



COUNTY OF COLUSA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
GROUNDWATER COMMISSION
100 Sunrise Boulevard Suite F
Colusa, CA 95932

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**REGULAR MEETING NOTICE OF THE COLUSA COUNTY
WATER USERS GROUP (WUG)**

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: **May 19, 2015**

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

Meeting Agenda

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

- a. Introductions
- b. Roll Call
- c. *Acceptance of Agenda
- d. *Acceptance of Minutes from November 13, 2014, January 13, 2015, March 17, 2015
- e. Period of Public Comment

Any person wishing to address the WUG on any item not on today's Agenda may do so at this time. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. The WUG will not be making a decision or determination on items brought up during Public Comment.

2. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Staff Report

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

- a. Discussion – Groundwater Conditions
 - i. Review spring gw level maps
 - ii. Review gw level trends
 - iii. How to address problem areas
- b. Discussion – SGMA Outreach Efforts
- c. *Set 2015 meeting dates
- d. Member Reports – WUG members are encouraged to discuss items that may be of interest to the group
- e. Next Meeting of the WUG (date and time to be determined in Discussion/Action Item c.)



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4. ADJOURNMENT

TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS: California Government Code Section 84308 requires you to disclose campaign contributions to Groundwater Management Commissioners if they amount to \$250 or more and were made within the last twelve months. Please announce your applicable campaign contributions when you speak. Any disabled person needing special accommodation to participate in the Commission proceeding is requested to contact the Colusa County Agriculture Department prior to meeting and arrangements will be made to accommodate you.



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Water Users Group, regular meeting
May 19, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – noon @ Colusa Industrial Properties

STAFF REPORT

Groundwater Commission

The next Commission Meeting is June 11, 2015. Commissioner Morris' term expired in March. There were two other applicants for his seat, and we now have a new Commissioner, Matt LaGrande.

Groundwater Ordinance

At their March 12, 2015 meeting, the Groundwater Commission approved recommended changes to the County Groundwater Management Ordinance and voted to forward those recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Since March, the recommended changes have been reviewed by County Council and outside Council. County Council has drafted an updated version of the Ordinance which was presented to the Board of Supervisors as a discussion item at their May 12, 2015 meeting. The Board of Supervisors approved of the changes with a few minor adjustments, and directed staff and County Council to move forward to get the document prepared for a public hearing at a future BOS meeting. The Board recognized all of the hard work that went into updating the Ordinance.

Technical Support Team

Staff continues to work with the TST to update the groundwater level monitoring network. See attached spreadsheet summarizing spring and fall measurements in our network over time. This is a work in progress.

We are still waiting on DWR's 2014 Land and Water Use report for Colusa County, which will help us to estimate groundwater and surface water use in the County.

Public Works has recently completed several GIS maps for the Water Resources Department that will be a foundation for future work to help with our water use estimates and monitoring efforts.

Groundwater Legislation Outreach

SGMA Outreach to Local Agencies

Two meetings were facilitated with local agencies in Colusa County that are eligible to be Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). The meetings were with water agencies, and with local government entities (Cities and PUDs, plus the Federal Wildlife Refuges and Tribes). The purpose of these meetings was to get an idea of the different agencies' thoughts and ideas regarding formation of the GSA/GSAs for the two groundwater basins we will need to manage. The meetings were productive, and although some water agencies are electing to be their own GSAs, there is still a good spirit of collaboration among the



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groups. We will follow up with future meetings, possibly utilizing a meeting facilitator, to determine a path forward.

The following local districts have elected to be, or plan to be, GSAs:

Provident and Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation Districts have elected to form a joint GSA

Colusa County Water District has elected to be a GSA

Westside Water District is planning to be a GSA

RD 1004 is planning to be a GSA

Public Outreach Meeting

A Groundwater Public Outreach Meeting to inform the public on groundwater issues was held **May 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Colusa County Fairgrounds**. Speakers included: Robert Donlan – Water Law overview; Roy Hull, Groundwater Conditions update; Kate Williams – SGMA; Supervisors Carter and Vann – County perspective. The meeting was very well attended with approximately 110-120 people. There were many landowners in attendance, as well as some water district folks and homeowners. The overarching theme is that we all need to work together on groundwater management to ensure that we maintain local control and maintain a sustainable groundwater resource.

2015 Water Transfers

MBK Engineers has given staff preliminary information that there are currently no known proposals for out of county groundwater substitution transfers in Colusa County in 2015. There are proposed in-county transfer(s) to TCCA, as occurred last year.