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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: **November 6, 2019**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams opened the meeting at 10:05 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

Denise Carter, Supervisor, District V

Greg Plucker, Director, Colusa County Community Development Department

Tana Loudon, Colusa County Community Development Department

Lewis Bair, RD 108

George Pendell, Stony Creek Watermaster

Elaine Rominger

Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community Council

Mathew Jones, T&P Farms

Erin Smith, Department of Water Resources, Northern Region Office

Lenore Kitts

Elizabeth Yerxa

Bruce Houdeseldt, Northern California Water Association

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Dormer, Moresco, LaGrande and Williams

Commissioners Absent: Charter



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PUBLIC FORUM

**Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan Updates and Sacramento River Basin Voluntary Agreements;
*Lewis Bair, RD 108***

Mr. Lewis Bair provided an update that included:

- Volunteer Agreements
- State Proposal vs. Volunteer Agreements
- Habitat and the Flood control System

Discussion is held regarding timing, how properties are identified, negotiation strategy, and predation.

Update on the Nature Conservancy's (TNC) multi-benefit groundwater recharge project in severely disadvantaged communities in Colusa County; *Julia Barfield, TNC*

Ms. Fahey stated that Ms. Barfield was unable to make it today. She updated the Commission and the public on the multi-benefit project. She stated a pilot project was done at Davis Ranches and the results are being analyzed now.

Question: What sort of land are they looking for?

Answer: Alfalfa is ideal, row crops.

Question: Where does the water come from?

Answer: Surface water.

Groundwater Conditions Update: *Erin Smith, California Department of Water Resources, Northern Region Office*

Ms. Smith provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding groundwater conditions and precipitation.

It was asked how the western edge of the Colusa basin boundary was defined.

Ms. Smith replied that it was defined by soil and rock types. Alluvial material indicated a basin.

Colusa Groundwater Authority SGMA Update; *Commissioner Moresco, Commissioner Williams, Mary Fahey (Staff)*

Ms. Fahey stated that the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) for the critically overdraft basins are due January 2020. The plan for the Colusa Basin is due in January 2022. David's Engineering is preparing the Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model and Water Budget and after an extensive RFP process, the Colusa and Glenn Groundwater Authority Boards chose Davids Engineering to complete the GSP for the Colusa Subbasin. Stakeholder input is critical to development of the Plan. The estimated cost for the GSP is 1.5 million dollars. A \$1 million Proposition 1 grant has been awarded and another \$1 million Prop 68 grant is being applied for. She then added that DWR offers technical support services which enabled the basin to obtain a groundwater level monitoring well in the Arbuckle area.

BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes from the February 13, 2019 Meeting

Motion: Commissioner Dormer moved to approve the February 13, 2019 Meeting minutes. Commissioner Moresco seconded. The motion passed 4-0 (1 absent).



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Period of Public Comment

Mr. Bruce Houdeseldt of the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) stated that on December 16th NCWA is hosting a forum regarding SB200 and sustainable drinking water at the Yuba County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Set 2020 Meeting Schedule

Discussion was held amongst the Commissioners and it was decided on the following dates for the 2020 meeting schedule with all meetings to be held from 10 am to Noon:

- February 12, 2020
- May 2, 2020
- August, 5 2020
- November 4, 2020

Motion: Commissioner Moresco moved to approve the 2020 Groundwater Commission meeting schedule as discussed. Commissioner LaGrande seconded. The motion passed 4-0 (1 absent).

Legislative Update: NCWA October, 2019 Water Briefings: State Legislation

Ms. Fahey referred to the Northern California Water Association's recent Legislative Update newsletter. Mr. Houdeseldt provided information which included information about a new water bond initiative that will be on next year's ballot.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Commissioner Comments and Updates

Commissioner Williams stated that the new monitoring well that was installed by DWR under their Technical Support Services started taking measurements on October 1 and is monitoring at four different depths. He then describes the makeup of the well.

Items for Next Agenda

- i. Election of Officers
- ii. Legislative Update
- iii. Goals and Objectives for 2020
- iv. SGMA Update
- v. Public Forum; DWR to give overview of a GSP

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular meeting date: February 12, 2020 at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 p.m.