Meeting Agenda

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

Date:    February 13, 2019
Time:    10:00-Noon

* Indicates Action Item

1. CALL TO ORDER
   a. Pledge of Allegiance
   b. Introductions
   c. Roll Call
   d. * Approval of Minutes from the November 28, 2018 Meeting
   e. * Acceptance of Agenda
   f. Period of Public Comment
      Any person wishing to address the Commission on any item not on today's Agenda may do so at this time. The Commission will not be making a decision or determination on items brought up during Public Comment.

2. * ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3. PUBLIC FORUM
   a. Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan Updates and Sacramento River Basin Voluntary Agreements; Lewis Bair: RD 108
   b. Results of the 2017 GPS Survey of the Sacramento Valley Land Subsidence Network; Bill Ehorn, California Department of Water Resources, Northern Region Office
   c. Colusa Groundwater Authority Update and Fee Assessment Information; Commissioner Moresco, Commissioner Williams, and Denise Carter, CGA Chair
4. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (*action item*)**
   a. * Review and Consider Draft Groundwater Commission Update to be Presented to the Colusa County Board of Supervisors
      i. Consider Approval of Annual Groundwater Commission Update for the Colusa County Board of Supervisors
      ii. Consider Approval of Resolution 2019-01: A Resolution of the Colusa County Groundwater Commission Recognizing the Critical Role of Surface Water Supplies as they Relate to Sustainable Groundwater Management and the Importance of Developing Additional Surface Water Storage
      iii. Authorize Staff and/or a Commission Representative to present the Annual Groundwater Commission Update, including Resolution 2019-01, to the Colusa County Board of Supervisors
   b. Discussion; Scheduling Town Hall style outreach meetings

5. **UPDATES AND REMINDERS**
   a. Commissioner Comments and Updates
   b. Items for Next Agenda

6. **ADJOURNMENT**
   Next Regular meeting date: **May 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Colusa Industrial Properties**
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

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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
Charles Bergson, City of Williams
Ben King
Joe Lastufka
Bill Wallace
Robert Arens
Bill Ehorn, Department of Water Resources
Matt Jones, T&P Farms

Roll Call
Commissioners Present: Dormer, Moresco, LaGrande, and Williams
Commissioners Absent: Charter

Approval of Minutes from the July 11, 2018 Meeting
Motion: Commissioner Moresco moved to approve the July 11, 2018 Meeting minutes. Commissioner LaGrande seconded. The motion passed 4-0 (1 absent).

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.

Mr. Ben King introduced himself and stated he grew up on the edge of Colusa and gave a brief background of his family's history in Colusa County. He stated that he is actively involved in water issues. Even though he is not a resident he does own land here and is a SGMA stakeholder and would like to be involved. The Groundwater Commission plays a very important role in protecting water rights and groundwater. SGMA is going to affect water rights. This is a most important time for this body to be active and talking to Supervisors.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Review Draft Groundwater Commission Update to be Presented to Board of Supervisors
Ms. Fahey stated that the Commission Bylaws include a yearly report to the Board of Supervisors and she anticipates presenting it to the Board in January or February. Ms. Fahey then summarized the information found in the Agenda Materials for this item. She then asked for input from the Commissioners and stated that she would finalize the report for the next meeting.

Commissioner Williams stated that the information looks good.

Ms. Fahey stated the Board may have input on the Goals and Objectives.

Mr. King stated SGMA has changed everything. It would be good to look at the Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) and the action items found in that document that have not been followed through on.

Commissioner Williams stated that he agreed with Mr. King and added that the GMP will be referenced a lot.

Ms. Fahey stated that she will add more background information.

Set 2019 Meeting Schedule
Ms. Fahey stated that quarterly meetings seem to be working for the Commission and the next meeting should be no later than February.

Discussion is held.

It was decided the next meeting would be held on February 6, 2019 at 10:00 am then the first Wednesday at 10:00 am in May, August, and November.

Motion: Commissioner Dormer moved to set the 2019 Meeting Schedule as stated. Commissioner Moresco Seconded. The motion passed 4-0 (1 absent).
Discussion; Outreach meetings, collaboration with Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA)
Ms. Fahey briefly summarized upcoming opportunities to provide outreach. The CGA has started the Proposition 218 process and has hired Provost & Pritchard Consultant team along with Dave Ceppos to help with outreach. Mr. Ceppos is contracted for two large public meetings. On December 5th Ms. Fahey and Ms. Lisa Hunter from Glenn County will be speak to the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority Board to update them regarding local SGMA activities. On December 6th Ms. Fahey will provide a SGMA Update at the Colusa County Agricultural Commissioner's Annual Growers Meeting.

The CGA's first public meeting related to the Proposition 218 fee assessment process will be in late January hosted by the Colusa Groundwater Authority. It will cover GSP development and the fee assessment. It is unknown if this meeting will be Colusa County focused or if it will be jointly hosted with the Glenn Groundwater Authority. The Colusa Farm Show is in February and the CGA is considering hosting a workshop. It would be good for the Commission to co-host that effort with the CGA.

Question: Commissioner Williams asked Ms. Fahey what she thought the Commission can do to help out. Answer: Ms. Fahey replied come to the meetings and workshops and talk about SGMA and the Groundwater Commission so people know you are here and that the Commission is a place that landowners can come and ask questions. Basically, market the Commission.

Mr. Williams stated that smaller meetings were talked about. He then asked Ms. Fahey if she could talk to Mr. Ceppos to see if he has any presentations or slides that we would be able to use for those.

Ms. Fahey replied that she would. She added that we should plan one smaller meeting in each district. She then inquired if all Commissioners should be present for each meeting.

Commissioner Dormer stated that just the Commissioner representing that particular district would work.

Ms. Fahey stated that she will ask DWR to give a presentation on SGMA at the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Bill Ehorn of DWR stated that they have presentations ready they just need to be updated a little.

Question: Mr. King asked if the Williams Pioneer Review and the Colusa Sun Herald were on the interested parties list. Answer: Ms. Fahey replied that they were.

Mr. King stated that he hasn't seen any groundwater meetings in there. It would be good to actively engage out local media.

Ms. Fahey stated she will get ahold of Mr. Lloyd Green with the Williams Pioneer Review.

Discussion; Resolution in support of Surface Water Storage
Mr. Williams stated that the Resolution isn't completed yet but it will be ready for the next meeting.

Discussion is held regarding the Sites Reservoir and Shasta Dam projects.
UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Staff Report; SGMA Activities
Ms. Fahey stated that the CGA will be installing a monitoring well in downtown Arbuckle that will be equipped with a continuous monitoring device. This is being funded by DWR's Technical Support Services.

Ms. Fahey stated that the Colusa Basin Drainage District has formed a Projects Subcommittee to identify and investigate potential groundwater recharge projects. They are currently investigating a potential project on Salt Creek in Arbuckle. She added that NextGen Utility Management provided a presentation to the CGA Board regarding utilizing subsurface drainage in orchards for recharge on the west side of Colusa County.

Mr. King stated that he has been working on recharge projects for three years and that he would be happy to assist on a subcommittee. There is some data available from a project around Corning that would be helpful.

Commissioner Williams inquired as to what type of recharge Mr. King was doing.

Mr. King summarized his surface recharge projects. He stated that soil types and where you pick you spot is important.

Ms. Fahey stated the Sustainable Conservation and U.C. Davis have come to look at the Arbuckle area.

Legislative Update
Ms. Fahey stated that the decision on the Phase I Update to the Bay Delta Plan regarding the San Joaquin River and Tributaries was delayed to December 11th or 12th.

She also mentioned the Public Trust Doctrine and stated that there are a lot of implications to this recent decision.

Mr. King stated the Groundwater Commission will be important in the need to stand up to groundwater rights.

Ms. Fahey stated that she will try to get a NCWA representative or other organization to give a legislative update at a future Commission meeting.

Reminder; Commissioner Terms of Office
Ms. Fahey reminds Commissioners Moresco and Williams that their terms will be up soon.

Commissioners Moresco and Williams state that they will be filling out the necessary paperwork for reappointment.

Commissioner Comments and Updates
Commissioner Williams stated that he attended the Site Reservoir meeting yesterday. It was a good meeting however the question regarding the waters of the US didn’t get asked.

Discussion is held regarding the 449 million dollar loan for the Sites Reservoir and the costs of water in the future.
Items for Next Agenda
Ms. Fahey stated that she will talk to DWR to see if they can come and do a SGMA presentation and that she will get the newspaper involved.

Commissioner Williams stated that a presentation regarding the December 12th decision would be good.

Commissioner Moresco states he would like to see the continued public outreach regarding Proposition 218.

Ms. Fahey stated that she will work on some dates for the public outreach.

Commissioner Dormer stated it would be good to get ahold of the Farm Bureau and the Family Water Alliance. They will help to get the word out.

Mr. King inquired if the Groundwater Commission supported the Proposition 218 process.

Commissioner Williams replied that he is in support of it, it is a necessary evil.

Mr. King stated that he feels there should be tension to this process. The GSAs should pay for it for three to four years to see how it works before everyone else pays for it.

Commissioner Moresco stated it is going to take a couple million dollars to do a GSP, it wouldn't work that way.

Mr. King stated that this commission should make sure the groundwater users are really respected. He added that he doesn't like the CGA board is so dominated by surface water guys.

Commissioner Williams stated that the best chance for SGMA to succeed is if we all work together or the State will take over. He added that he would like to see more landowners participate in this process. Our goal is to get more people in these rooms. We need to have participation from the public.

