

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

**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE OF THE COLUSA COUNTY GROUNDWATER
COMMISSION**

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

Date: April 15, 2014

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Meeting MINUTES

• Commissioners Present:

Jim Erdman

Mark Morris

Lorrain Marsh

Bruce Rolen

Jeff Moresco

• Staff Present:

Joe Damiano/CCAG

Ben Reische/CCAG, TST

Lester Messina/CCAG, TST

Elvira Gutierrez/CCAG

Mary Fahey/CCRCD, TST

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Introductions

b. Roll Call

c. Acceptance of Agenda

- Agenda was accepted as presented

d. Comments by Commissioners: none

e. Period of Public Comment : none

2. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Technical Steering Committee Update: Report and TST recommendation regarding proposed 2014 transfers

- Ms. Fahey gave an update from the Technical Steering Team (TST). She referred to the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority receiving a zero water allocation this year. In an effort to work together to supply water to the west side of the county, the Commission has received 5 in-county groundwater substitution transfer proposals. Draft transfer proposals were supplied to the Commissioners. The TST met last week and determined

that in county transfers do not trigger the County Groundwater Ordinance. Also, bearing in mind the economic impact that would occur if no surface water is available to the west side of Colusa County, the recommendation of the TST to the Commission is to grant conditional approval of the transfers.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding TST recommendation on proposed 2014 transfers

Discussion was held regarding the mitigation measure and there not being an advocate available for 3rd parties that may be affected by the transfers. One concern was the time it would take for following up with a solution to assist 3rd parties who are affected. Suggestion is to shorten the time frame for the 3rd party to receive assistance. Commissioner Erdman would like to see transfers move forward but some amending can be done in the mitigation for future transfer requirements. Mr. Messina suggests the commission can use what the Bureau has stated in the TC Canal Authority NEPA document.

- Commissioner Rolen moved to accept the five transfer proposals listed, with the condition that all relevant data collected for compliance of the program proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation and all monitoring results and mitigation factors are supplied to the Colusa County Groundwater Commission for their review throughout the transfer and post-transfer periods; and, a copy of the final report to Reclamation will be provided to the Commission no later than May 31, 2015.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Moresco and passed with a unanimous vote.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm