



**COUNTY OF COLUSA**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT,**  
**WATER RESOURCES DIVISION**  
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**COLUSA COUNTY GROUNDWATER  
COMMISSION**

Darrin Williams, Dist. 1 | Deke Dormer, Dist. 2 | Matt LaGrande, Dist. 3 | Tom Charter, Dist. 4 | Jeff Moresco, Dist. 5

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Colusa Industrial Properties Conference Room  
100 Sunrise Blvd., Colusa, CA 95932

**Date:** April 4, 2018

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - Noon

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Williams opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, a Roll Call of Officers and introductions of others in attendance.

**Introductions**

Staff and public in attendance:

Mary Fahey, Colusa County Water Resources Manager

Tana Loudon, Colusa County Community Development Department

Tiffany Sines, Vann Brothers

Elaine Rominger, Arbuckle

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Williams, Dormer, Moresco and LaGrande(at 10:05 a.m.)

Commissioners Absent: Charter

**Approval of Minutes from the October 3, 2017 Meeting**

Motion: Commissioner Dormer moved to approve the October 3, 2017 Meeting minutes. Commissioner Moresco seconded. The motion passed 3-0 (2 absent).

Commissioner LaGrande arrives at 10:05 a.m.

**Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion: Commissioner Moresco moved to accept the agenda. Commissioner Dormer Seconded. The motion passed 4-0 (1 absent).

**Period of Public Comment**

Chair Williams opened the Period of Public Comment, hearing none the Period of Public Comment was closed.



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**Election of Officers**

Motion: Commissioner Moresco moved to retain Commissioner Williams as Chair and himself as Vice Chair. Commissioner Dormer Seconded. The motion passed 4-0 (1 absent).

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**Review of Groundwater Commission Bylaws**

Ms. Fahey provided a general review of the bylaws. She stated that setting the quarterly meetings and review of the annual goals are both on today's agenda. She added items will be added in future agendas allowing the Commission to better receive and address groundwater concerns and issues as well as serving as a forum for presenting and discussing groundwater information for the general public.

*Discussion was held regarding Reports to the Board. It was agreed upon by the Commissioners that the end of the year would be the best time for a Report to the Board.*

Ms. Fahey stated she will bring a Report to the Board to the Commission for review prior to going to the Board.

**Review and Adoption of Annual Statement of Goals and Objectives**

Ms. Fahey stated that these were similar to the previous ones with a few edits.

Commissioner Williams referenced Goal 3 and asked Ms. Fahey what she sees happening there.

Ms. Fahey replied that SGMA (Sustainable Groundwater Management Act) is taking on a lot of what the Commission would do. The GSA (Groundwater Sustainability Agency) is doing tech studies regarding groundwater recharge.

Commissioner Williams asked if the GSA could designate certain projects to us (the Commission) to allow the two bodies to work hand in hand.

Ms. Fahey replied that they could. Public outreach is important.

Commissioner Williams stated that the Commission could vet some of these projects.

Commissioner Moresco stated that this Commission would be the oversight of areas not in the CGA.

Ms. Fahey will consolidate Goals 3 and 4 and add language regarding assisting the CGA in recharge projects or other projects that could benefit the basin.

*Discussion was held regarding Goal 2 and coordination with the CGA. This discussion also included where to focus Public Outreach.*

Commissioner LaGrande stated that a newsletter is a good idea. It is hard to get people to meetings especially during the busy time of the year.



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Commissioner Dormer added that Social Media can reach a lot of people.

*Discussion was held regarding large public meetings versus smaller meetings in each community.*

Commissioner Dormer recommended partnering with the Sites Project on some outreach meetings.

Commissioner LaGrande agreed and stating it may produce better attendance.

Commissioner Dormer also suggested reaching out to the Family Water Alliance.

Ms. Fahey to add some language to Goal 2, Public Outreach.

## **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) Board Activities HCM/Water Budget and GSP Development**

Ms. Fahey stated the grant funding has come through. There is \$1 million dollars for GSP development for the Colusa Basin. David's Engineering will be developing a Hydrogeologic Model and Water Budget. They will get started in the next couple months. There is a big push for public outreach for this project.

## **Proposed Basin Boundary Modifications, West Butte Subbasin**

Ms. Fahey updated the Commissioners on the discussions surrounding basin modifications. RD 1004 wants to stay as a standalone GSA. The West Butte basin will most likely be absorbed into the East Butte basin with the western portion being pulled into the Colusa Basin.

*Discussion is held regarding RD 1004 becoming a standalone GSA.*

Ms. Fahey stated that the requests for basin modifications are due Jun 30, 2018.

## **Water Supply and Groundwater Conditions Update**

Ms. Fahey gave a brief update on allocations. It was a dry year but the reservoir conditions are good. Shasta is holding water back.

Commissioner Dormer stated that we may get 100% allocations but the timing could be an issue.

Ms. Fahey stated there is concern about domestic well outages this year.

Commissioner Williams added that domestic wells didn't recover well even after a wet year and he is concerned people will get familiar with blaming ag wells as the reason. Domestic wells and ag wells are drawing at different depths.

## **Set Quarterly Meeting Schedule; Next Meeting Date**

*Discussion was held.*



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The next meeting dates will be:  
July 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m.  
November 28, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

**Items for Next Agenda**

1. Legislative Update
2. Resolution in support of more water storage. (Ms. Fahey to draft Resolution.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next Regular meeting date: July 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.