

**COLUSA COUNTY**  
**WATER USERS GROUP (WUG)**  
**Meeting Minutes**

TCCA Area: Dan Ruiz, Tom Charter; Non Organized Areas: Peter Bradford, Richard Selover (**Vice Chair**), Ben Carter (Alternate)  
Cities & PUDs: Jesse Cain (Colusa), Greg White (Williams), Jim Scheimer (Arbuckle PUD) Sacramento River Settlement Contract  
Area: Sandy Denn (**Chair**), Doug McGeoghegan; RD 108: Bryan Busch

**Location: Colusa Industrial Properties Conference Room**

100 Sunrise Boulevard, Colusa, CA 95932

**Date: November 13, 2014**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER** *Meeting was called to order by Chair, Sandy Denn at 10:00 a.m.*

**a. Introductions**

- *In attendance:* Mary Fahey, CC Ag; Elly Gutierrez, CC Ag; Joe Carrancho, landowner; Suzie Dawly, CC Environmental Health; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Derick Strain, landowner; John Garner, CC Farm Bureau; Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Jim LaGrande, landowner

**b. Roll Call**

- *WUG Members in Attendance:* Dan Ruiz, Tom Chater, Pete Bradford, Richard Selover, Ben Carter, Jesse Cain, Greg White, Jim Scheimer, Sandy Den, Doug McGeoghegan
- *WUG Members not in Attendance:* Bryan Busch

**c. \*Acceptance of Agenda** *A motion made by Jesse Cain to accept Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Greg White. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved*

**d. \*Acceptance of Minutes of the August 21, 2014 WUG meeting** *Motion made by Richard Selover to accept the Minutes as presented. Seconded by Jim Shiner. Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.*

**e. Period of Public Comment** *There was none.*

**2. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

**a. Staff Report** *Mary Fahey announced her new position as Water Resources Coordinator through the Colusa County Ag Department, she will be working in this position full time.*

**i. Report on Groundwater Commission Activities** *Ms. Fahey reported that Darrin Williams has been appointed to the Groundwater Commission to replace Jim Erdman. Lorrain Marsh is the new Commission Chair and Bruce Rolen is the Vice Chair. The Commission adopted their Annual Goals and Objectives for the next year. The goals and objectives are available on the Water Resources website. DWR gave a presentation on Summer Groundwater measurements at the last Commission meeting and there will be another presentation on the fall groundwater measurements in December. There was also a GW legislation presentation from DWR at the last Commission meeting. All of the presentations are posted on the Water Resources website.*

**ii. Report on Technical Support Team Activities** *Ms. Fahey reports that the TST has a contract with Wood Rogers as a consultant but they are on hold until we work through the new Groundwater legislation to see where we can best utilize their services. DWR has been working on supplying data to help develop our monitoring network at no cost. They have supplied well frequency charts and hydrographs for 41 wells in the county that they monitor. TST and staff will review this data and focus on key wells to get an idea of what our conditions are. There is a Technical Support Team meeting tomorrow. There is also a part time staffer at the Colusa Ag Department that will be working on well mapping and looking at changes in number of wells over time.*

**3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**a. \* Discussion/Action - Groundwater Ordinance modifications/revisions** *Handout was given of the GW Ordinance with highlighted areas that are suggested changes.*

- i. Discussion on developing a clear process for groundwater substitution transfers by Spring, 2015** *Sandy Denn mentions the goal is to have language in place that will help the Commission process 2015 transfer requests. Discussion regarding the Ordinance ensued. Ms. Denn suggests having two more meetings to address in county transfers and drought year transfers. Richard Selover suggests creating ad hoc committees.*

*Three ad hoc committees were formed to address: 1. Out-of-county gw substitution transfer language; 2. Language for gw substitution transfers during drought conditions; 3. Administrative review of in-county groundwater substitution transfers. The following folks volunteered to participate:*

- 1.) Language for Administration Review of in-county Transfers- Volunteers:**  
*Sandy Denn, Ben Carter, Jeff Sutton, Mary Fahey (staff)*
- 2.) Drought year transfers- Volunteers:** *Doug McGeoghegan, Richard Selover, Sandy Denn, Jeff Sutton, Mary Fahey (staff)*
- 3.) Develop language for Out of County Transfers- Volunteers:** *Doug McGeoghegan, Sandy Denn, Jeff Sutton, Darrin Williams (volunteered by WUG members), Mary Fahey (staff)*

*Mary Fahey will contact the GW Commissioners to get at least one member to volunteer on each of the ad hoc committees. She will also solicit more WUG members, and will coordinate scheduling the three Ad Hoc committee meetings.*

- ii. \*Preliminary recommendations (from item i. above) to present to the Groundwater Commission at their December 11, 2014 regular meeting .** *The Ad Hoc Committees will work on this item and discussion will be held at the December Commission meeting*

**b. \*Set 2015 meeting dates** *Ms. Fahey will send out prospective dates for a January meeting. The 2015 meeting schedule will be discussed at the January WUG meeting.*

**c. Member Reports - WUG members are encouraged to discuss items that may be of interest to the group** *None*

**d. Next Meeting of the WUG** *(date and time to be determined in Discussion Item b.)*

**4. ADJOURNMENT** *Ben Carter made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Richard Selover. Vote was unanimous to adjourn meeting at 11:35 a.m.*