



COUNTY OF COLUSA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
GROUNDWATER COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING NOTICE OF THE COLUSA COUNTY GROUNDWATER COMMISSION

Location: Colusa County Farm Bureau
520 Market Street, Colusa, CA 95932

Date: **June 11, 2015**

Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order at 1:35 by commissioner Lorraine Marsh

a. **Pledge of Allegiance**

b. **Introductions**

Public in attendance: Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Janice Bell, Colusa county Sheriff/OES; Denise Carter, Colusa Co. Supervisor; Mike Azevedo, Colusa Co. Public Works; Joe Damiano, Colusa Co. Ag Commissioner; Shelly Murphy, Colusa County Water District; John Garner, Colusa Co. Farm Bureau; Lisa Hunter, Glenn County; Kim Vann, Colusa Co. Supervisor; Ben King, landowner; Brett Matzke, Cortina Rancheria; Elly Guttierrez, Colusa County Ag Department; Bryan Busch, RD 108 & WUG member; Like Steidlmayer, landowner; Roy Hull, DWR; Sandy Denn, GCID & WUG member

c. **Roll Call**

In attendance: Lorraine Marsh, Matt LaGrande, Jeff Moresco, Bruce Rolen, Darrin Williams

d. ***Acceptance of Agenda :**

Motion: Bruce Rolen moved to accept as presented

2nd: Jeff Moresco

Approved.

e. ***Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2015**

Motion: Darrin Williams moved to accept as presented

2nd :Jeff Moresco

Approved

f. **Period of Public Comment:**

Brett Matzke, Cortina Rancheria asked for clarification: Rancheria sits in an unconfined aquifer, but Bulletin 118 has a small portion of the Rancheria in the Colusa Basin. They would like to move the Bulletin 118 border to clear the Rancheria by 100' from the Colusa Basin. (A map was provided to Mary Fahey).

Mary Fahey will discuss this with Roy Hull at DWR.



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2. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Staff Report and Discussion

Report by Ms. Fahey:

Commissioner Morris' term expired in March. There were several applications and Matt LaGrande was appointed by Board of Supervisors to take that spot. Ms. Fahey thanked Mr. Morris for his service to the Commission and invited Commissioner LaGrande to introduce himself.

WUG: *Met on May 19th discussed current Groundwater conditions, land subsidence and the need for more surface water in the dryer areas in the county. The next meeting for WUG is set for Sept. 19th.*

GW Ordinance: *WUG and Commission had been working on updating the county's GW Ordinance. Ad hoc committees were set in place that included members from the WUG and members of the Commission. The ordinance went to county council for review. The Board of Supervisors had it up for discussion at the May 19th meeting, they made a few revisions. There is a Public hearing scheduled on June 16th at 9:30. Once the ordinance is approved it will go into effect 30 days after approval.*

Technical Support Team: *continues to work on updating the Groundwater Level monitoring network. Roy Hull from DWR is part of that team and has been very helpful. DWR is still waiting on the 2014 land and water use report for Colusa County. Staff is working with GCID on ideas to put together a water balance for the county that will be part of the GW Sustainability plan. This will help us get a better idea of groundwater conditions. Public Works has a GIS specialist that we subcontracted to put together some GIS maps. Maps will be used to plot all wells in the county so we can see how things have changed over time. We will also look at cropping patterns over time.*

SGMA Outreach: *Two meetings were held with local agencies that are eligible to be a GSA. One meeting was with local government agencies. It was not greatly attended due to conflicting meetings that day. There was also a meeting held with all the water agencies in the county. The purpose of these meetings was to get an idea of the different agencies' thoughts and ideas regarding formation of the GSA/GSAs within county boundaries. Ms. Fahey put in an application to DWR for facilitation services to help us set goals and keep moving forward.*

The following local districts have elected to be, or plan to be, GSAs:

Provident and Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation Districts have elected to form a joint GSA

Colusa County Water District has elected to be a GSA

Westside Water District is planning to be a GSA

RD 1004 is planning to be a GSA



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The Colusa County Board of Supervisors will be deciding on adopting a Resolution to form a groundwater sustainability agency to cover the county at their June 16, 2015 meeting.

*A **public outreach meeting** was held to provide information about current groundwater conditions and SGMA. The turnout was good. There were land owners and private pumpers in attendance.*

***2015 Water Transfers:** It doesn't look like we will have any GW substitution transfers out of county this year. We had one in-county transfer.*

b. Review Annual Statement of Goals and Objectives

Annual Statement of Goals and Objectives are to be adopted November 1st. Ms. Fahey provided a copy of last years' G&Os with an updated status on each item, and asked the Commission to think about goals for next year. Because of SGMA, we will have to shift focus a little this year. Our GW Management Plan is still in effect until the GW Sustainability Plan is adopted.

Ms. Fahey read through each goal. Brief discussion was held:

Goal 1: MOU

Ms. Fahey would like to discuss the MOU to see if it is still something the commission would like to do in light of SGMA. The Commission stated that it may be irrelevant at this point. It will be obsolete because this will be done in the new legislation anyway. It was agreed to suspend the MOU.

Goal 3: Monitoring

DWR has plans to do another subsidence study in the Sac Valley so we will utilize that for subsidence information.

Goal 4: Public Outreach Program

Website is up and gets updated regularly.

Public outreach is something we continue to do, through the public Commission and WUG meetings, as well as special public meetings.

Goal 5: Seek Funding

This Goal is ongoing as opportunities arise.

Goal 6: Remain informed of Legislative Activities

This Goal is ongoing.



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Ms. Fahey will bring a revised list of Goals and Objectives to the next Commission for possible adoption.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (*action item)

a. Discussion – Groundwater Conditions

Ms. Fahey provides a Powerpoint presentation showing the groundwater level Monitoring Network including GMP & CASGEM wells. The presentation then moves into groundwater conditions. A ten-year trend of groundwater level declines is being seen in the Arbuckle area. Ms. Fahey reported information on recent domestic well outages in the Arbuckle area.

A discussion was held asking for input/recommendations on how to best address the problem area in the County. Some ideas included: more surface water availability at an affordable price to encourage surface water use, moratorium on ag cropping development, less groundwater usage, percent reduction across the board in groundwater use. Next, a discussion was held about halting permits for deep wells.

b. Discussion – SGMA Updates

c. Commissioner Comments and Updates

Darrin Williams mentioned that one of their goals is public outreach to educate people in Colusa County about agriculture. He would like to consider a series of public outreach meetings in the urban areas, and in the different communities throughout the county in a “town hall meeting” style. He also suggested holding a field tour to help the non-ag community gain a better understanding of farming practices and water use.

d. Items for next agenda

GW conditions

Outreach efforts

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Darrin Williams

2nd Matt LaGrande

Passed

Meeting adjourned at 3:59pm

Next Regular meeting date: September 10, 2015 at 1:30, location TBD



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