



# Corning Subbasin Advisory Board



Tehama County Flood Control  
and Water Conservation District

Members

Matt Hansen -- Dave Lester -- Steve Gruenwald -- Ian Turnbull (Alternate)  
John Amaro -- Brian Mori -- Julia Violich -- Grant Carmon (Alternate)

**Corning Subbasin Advisory Board**

**October 2, 2024 | 1:30 p.m.**

**Location | 794 Third Street, Corning, CA 96021**

**Alternate Location | 74 Hillcrest Drive, Lake Placid NY 12946**

**And Teleconference**

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Member Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (TCFCWCD)		Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CSGSA)	
X	Steven Gruenwald	X	Grant Carmon
	Dave Lester	X	Brian Mori (arrived at 2:17)
X	Matt Hansen	X	Julia Violich
X	Ian Turnbull (Alternate)		John Amaro (Alternate)

Other participants: Lisa Hunter (Glenn County Water Resources Coordinator), Kaitlyn Murray (Glenn County), Justin Jenson (Tehama County Deputy Director of Public Works – Water Resources), Nichole Bethurem (Tehama County), Eddy Teasdale, Evan Davis, Christy Clark, Jeanette Lovelis, Brandon Davison, Bill Davis, Maddie Munson, Karen Jones, Martin Spannaus

3. Meeting Minutes

- a. \*Approval of June 5, 2024 meeting minutes
- b. \*Approval of August 7, 2024 meeting minutes

**On motion by Member Gruenwald, seconded by Member Mori, with Member Turnbull abstaining, the meeting minutes from June 5, 2024 were approved as presented.**

**On motion by Member Turnbull, seconded by Member Gruenwald, the meeting minutes from August 7, 2024 were unanimously approved as presented.**

4. Period of Public Comment

Member Hansen invited public comments, whereby no public comments heard.

5. \*Approve 2025 CSAB Meeting Schedule

After discussion amongst board members and staff, there was general consensus to approve option 1, holding bi-monthly meetings, noting special meetings could be held as needed.

**On motion by Member Gruenwald, seconded by Member Carmon, it was unanimously ordered to approve the 2025 CSAB meeting schedule option 1 bi-monthly meetings.**

6. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation

a. Update on Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Implementation Grant

Eddy Teasdale and Evan Davis from Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) gave a presentation updating the Board on the SGM Implementation Grant tasks including Grant Management and Administration, GSP Implementation, On-going Monitoring, Data Gaps & Enhancements, Project & Management Actions, and Regional Conjunctive Use.

Mr. Teasdale shared an interactive map showing average groundwater change and groundwater pumping which may help guide the demand management programs.

Regarding ongoing monitoring, data gaps, and enhancements, Member Carmon emphasized the importance of engaging the public as a crucial strategy for addressing data gaps in well monitoring and to raise awareness about the significance of these data gaps and the potential impact they have.

Regarding recharge and regional conjunctive use, Mr. Teasdale asked the board for recommendations on how to decide which projects would be best to move forward, while considering impact, feasibility and alignment with goals. There was some discussion surrounding details of certain projects, evaluation matrix, and interactive map. Member Turnbull noted the importance of monitoring the actual effects of groundwater recharge projects on groundwater levels. It was noted a project list spreadsheet and the interactive map would be distributed to board members, who will provide feedback to staff on project ranking.

b. Well Mitigation Program

1. Updates from CSGSA
2. Updates from Tehama County GSA
3. \*Discussion on potential coordination of programs and/or recommendations to the GSAs

Mr. Jenson stated an ad hoc committee has been formed, which has instructed staff to form a working group. The working group will potentially consist of residents affected by dry wells, Environmental Health Staff, well drilling professionals and local NGOs.

Ms. Hunter stated the CSGSA has also formed an ad hoc committee. She stated there is a standing CSGSA agenda item that will allow updates throughout this process. She stated the ad hoc committee would like to see more direct coordination with Tehama County, therefore she reached out to Mr. Jenson to invite a Tehama representative to the ad hoc meetings to improve

GSA communication and coordination. She further stated the ad hoc is aware of the importance of public outreach and they are working to improve that component as well.

c. Demand Management Program

1. Updates from CSGSA
2. Updates from Tehama County GSA
3. \*Discussion on potential coordination of programs and/or recommendations to the GSAs

Mr. Jenson stated an ad hoc committee has been formed, as well as a working group, which have met twice. He stated they are currently working on prioritizing the components of the Demand Management Program by using provided data. Member Hansen expressed the importance of letting the data lead and guide the decisions of the program, while Member Mori pointed out the significance of how the data is interpreted.

Ms. Hunter stated the CSGSA appointed an ad hoc committee. She stated the committee is interested in holding joint study sessions with Tehama County to help understand the subbasin in its entirety. Member Carmon reiterated the importance of having open communication and coordination between the two sides of the subbasin. Mr. Jenson explained some of the legal differences in the governing bodies' authorities and policies, therefore making some of the meeting opportunities slightly more difficult, but is hopeful it can be worked out. Ms. Hunter stated the ad hoc committee felt public outreach and early education are critical components, as the program could possibly affect future business decisions. There was a discussion on what entities would be best to contact to help engage with the public regarding the program.

7. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Updates

Mr. Jenson stated an important topic the GSA is working on is understanding how rain events affect infrastructure and if water diversion could help with some impacts to vital infrastructure.

Ms. Hunter stated the CSGSA and the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) are working on a 180-day permit for Stony Creek by using technical support from DWR and funding from the grant. The GSAs are working on an application for continued facilitation support services that would potentially help with, among other things, coordination and outreach for the Demand Management and Well Mitigation programs. Butte County is also submitting an application on behalf of the region for facilitation support services for inter-basin coordination.

8. Corning Subbasin Advisory Board Member Reports and Comments

Member Turnbull had questions regarding the selection process of the drilling contractor associated with the multi-completion wells.

Member Carmon stated he attended a Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management (NSV IRWM) meeting, where Thad Bettner gave a presentation on the Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.