Mr. King stated that it needs to be a true representation for the County. We need to think about where this is going in the future. There needs to be some tension in this process.

ADJOURNMENT
Next Regular meeting date: February 6, 2019 at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.
AGENDA ITEM 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Text from the Colusa County Groundwater Commission Bylaws:

OFFICERS

I. Officers of the Commission shall consist of a Chair and Vice Chair, who shall be elected by the Commission members. The Secretary/Clerk shall be the Director of the County’s Development Services Department or his/her assigned representative.

II. Nomination and election of officers shall be held at the first meeting following the adoption of these Bylaws and thereafter in January of each year; and may be held at other times as vacancies occur after giving members fourteen (14) day notice.

III. The Chair and Vice Chair shall take office immediately after election.

IV. Duties of officers shall be as follows:

A. Chair - shall preside over all meetings of the Commission and appoint special committees, the Chairs of those committees and set the duration and tasks of those committees as special advisory needs of the Commission may arise and require such support.

B. Vice Chair - shall perform the duties of the Chair during absence of Chair.

C. Secretary/Clerk - shall keep and attest to records of the proceedings of the Commission.
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE COLUSA COUNTY GROUNDWATER COMMISSION
RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL ROLE OF SURFACE WATER SUPPLIES AS THEY RELATE
TO SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AND THE IMPORTANCE OF
DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL SURFACE WATER STORAGE

WHEREAS, On September 16, 2014 Governor Jerry Brown signed into law a
three-bill legislative package, composed of AB 1739 (Dickinson), SB 1168 (Pavley), and SB
1319 (Pavley), collectively known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
(SGMA); and

WHEREAS, the Act requires, among other things, sustainable management
of groundwater basins, local management of groundwater, minimum standards for
sustainable groundwater management, and provides local agencies with the authority
and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, section 10720.7 of the Act requires that all basins designated as
high or medium priority by the Department of Water Resources’ Bulletin 118 be managed
under a Groundwater Sustainability Plan, or coordinated Groundwater Sustainability
Plans, pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Colusa and Butte Subbasins are located within the Colusa
COUNTY portion of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin and are designated as medium
and high priority, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Colusa County Groundwater Commission’s Goals and
Objectives are:

1. Comply with SGMA Regulations and Deadlines
2. Support and participate in public outreach activities
3. Review and assess potential projects in coordination with the Colusa
   Groundwater Authority (CGA)
4. Remain Informed of Legislative Activities; and

WHEREAS, within the groundwater basins in Colusa County, reductions in
surface water allocations have contributed to at least one or more of the six undesirable
results defined by SGMA; and

WHEREAS, overdrafting of groundwater has resulted in subsidence in areas
of Colusa County as reported by the California Department of Water Resources; and
WHEREAS, the economy of Colusa County is largely dependent on the over 400,000 acres of irrigated crops produced within the Colusa County portion of the Colusa Sub-Basin; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has not invested in a significant water storage project since the Oroville Dam in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture in California contributes over $82 billion annually to the state’s economy and nearly 760,000 jobs

THEREFORE, be it resolved that,

1. The Colusa County Groundwater Commission fully supports and encourages projects to increase the available amount of surface water in California for the benefit of Agricultural, Municipal, Environmental, Recreational and other stakeholders who are dependent upon a reliable water supply.

2. The Colusa County Groundwater Commission fully supports efforts of the United States Bureau of Reclamation to increase storage of Lake Shasta by 634,000 acre feet.

3. The Colusa County Groundwater Commission fully supports efforts of the Sites Project Authority and their goal of building an “offstream” reservoir that could store over 1 million acre feet of winter run-off water benefitting both the environment and agriculture.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Mary M. Fahey, Secretary/Clerk to the Colusa County Groundwater Commission
AGENDA ITEM 4a

Commissioners should review this report prior to the February 13, 2019 meeting and bring any suggested changes, additions, etc. to the meeting for discussion.

Draft Presentation to Board of Supervisors re: 2018/19 Groundwater Commission Update

FEBRUARY OR MARCH, 2019 (?) BOS MEETING

The Colusa county Groundwater Commission Bylaws state that the Commission shall report to the Board of Supervisors annually, not later than March 1, and shall include progress made on the items in the Annual Goals and Objectives.

After discussion/edits, the following text can be converted to a Powerpoint presentation

The Colusa County Groundwater Commission was initially responsible for implementation of the Colusa County Groundwater Management Plan (GMP). The passage of the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) greatly shifted the focus and processes of local groundwater management activities throughout California. The Colusa County GMP will be replaced with Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Colusa and West Butte subbasins, and local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies are responsible for development and implementation of these plans.

In 2017, due to the changes brought on by SGMA, the Colusa County Groundwater Commission Bylaws were updated and a new slate of Commissioners was appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

The Colusa County Groundwater Commission consists of the following members:

- District 1: Darrin Williams (Chair)
- District 2: Deke Dormer
- District 3: Matt LaGrande
- District 4: Tom charter
- District 5: Jeff Moresco (Vice Chair)

Mr. Williams and Mr. Moresco each serve as a Private Pumper representative on the Board of the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA). The CGA is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency responsible for implementing SGMA in the Colusa County portions of the Colusa Subbasin and portions of the West Butte Subbasin.
It is clear that the Groundwater Commission will work in close coordination with the Colusa Groundwater Authority in the era of SGMA.

Since its restructure in 2017, the Colusa County Groundwater Commission has met on the following dates:

- June 6, 2017
- October 3, 2017
- April 4, 2018
- July 11, 2018
- November 28, 2018
- February 13, 2019

Some milestones achieved in 2018:

- New Commissioners appointed, Oath of Office received
- Election of officers
- Two Commissioners appointed to serve on the Colusa Groundwater Authority Board
- Groundwater conditions updates presented by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- Annual Statement of Goals and Objectives completed for 2018/19
- Meeting structure revised to include a Public Forum to enhance public outreach, education and engagement
- February 13, 2019 – first Public Forum featuring reports on:
  - Bay Delta Plan Update and Voluntary Agreements (Lewis Bair)
  - DWR 2017 Sacramento Valley Subsidence Survey (Bill Ehorn)
  - SGMA and Colusa Groundwater Authority Activities (CGA Board Members)
PROGRESS ON
Annual Statement of Goals and Objectives
For the period of March 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019
Adopted by the Colusa County Groundwater Commission on July 11, 2018

Goal 1: Comply with SGMA Regulations and Deadlines

a. The Groundwater Commission will coordinate with the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) and support their activities to maintain sustainable groundwater conditions in Colusa County.

Two Commissioners serve on the CGA Board; updates on CGA activities and SGMA in general are provided at each Commission meeting. The Commission has been considering different ways that they can support the CGA, including:

- Acting as a subcommittee to the CGA to collaborate with other agencies on groundwater/SGMA related projects. The two agencies could work hand in hand this way. The Commission could vet certain project proposals before they go before the CGA Board.
- The Commission could act as the oversight of areas that are not covered by the CGA, and communicate that information to the CGA
- Be engaged with issues related to surface water allocations, which will affect groundwater and SGMA implementation
- Be aware and proactive regarding potential issues with domestic wells, and provide education/communication between ag pumpers and domestic well users
- The Commission has requested more legislative updates related to water issues at their meetings

b. The Groundwater Commission will coordinate with, provide input to, and support the Colusa Groundwater Authority and other GSAs during development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Colusa and West Butte Subbasins.

Groundwater Sustainability Plan development is just getting underway locally. There will be many opportunities for the Commission to be involved.

Goal 2: Public Outreach Program

a. The Groundwater Commission will support and participate in outreach activities to inform the public and solicit public input about groundwater conditions, and SGMA implementation activities. The Commission will coordinate with and support the Colusa Groundwater Authority’s Public Outreach and Engagement Plan, and utilize
all outreach options as feasible, including email, social media, mail, newspaper articles, community meetings, partnering with other local water-related organizations, and face-to-face interactions with landowners.

The CGA’s Public Outreach and Engagement Plan is in development and not yet completed. There have been many discussions at Groundwater Commission meetings regarding public outreach. Some ideas that have come from the Groundwater Commission are:

- The Groundwater Commission can provide a forum at their meetings for landowners to interact with CGA Board Members.
- The Commission can help facilitate multiple small-scale meetings in each community so the public doesn’t have to travel far and the meetings are more specific to each community, and two meetings one in Colusa and one in Arbuckle are being scheduled to coincide with the CGA’s Proposition 218 fee assessment effort.
- Partner with other agencies such as Family Water Alliance, Sites Project Authority to provide outreach to a larger audience.
- Utilize social media.
- Utilize a newsletter.

Goal 3: Review and Assess potential Projects in Coordination with the Colusa Groundwater Authority

a. The Groundwater Commission will assist the CGA by reviewing and making recommendations on proposed projects that could benefit the groundwater basins, including groundwater recharge projects and others.

There have not been any opportunities to review potential projects. This will become more important during GSP development.

Goal 4: Remain informed of Legislative Activities

a. Groundwater Commissioners will remain up to date on Statewide Groundwater legislative activities and report relevant information at Groundwater Commission meetings.

The Commissioners have reported on various legislation during the regular “Comments and Updates” portion of their agenda, and Staff will add a regular agenda item for legislative updates.

b. A presentation on current legislative activities will be given to the Groundwater Commission each year by an expert speaker at one regular meeting.

This is still to be arranged for 2018/19.