



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

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**REGULAR MEETING NOTICE OF THE COLUSA COUNTY
WATER USERS GROUP (WUG)**

TCCA Area: Dan Ruiz, Tom Charter; Non Organized Areas: Peter Bradford, Richard Selover (***Vice Chair***), Ben Carter (Alternate)
Cities & PUDs: Jesse Cain (Colusa), Greg White (Williams), Jim Scheimer (Arbuckle PUD)
Sacramento River Settlement Contract Area: Sandy Denn (***Chair***), Doug McGeoghegan; RD 108: Bryan Busch

Location: **Colusa Industrial Properties Conference Room**
100 Sunrise Boulevard, Colusa, CA 95932

Date: **March 17, 2015**

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

Meeting Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER (**action item*)

- a. Introductions
- b. Roll Call
- c. *Acceptance of Agenda
- d. *Acceptance of Minutes of the November 13, 2014 and January 13, 2015 WUG meetings
- e. Period of Public Comment

Any person wishing to address the WUG on any item not on today's Agenda may do so at this time. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. The WUG will not be making a decision or determination on items brought up during Public Comment.

2. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Staff Report

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (**action item*)

- a. Presentation – Groundwater Sustainability Agencies
- b. Discussion – Groundwater Legislation Outreach Efforts
 - i. Outreach to irrigation and reclamation districts
 - ii. Outreach to local governments
 - iii. Public Outreach Meeting



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- c. *Set 2015 meeting dates
- d. Member Reports – WUG members are encouraged to discuss items that may be of interest to the group
- e. Next Meeting of the WUG (date and time to be determined in Discussion/Action Item b.)

4. ADJOURNMENT

TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS: California Government Code Section 84308 requires you to disclose campaign contributions to Groundwater Management Commissioners if they amount to \$250 or more and were made within the last twelve months. Please announce your applicable campaign contributions when you speak. Any disabled person needing special accommodation to participate in the Commission proceeding is requested to contact the Colusa County Agriculture Department prior to meeting and arrangements will be made to accommodate you.



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Water Users Group, regular meeting
March 17, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – noon @ Colusa Industrial Properties

STAFF REPORT

Groundwater Commission

The Groundwater Commission met on March 12, 2015. At this meeting, they voted unanimously to approve recommended GW Ordinance revisions. These suggested revisions will go to Council for review prior to two public hearings and a vote by the Board of Supervisors. Many thanks to all of the WUG members who worked on forming recommendations for Ordinance revisions at Ad Hoc meetings and public WUG meetings.

Technical Support Team

The TST has chosen a series of wells in the southwestern portion of the county that will be part of the county-wide groundwater monitoring network. They will move on to the southeast area and begin choosing wells from that area.

Staff is developing a series of charts and graphs to help evaluate groundwater conditions over time. A draft well installation chart is attached. More to come on this...

DWR is still completing a 2014 Land and Water Use report for Colusa County, and anticipates completion in late March/early April. This data will help us to estimate groundwater and surface water use in the County. Staff is currently coordinating with Public Works for GIS assistance on mapping that will help with our water use estimates and monitoring efforts. RD108 has also shared with us some information on groundwater use in the County and GW substitution transfer data that they have compiled.

Groundwater Legislation Outreach

SGMA Outreach to Local Agencies

Staff is coordinating two meetings with local agencies that are eligible to be Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). We are focusing on agencies within Colusa County for these meetings. One meeting will be with Irrigation Districts and Reclamation Districts. The other meeting will be with local governments, including the Cities and PUDs, plus the Federal Wildlife Refuges and Tribes. The purpose of these meetings is to get an idea of the different agencies' thoughts and ideas regarding formation of the GSA/GSAs for the two groundwater basins we will need to manage. Members of the Commission and WUG are welcome and to attend these meetings (without violating Brown Act). **Meeting date with the Irrigation Districts will be April 17, 1:30-3:30 at CIP.** Meeting date with the Local Government Agencies is still to be determined.



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Provident and Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation Districts have elected to form a joint GSA. These two districts are in the northeast portion of Colusa County and their boundaries extend into Glenn County. We have also been notified that Colusa County Water District is planning a public hearing to determine if they will form a GSA to cover their district boundaries.

Public Outreach Meeting

Staff is coordinating a Groundwater Public Outreach Meeting to inform the public on groundwater issues. The meeting is scheduled for **May 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Colusa County Fairgrounds**. There are many questions and misinformation circulating throughout our communities regarding the new groundwater legislation, so we would like to get accurate information out to the public. Topics for this meeting will include: an overview of water law, a presentation from DWR on local groundwater conditions, a presentation from DWR on the groundwater legislation, and a discussion by a county Supervisor regarding the County perspective on the legislation.

2015 Water Transfers

MBK Engineers has given staff preliminary information that there are currently no known proposals for out of county groundwater substitution transfers in Colusa County in 2015. There are proposed in-county transfer(s) to TCCA, as occurred last year.