



Corning Subbasin Advisory Board



Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Members

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

Corning Subbasin Advisory Board

November 1, 2023 | 1:30 p.m.

Location | 794 Third Street, Corning, CA 96021

Alternate Location | 1177 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur, CA 95939

And Teleconference

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Member Hansen called the Corning Subbasin Advisory Board (CSAB) meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (TCFCWCD)	Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CSGSA)
Steven Gruenwald	x Grant Carmon
x Dave Lester	x Brian Mori
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), Brandon Davison (Department of Water Resources), Marisa Perez-Reyes (Stantec), Todd Hamer (Tehama County Groundwater Commission), Evan Davis (LSCE), Bryan David (Water Exchange), Matt Brady (Ag Reserves), Evan Markey (Cal Water), Steven Stull (Cal Water), Del Reimers (Landowner), Martin Spannaus (Landowner), Curt Pierce (UC Cooperative Extension), Cody Lamb

3. Meeting Minutes

- a. *Approval of September 6, 2023 meeting minutes

Motion by Member Turnbull second by Member Lester to approve the September 6, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: Lester, Hansen, Turnbull, Carmon, Mori, Violich

Noes: None

Absent: Member Gruenwald

b. *Approval of October 4, 2023 meeting minutes

Motion by Member Turnbull second by Member Lester to approve the October 4, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: Lester, Hansen, Turnbull, Carmon, Mori, Violich

Noes: None

Absent: Member Gruenwald

4. Period of Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Determination Status

Ms. Hunter stated staff is still reviewing the determination letter and sorting through what is required.

Mr. Jenson stated the letter is primarily a request for additional information and staff from both GSAs will be having a consultation with DWR to ensure the agencies are responding effectively.

Mr. Jenson discussed there being concerns with how the Minimum Thresholds (MTs) were set and that a group will be formed to participate in discussions with DWR.

Member Mori commented on the universal language in all of the determination letters and asked if more information was needed or if the MTs needed to be re-evaluated. Mr. Mori noted the DWR determination letter includes the need for more tangible projects and management actions (PMAs).

Member Turnbull stated the determination letter states the need to re-evaluate the assessment of overdraft conditions.

Mr. Jenson noted the Tehama County Groundwater Commission is having a special meeting to form an ad hoc committee for the Tehama subbasins, noting the importance of involvement from those involved with developing the GSPs.

Member Mori expressed interest in being part of the ad hoc committee.

Ms. Hunter stated DWR wants to see basins succeed and that DWR is ready to meet at the GSAs' request.

Member Violich noted DWR is asking that current basin conditions be included and recommended reviewing the 2023 guidance documents.

Member Carmon stated the importance of meeting with DWR and getting accurate information before doing a lot of work.

DWR Engineering Geologist Brandon Davison discussed the FAQ sheet sent to staff and that specific questions should be directed to the SGMA office.

6. **Groundwater Sustainability Agency Updates**

Mr. Jenson and Ms. Hunter reported to the CSAB on the TCFCWCD and CSGSA, respectively:

TCFCWCD:

- New well registration forms are being finalized for those APNs that did not respond to the first round of mailers.
- The three-year contract with Luhdorff & Scalmanini for annual reports, response to DWR comments, and GSP implementation activities is being presented to the Board of Directors on November 7, 2023.

Member Hansen stated public outreach meetings continue to have low attendance.

Member Mori requested a presentation on how grant funding can be used for Projects and Management Actions (PMAs). Mr. Jenson stated the proposed PMAs will be presented to the CSAB.

CSGSA:

- The new GSA fee has been placed on the Glenn County tax roll; staff is responding to calls regarding how the fees were calculated.

7. **Presentation: Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) for Mitigation and Climate Adaptation**

This presentation was removed from the agenda at the request of the presenter and will be rescheduled.

8. **Facilitation Support Services for the Corning Subbasin**

a. **Corning Subbasin Operations Plan Update**

Stantec Associate Facilitator Marisa Perez-Reyes thanked Members Turnbull and Violich for providing comments on the Operations Plan.

Associate Facilitator Perez-Reyes discussed final edits to the Operations Plan which refined the GSAs' roles and responsibilities and defined the activities shared between the two GSAs.

Associate Facilitator Perez-Reyes stated comments are still being accepted but the Operations Plan will be considered final and submitted to DWR, though it is a living document and can be updated at the GSA's request.

Ms. Hunter stated this is a good document to reflect on how roles and responsibilities have been shared and how the agencies can move forward.

Member Hansen stated the dispute resolution section can be updated as the need arises.

Associate Facilitator Perez-Reyes proposed including language that dispute resolution is not needed at this time.

9. **Corning Subbasin Monitoring Network**

a. **Receive update on status of Corning Subbasin Monitoring Network**

Ms. Hunter stated the wells presented are monitored by DWR staff but have ownership issues, safety/access issues, and well construction/failure issues preventing groundwater level collection.

Member Turnbull stated three of the wells are RMP wells and asked how removing them would impact the GSP.

Mr. Jenson stated the Proposition 68 grant funding includes funding to expand the monitoring network.

Member Carmon suggested adding a question about well monitoring to the well registration form.

b. ***Make a recommendation to the GSAs to approve changes to the Corning Subbasin Monitoring Network and include updates in the Annual Report**

Motion by Member Mori, second by Member Carmon to recommend approving the changes to the monitoring network and including the changes in the Annual Report.

Ayes: Lester, Hansen, Turnbull, Carmon, Mori, Violich

Noes: None

Absent: Member Gruenwald

10. **Discussion: Prioritization of Basin-Wide Tasks**

Mr. Jenson stated LSCE will present the PMAs included in the GSP to the CSAB and determine how to move forward and what activities can be re-prioritized as it relates to grant funding.

Member Mori stated part of correcting the GSP will include revising the PMAs.

Member Carmon discussed the need to get started on any recharge projects to take advantage of a wet winter and available surface water due to the time required to implement projects.

Member Turnbull discussed the Governor's Executive Order and county emergency declaration requirements for recharge projects. Discussion ensues among staff, CSAB members, and the public around the challenges of implementing recharge projects, emergency declaration thresholds, and other recharge opportunities that do not require emergency declarations.

Member Hansen stated the PMAs don't seem reasonable to offset overdraft.

A resident discussed the challenges and pushback he has faced trying to do recharge projects with runoff water on private property, specifically with permitting. The resident stated many landowners are willing to participate in recharge projects.

Del Reimers discussed the Orland Project, noting Black Butte Lake needs to evacuate water before flood season starts and noted there are options to put water into the district.

Member Carmon discussed complications with that option due to the number of agencies involved.

11. Corning Subbasin Advisory Board Member Reports and Comments

Member Turnbull discussed the Glenn County Community Wildfire Protection Plan which is currently in public review. Member Turnbull stated there are two projects aimed at Arundo eradication on Stony Creek.

Martin Spannaus announced the Healthy Forest Grant for restoration projects.

12. Next Meeting

The next CSAB meeting will be on December 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

13. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.