

**COLUSA COUNTY
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: May 8, 2014

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present

Lorrain Marsh
Bruce Rolan
Jim Erdman
Mark Marshall
Jeff Moresco

Staff Present

Joe Damiano Colusa Ag Department
Mary Fahey Colusa Ag Department TST
Elly Gutierrez Colusa Ag Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Introductions

c. Roll Call

d. Acceptance of Agenda

- The agenda was accepted as presented
Mary Fahey asked to amend agenda and add an item under 2. C. In-county water transfers from GCID to TC Canal. Motion to accept addition to agenda made by Commissioner Moresco. Seconded by Commissioner Morris. Roll Call vote. All approved, motion accepted.

e. Comments by Commissioners

None

f. Period of Public Comment

- There were concerns from the public on the proposed out-of-county transfer. Concerns were based on long term effects possibly hurting our community. There was a suggestion from Ms. Fahey to the GW Commission that a Resolution or statement could be made regarding this year being an extreme year, and any approved transfers do not set precedent. No more public comment.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Technical Steering Committee Update: Report and TST recommendation regarding proposed groundwater substitution transfer from Eastside Mutual Water Company to San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority.

- Eastside Mutual Water Company took their original in-county transfer proposal off the table and changed destination of transfer out of county to San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority. TST recommends approval based on the conditions and last year's water level recovery from a similar transfer to accept the proposal.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding TST recommendation on proposed transfer.

- Commissioner Marsh expressed concern over mitigation measures and reiterates concerns on the time frame for a third party receiving assistance after possibly getting effected by a transfer. Suggestion from Commissioner Rolan that based on the small size of this transfer he would like to see it approved and then put some rules and regulations in order. Commissioner Marsh moves to table the discussion until there is more information from MBK to answer some of the questions the Commission may have and to amend the mitigation structure. Seconded by Commisioner Morris. Motion was voted on and accepted unanimously.

Commissioner Rolan requested staff find a legal opinion on approving in county and in basin transfers and excluding transfers outside of the basin.

Commission would like a representative from MBK at the next meeting and also have legal counsel be available for next meeting.

GW Commission would like staff to look into the mitigation information and talk to Glenn County to see the steps they are taking in this area. Mary Fahey will contact Glenn County and have the information available for the next GW Commission meeting. Next meeting will be scheduled by Ms. Fahey via email.

c. Added item: In-county water transfers from GCID to TC Canal

- Commissioner Erdman would like clarification on whether or not these are groundwater substitution transfers. If not then it doesn't need to come before the Commission. Ms. Fahey will get clarification from MBK and GCID.

Public Comment:

None

3. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm