COUNTY OF COLUSA
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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 Agenda

Location: Colusa Industrial Properties Conference Room
100 Sunrise Blvd., Colusa, CA 95932
Date: April 4, 2018
Time: 10:00-Noon

* Indicates Action Item

1. CALL TO ORDER (*action item)
   a. Pledge of Allegiance
   b. Introductions
   c. Roll Call
   d. *Approval of Minutes from the October 3, 2017 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. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (*action item)
   a. Review of Groundwater Commission Bylaws
   b. * Review and Adoption of Annual Statement of Goals and Objective
   c. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update
      i. Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) Board Activities
         1. HCM/Water Budget and GSP Development
         2. Proposed Basin Boundary Modifications, West Butte Subbasin
      ii. Public Outreach
   d. Water Supply and Groundwater Conditions Update
   e. Commissioner Comments and Updates
   f. * Set Quarterly Meeting Schedule; Next Meeting Date
   g. Items for Next Agenda

3. ADJOURNMENT
   Next Regular meeting date: To be determined

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Meeting Minutes

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Date: October 3, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams opened the meeting at 10:07 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
Lester Messina, Independent Contractor
Roy Hull, Department of Water Resources
Bill Vanderwaal, Reclamation District 108
Dave Jenkins, Provost & Prichard

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Williams, Dormer, Moresco
Commissioners Absent: Charter, LaGrande

Approval of Minutes from the June 16, 2017 Meeting

Motion: Commissioner Dormer moved to approve the June 16, 2017 Meeting minutes. Commissioner Moresco seconded. The motion passed 3-0 (2 absent).

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Dormer moved to accept the agenda. Commissioner Moresco Seconded. The motion passed 3-0 (2 absent).
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Presentation and Discussion; Groundwater Update, Roy Hull, DWR Northern Region Office

Roy Hull from DWR introduced himself and gave a PowerPoint Presentation regarding groundwater conditions. This included Sacramento Precipitation, Water Indexes, Groundwater Elevation Changes, and Groundwater Hydrographs.

Commissioner Williams inquired if we (Colusa County) is sustainable. Mr. Hull replied that it is unknown. There are many factors that must be considered. The subsidence needs to be stopped.

Discussion was held regarding groundwater norms in the area.

Commissioner Williams stated that it is hard to push water through dry soil. If we have another wet year we will be able to see better recharge.

Mr. Hull added that the soil gets hydrophobic. The water needs to displace the air first but the water is only going to move down the soil so fast.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update, Water Resources Manager

Update on Activities

Ms. Fahey stated that the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) has had three meetings so far and the next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Colusa Industrial Properties conference room. These meetings are open to the public. The big push for the CGA right now is the Proposition 1 Grant. The proposal is due by November 13th. The CGA will be the applicant however if DWR upholds its requirement for applicants to have a 3-year financial history, Colusa County will be the default applicant.

Discussion on Outreach to Private Pumpers

Ms. Fahey asked the Commissioners if they had any feedback from private pumpers.

Commissioner Moresco stated that many people are saying that they are not going to meter their wells.

Commissioner Williams stated that he is hearing the same. He added that most well installations are not engineered ready for a flow meter.
Ms. Fahey stated that she can talk with Environmental Health and see if we can instigate a policy that new well installations must be flow meter ready.

Mr. Williams added that we should reach out to the pump companies as well. Mr. Moresco added that this would save landowners a lot of money in the long run.

Commissioner Dormer stated that he is seeing a fear of what is going to happen next.

Commissioner Williams stated that it would be a good idea to have a meeting/presentation like “How is SGMA going to affect you?” Partner with the Farm Bureau, RCD, or possibly have a booth at the Farm Show to help with outreach.

Mr. Messina stated that he thought that RCD had funding available for SGMA outreach.

Ms. Fahey stated that she will look into it.

Items for Next Agenda
1. Discussion; Hear Report from Landowner Regarding Well Performance Problems
2. SGMA Update

ADJOURNMENT
Next Regular meeting date: To Be Determined.

Commissioner Moresco moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dormer seconded. The motion passed 3-0 (2 absent) and the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.
EXHIBIT “A”
RULES AND BYLAWS
OF THE COLUSA COUNTY GROUNDWATER COMMISSION
May 16, 2017

PURPOSE

The purpose of these Bylaws is to prescribe the terms and conditions by which the business and affairs of the Colusa County Groundwater Commission shall be managed.

POWERS AND DUTIES

I. The Colusa County Groundwater Commission is intended to function on a countywide basis serving the following purposes:

- Responsible stewardship of the water resources in Colusa County;
- Increasing understanding regarding the groundwater basins underlying Colusa County;
- Retaining local control of water management decisions;
- Ensuring all legislative requirements are met; and
- Representing individual well pumpers on the Colusa Groundwater Authority Board.

II. The Colusa County Groundwater Commission shall operate as a standing committee of the Colusa County Board of Supervisors and shall operate in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of California, the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code section 54950 et.seq.).

III. The role of the Groundwater Commission shall be:

- To serve as a forum for presenting and discussing groundwater information for the general public
- To receive and address groundwater concerns and issues
- To protect County water supply sources and interests, and the water quality
- To promote responsible stewardship of the water resources in Colusa County
- To increase understanding of the groundwater basins underlying Colusa County
- To retain local control of water management decisions
- To ensure all legislative requirements are met
- To process out-of-county water transfers; and
- To provide input to the Groundwater Sustainability Agency.
REQUIREMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

I. Each member shall be a resident of the County of Colusa.

II. Each member will represent an individual Supervisorial district, and be an agricultural groundwater user in that district (may also utilize surface water).

III. Members must have knowledge of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

IV. Members must regularly attend meetings of the Groundwater Commission.

V. Members must be willing and capable to serve as a liaison to other groundwater users to share information.

TERMS OF OFFICE

I. The Commission will be comprised of five (5) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each Supervisor shall nominate one member to the Board Chair for ratification by a majority vote of the Board. The term shall coincide with the term of his/her Supervisor which the member represents at the time of appointment. Reelection of the Supervisor of that district shall not constitute automatic reappointment of the Commission member and shall require a majority vote of the Board.

II. Any member may apply to the Board of Supervisors for reappointment at the end of his/her term.

III. Commission members will serve voluntarily without compensation or reimbursement.

REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONERS

I. All Commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors.

II. Members of the Commission may be removed by the Board of Supervisors in its discretion at any time for any reason without cause.

III. Attendance of Commissioners at meetings of the Commission are essential to the success of the Commission, a Commissioner who fails to attend two (2) regularly scheduled meetings during the fiscal year will have his/her name directed to the Board
of Supervisors which may terminate the Commissioner’s appointment; thereby creating a vacancy on the Commission. In such an instance the Commission may recommend a replacement to the Board of Supervisors.

**FILLING VACANCIES**

I. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Supervisors.

II. An Appointee shall serve the unexpired term of the Commissioner vacating the position assumed by the Appointee.

**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.
GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

I. Two members of the Groundwater Commission will serve on the Colusa Groundwater Authority Board as private pumper representatives for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation in the County. These two members will have the following qualifications:

A. Must have knowledge and understanding of SGMA legislation.

B. Must have background knowledge in the formation of the Colusa Groundwater Authority and the Authority’s Joint Powers Agreement.

C. Must be able to regularly attend the Authority’s Board meetings and be prepared to participate in discussions and decision-making activities.

D. Must understand the needs of private pumpers and serve as their representative on the Authority Board

II. The members of the Commission will nominate any two members to the full Commission. Upon approval of the nominations by a majority vote of the Commission, the nominations shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for ratification.

III. The Commission by a four-fifths vote may recommend to the Board of Supervisors the removal from the Colusa Groundwater Authority Board of any member representative. The Board of Supervisors may, through the recommendation of the Commission or on its own, remove from the Colusa Groundwater Authority Board any member representative, and replace that representative with another member of the Commission, by a majority vote.

IV. The term of service on the Colusa Groundwater Authority Board shall coincide with the Commissioner’s otherwise normal term and, contingent upon their term on the Commission being extended, shall be extended on the Authority Board.

MEETINGS

I. Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held quarterly, at a date and time set by the Commission which shall not interfere with the meetings of the Colusa County Board of Supervisors.
II. The meetings shall take place in a public setting in accord with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code section 54950 et.seq.).

III. The Colusa County Groundwater Commission shall conduct its meetings and affairs in strict accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy Number 101, “Procedures for the Conduct of Board Meetings,” and Board of Supervisor Policy Number 102, “Rules of the Board of Supervisors,” with the following exceptions:

A. The Director of the County’s development services department or his/her assigns shall act in the stead of the Board Clerk.

B. The meeting dates of the Commission and the dates for submittal of materials for the Commission's meeting agenda shall be adjusted so as to not interfere with the meetings of the Board of Supervisors.

IV. Special Meetings other than regular meetings may be called by the Chair, the Board of Supervisors, or upon request of three members of the Commission at a location duly noticed within the County.

V. Three (3) members of the Commission in attendance shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business of the Commission.

VI. Actions of the Commission shall be by a majority vote of all members present after a quorum has been established unless otherwise specified herein. All voted actions of the Commission shall be recorded by the secretary and kept as a permanent record of the Commission.

VII. All meetings shall be conducted in accord with Robert’s Rules of Order.

VIII. A copy of the minutes of any meeting shall first be distributed to the Commissioners for review and comment; and following adoption of the minutes by the Commission, they shall be directed to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for appropriate handling.

COMMITTEES

I. Standing or special committees may be created by a majority vote of the Commission members to help carry out the Commission’s functions.

II. All Committee members shall be appointed by the Chair.

III. All Committee meetings will follow Robert’s Rules of Order and as appropriate the Ralph M. Brown Act.
ANNUAL GOALS

I. The Commission shall adopt a statement of goals and objectives annually, not later than March 1. Such statement may be amended no more than once each year.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

II. The Commission shall report to the Board of Supervisors annually on the activities of the previous year. Such report shall be made not later than March 1 and shall include the progress made on the items reflected in the annual statement of goals and objectives.

REVISION TO THESE BYLAWS

I. Change or amendment to these By-Laws if proposed by the Commission must be initiated at a regular meeting and approved by two-thirds vote of the members present prior to the recommendation being forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Board of Supervisors may initiate an amendment at its discretion.
Colusa County Groundwater Commission

Annual Statement of Goals and Objectives
For the period of March 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019

Adopted by the Groundwater Commission on ________________

As per Colusa County Groundwater Commission Bylaws, page 6, Annual Goals: "The Commission shall adopt a statement of goals and objectives annually, not later than March 1. Such statement may be amended no more than once each year.

Goal 1: Comply with SGMA Regulations and Deadlines
a. The Groundwater Commission will coordinate with the Colusa Groundwater Authority and support their activities to maintain sustainable groundwater conditions in Colusa County
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.

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.

Goal 3: Seek Funding for Projects
a. Staff and Groundwater Commission members will seek to partner with other agencies to pursue funding opportunities for projects and studies to enhance groundwater management activities in Colusa County.

Goal 4: Promote Groundwater Recharge Projects
a. Seek funding and partners to initiate groundwater recharge studies and pilot projects in Colusa County.
Goal 5: Remain informed of Legislative Activities

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

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