

**COUNTY OF COLUSA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GROUNDWATER COMMISSION**  
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Matt LaGrande | Lorraine Marsh, Chair | Jeff Moresco | Bruce Rolen, Vice Chair | Darrin Williams  
**REGULAR MEETING NOTICE OF THE COLUSA COUNTY GROUNDWATER COMMISSION**

**Location: Colusa Farm Bureau Board Room** 520 Market Street, Colusa, CA 95932

**Date: December 10, 2015**

**Time: 10:00 a.m - Noon (Note New Time!)**

**Minutes**

**In attendance:**

Ben King

Glen Gordon, DWR

Roy Hull, DWR

Pat Vellines, DWR

Ami Bergstrom

Dennis Workman

Luke Steidlmayer

Bob Wallace, CDMWC

Michael Mitchell, City of  
Williams

Ben Carter, WUG member

John Garner

Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian

Community

Shelly Murphy, CCWD

Bryan Busch, RD 108

Pete Bradford, WUG  
member

Mary Fahey

Elly Gutierrez

**1. CALL TO ORDER** (*\*action item*)

Meeting called to order at 10:05am by Chair Lorraine Marsh

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

**b. Introductions**

**c. Roll Call**

Commissioners in attendance : Matt Lagrande, Lorraine Marsh, Jeff Moresco, Darrin Williams

Absent: Bruce Rolen

**d. \*Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion to accept Agenda as presented

Moved: Jeff Moresco

2<sup>nd</sup> : Darrin Williams

*Action: Accepted 4-0-1*

**e. \*Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2015**

Motion to accept Minutes from June 11, 2015 as presented

Moved :Darrin Williams

2<sup>nd</sup>. Jeff Moresco

*Action: Accepted 4-0-1*

**f. Period of Public Comment**

- I. Comment from public: landowner residing next to Colusa Basin Drain and off of River Road South of weir feels that the area west of CBD doesn't have enough data to assess that area.

Public member would like the Commission to segregate the Colusa County portion of the West Butte groundwater basin. He feels that the issues are different in Colusa than in Glenn and especially in Chico in Butte County.

- II. Comment from public: Concern on issue of “double dipping”; selling surface water and replacing with groundwater (groundwater substitution transfers). It seems unfair to neighbors and the community to those who depend on groundwater. Aquifers can only stand so much drawdown and we are finding our aquifer depleted.

Commissioner Williams: asks public member on issue regarding the data gaps where he feels the data is lacking. Brief discussion followed regarding data gaps.

## **2. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **a. Staff Report**

Mary Fahey reports that the Water Users Group canceled their November meeting because the information would have been the same as this meeting. Ms. Fahey encouraged WUG members to attend today’s GWC meeting.

Technical Support team: Ms. Fahey reports they have been meeting monthly and working on the well monitoring network. Roy Hull (DWR, Northern Region) continues to be very helpful gathering data to analyze current wells in the network.

Prop 1 funding: Proposition 1 Counties with Stressed Basins - opportunity for counties to apply for funding. Ms. Fahey has submitted an application for a project to provide a technical consultant to continue the work that the TST has started to develop a robust monitoring network within the County, and development of a data management program. These elements will be able to be incorporated into GSA and GSP development. The Data Management Program will be a much more formalized program that can be used by staff and incorporated into future GSP’s. Initial funding recommendations will be out in February. The consultant that will be hired will be working under direction of the TST. There will be regular reports to the commission. Colusa County was eligible for \$250,000. We applied for the full amount.

Groundwater Assessment: David’s engineering is working on County-wide GW assessment funded by the County of Colusa. Grant Davids is scheduled to present his findings at the Jan 12<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting prior to the BOS making a decision on the moratorium - whether to extend it or let it sunset.

SGMA: A public meeting is planned for January 11 and the first facilitated GSA working group meeting will be held January 19. Mary is working with the facilitator on meeting planning.

Discussion followed on whether to schedule a GW Commission meeting before the Board of Supervisors meeting. Ms. Fahey points out that the BOS meeting will be informational. No decisions will be made on Jan 12<sup>th</sup> but the BOS need to make a decision at the end of January. Ms. Fahey suggests the Commission attend that meeting and set a date for a Commission meeting in January.

## **3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (\*action item)**

### **a. SGMA Facilitation Update – Dave Ceppos, Sacramento State, Center for Collaborative Policy**

Mrs. Fahey introduces presenter Dave Ceppos. Mr. Ceppos provided a power point presentation. Mr. Ceppos is hired as Colusa County SGMA facilitator; DWR is providing his services to us to coordinate SGMA planning within Colusa County. Mr. Ceppos will be available to all the stakeholders in Colusa County including the Commission, GSA entities as well as private well owners.

*Highlights of presentation include a discussion of the work that CCP will be completing for Colusa County (the presentation can be found on the Colusa County Water Resources website):*

#### Background Preparation

Tasks: Review background materials

Conduct initial interviews with eligible GSA agencies: the entities that have already stated they are interested in becoming GSA's.

Interviews will be finished within the next week.

Prepare 90-Day Plan: this has already been done and is a living document. Mary can make this available.

Prepare initial strategy

#### Outreach and Education

Prepare education and outreach materials

Coordinate and facilitate local outreach and education meetings for agencies and private well owners

Attend meetings led by others

#### GSA Governance

Coordinate and facilitate public meetings about governance

Coordinate and facilitate meetings of several GSA eligible agencies

Conduct meetings with individual GSA eligible agencies

#### Coordinate with adjacent subbasins

Coordinate and facilitate SGMA coordination meetings between Subbasins and Counties

Question from Commissioner Marsh to Dave Ceppos: what are the next steps for Dave Ceppos:

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> is the kick-off public meeting.

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> will be the first GSA working group meeting.

There will be public notice of every meeting.

Mr. Ceppos is interested in getting a media campaign going before the Jan 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to get as many members of the public to attend.

### **b. DWR Update - Roy Hull, California Department of Water Resources**

Roy Hull presents the fall groundwater conditions update. *(the presentation can be found on the Colusa County Water Resources website):*

The last groundwater level measurements were taken in October. Mr. Hull's presentation will be focusing on Colusa County. DWR has been processing a lot of information to analyze the current monitoring grid.

Presentation highlighted Hydrographs and groundwater contours

Overall groundwater levels in Colusa have dropped 8' since 2011, in comparison with the entire Northern Sacramento Valley area that saw a drop of 10'. (Please see presentation for more information)

**c. \* Set 2016 Meeting Schedule; Suggested quarterly meeting dates (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) at 10:00 a.m., with special meetings as needed:**

Quarterly meeting dates for March June Sept and Dec.

June 9<sup>th</sup> is fair week. Chair Marsh requests a different time because that is the day of the sheep show. Push back a week to June 16<sup>th</sup>.

2016 regular meeting dates were set for March 10; June 16; September 8; December 8. All meetings will be held at 10 a.m.

**d. Commissioner Comments and Updates**

None

**e. Items for next agenda**

Suggestion is to go over the information from Grant Davids via email instead of discussing in a meeting before the BOS meeting.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Jeff Moresco

2<sup>nd</sup>: Darrin Williams

Action: Approved 4-0-1. Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Next Regular meeting date: Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.