsidence.

Staff, the consultant team, Counsel, and Board members will share updates and hold discussion relating to land subsidence in the Colusa Subbasin, approaches to address the Recommended Corrective Action, engagement with DWR, and other related topics.

Recommendation

1. Hold discussion and provide direction to staff, consulting team, legal counsel, and or committees as needed.

Attachments

- None

Staff Report

To: CGA-GGA Joint Board

Agenda Item: 5. Task Order review and discussion on potential extensions and amendments

a. Davids Engineering, Inc. Task Order 1173.05.03 Colusa Subbasin GSP Implementation Support

b. Davids Engineering, Inc. Task Order 1178.08.01 Colusa Subbasin Water Accounting System - Phase I Development and Implementation

Date: May 15, 2026

Background

Davids Engineering, Inc. Task Order 1173.05.03 Colusa Subbasin GSP Implementation Support

In April 2024, the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) and Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) submitted a Revised Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to address deficiencies identified by the Department of Water Resources. The Revised GSP includes commitments for the GGA and the CGA to develop and implement a Well Mitigation Program and a Demand Management Program for the Colusa Subbasin. These commitments are described in the GSP and in agreements between the GGA and CGA that are included as attachments to the GSP. GGA and CGA staff proposed holding a series of Joint Board workshops focusing on various aspects of developing these programs and supporting policy discussion, including hearing examples from relevant speakers and hearing public input.

In late 2024, the CGA requested a task order proposal from Davids Engineering to 1) support these workshops, since that consultant developed the GSP revisions and program components and also led discussions at previous GSP Joint Board workshops, and 2) assist in preparing new budgets for GSP planning and program implementation for use in fee development (specific to CGA). The Task Order was approved by the CGA at their October 22, 2024 meeting. The GGA approved contributing a 50 percent cost-share of the Task Order, excluding the CGA specific task relating to fee development at their December 10, 2024 meeting.

On June 13, 2025, at staff's request, the GSAs considered an additional task order to continue this support through December 2025 and include additional outreach support. The task order proposal included the following tasks:

1. Provide On-Call GSP Implementation Support (up to 10 workshops)
2. Support GSP Implementation Outreach Efforts
3. Provide Miscellaneous On-Call Support

4. (Optional) Produce Video Content to Support Outreach Efforts

Ultimately, the GSAs considered action at their respective GSA meetings. On June 24, 2025, the CGA approved the task order, including optional Task 4, in an amount not to exceed \$146,000. The GGA agreed to share the cost of this task order in an amount not to exceed \$73,000 (50 percent of the total cost) at their July 14, 2025 meeting.

At the September 19, 2025 joint meeting, the GSAs held discussion and ultimately agreed to put the outreach tasks on hold to allow the CGA to better define its budget.

At the December 19, 2025 joint meeting, staff recommended extending the agreement through June 30, 2026 (time extension only) with the understanding that the GSAs may need to consider an additional task order depending on additional scoping needs. With general agreement between the GSAs, the CGA approved the Task Order Amendment.

The current agreement ends June 30, 2026. Staff has communicated with Davids Engineering who indicated a willingness to continue to provide support until December 31, 2026. The GSP implementation support has been particularly helpful in preparing for ad hoc and joint board meetings, guiding and finalizing the Pilot Domestic Well Mitigation Program, and supporting Groundwater Demand Management Program discussions.

Prior to preparing a proposed Task Order Amendment, input is sought on the GSAs vision for the outreach task and potential additional funding to support the work.

Davids Engineering, Inc. Task Order 1178.08.01 Colusa Subbasin Water Accounting System - Phase I Development and Implementation

The CGA and GGA Groundwater Demand Management Ad Hoc Committees have been meeting jointly, generally with consultant support, to discuss and prepare recommendations to the GSAs on the development of a Groundwater Demand Management Program.

At the April 18, 2025 CGA-GGA Joint Board meeting, direction was given to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP)/Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an accounting system solicitation and to prepare an RFP/RFQ for remote sensing solicitation. Given the nature of an RFQ, the committees worked with GSA staff on the RFQ process without consultant support. The RFQ for a water accounting system was issued July 25, 2025. The joint ad hoc committee reviewed proposals and held interviews with select respondents. At the November 21, 2025 Joint Board Meeting, the GSAs approved the ad hoc committees' recommendation to select Davids Engineering, Inc. to negotiate a contract and scope of work.

Davids Engineering coordinated with staff and the joint ad hoc committee to present a proposal at the January 16, 2026 CGA-GGA Joint Board meeting. The proposal included two tasks summarized below:

- Task 1: Facilitate WAS Planning and Development Workshops (estimated cost \$35,500)
- Task 2: Perform Initial Data Assembly, Data Analyses, and Develop Draft Reports (estimated cost \$60,000)

In response to the joint ad hoc committee, the proposal included six workshops, which could include public outreach meetings in addition to ad hoc committee and joint board meetings, and deliverables to include draft water accounting reports.

The Task Order was approved by the GGA on January 16, 2026 and the CGA agreed to share the cost on a 50/50 basis.

The current agreement ends June 30, 2026. To provide consistency during Groundwater Demand Management Program development, staff recommend extending this agreement through December 31, 2026 (time extension only). Any other changes to the tasks, scope, or budget would be brought back to the GSAs for future consideration.

GDM Ad Hoc Committee Members

CGA: Lewis Bair, Kate Dunlap, Jeff Moresco, Frank A. Nobriga, Jim Wallace

GGA: John Amaro (or Jeff Sutton), Mark Lohse (or Seth Fiack), Chuck Schonauer (or Justin Dahl)

Following feedback on both Task Orders, staff envisions bringing any proposed changes to the individual GSAs for their consideration or bringing them to the next CGA-GGA Joint Board meeting.

Recommendation

1. Provide input on potential extension and amendment to the Davids Engineering, Inc. Task Order 1173.05.03 Colusa Subbasin GSP Implementation Support.
2. Provide input on potential extension and amendment to the Davids Engineering, Inc. Task Order 1178.08.01 Colusa Subbasin Water Accounting System - Phase I Development and Implementation.

Attachments

- None