

Corning Subbasin Advisory Board

December 2, 2020, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Meeting #8 Meeting Summary

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20, this meeting was conducted by teleconference/webinar.

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Meeting Access Code: 846-634-813

1. Welcome and Introductions

At 1:30 p.m., Rafael Silberblatt, facilitator for the Corning Subbasin Advisory Board (CSAB), called the meeting to order.

Roll call

Ryan Teubert and Lisa Hunter took the roll call for the CSAB Members.

Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (TCFCWCD)

- ✓ Steven Gruenwald
- ✓ David Lester
- ✓ Bob Williams

Alternate:

- ✓ Ian Turnbull

Corning Sub-basin GSA

- ✓ Lisa Hunter
- ✓ John Viegas
- ✓ Julia Violich

Alternate:

- ✓ John Amaro

Agenda Review, Review of Groundrules

Rafael Silberblatt welcomed meeting participants to the eighth CSAB meeting. He reviewed the agenda and reminded attendees that CSAB meetings follow Brown Act guidelines. He invited members of the public to announce their name and affiliation into the chat box to be included in the meeting summary.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

- Tamara Williams - Requested additional outreach for rural landowners particularly in the western portion of the Subbasin

- Jaime Lely - Concerned regarding the lack of advertising regarding an upcoming outreach opportunity for Glenn County
 - Lisa Hunter - Upcoming outreach opportunities are for Colusa Subbasin, not related to Corning GSP

3. Action Item: Approval of the Meeting Summary

A comment was made by Tamara Williams that the November CSAB meeting summary should be edited to make it clear that she is from but doesn't live in the Corning Subbasin. Lisa Hunter made the motion: *The CSAB approves the CSAB November Meeting Summary with the edit noted by Tamara Williams.* John Viegas seconded the motion. Mr. Silberblatt opened discussion on this motion. Hearing no comments from CSAB board members, he called a vote.

Roll call vote:

Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (TCFCWCD)

- David Lester – Aye
- Bob Williams – Aye
- Steven Gruenwald – Aye

Corning Sub-basin GSA

- Lisa Hunter – Aye
- John Viegas – Aye
- Julia Violich-- Aye

The Board unanimously approved the motion with a 6-0 vote.

4. GSA Updates

Ryan Teubert and Lisa Hunter reported to the CSAB on the TCFCWCD and Corning Sub-basin GSA (CSGSA) activities, respectively.

Tehama County GSA (Ryan Teubert)

- Board of Directors approved the Corning Subbasin Sustainability Goal description with the edits made by the Tehama County Groundwater Commission on 11/16/20
- There will be a Groundwater Commission meeting on 12/9/20 at 8:30am
- New website launched: tehamacountywater.org
- Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will host a webinar on 12/9/20 at 6pm regarding SGMA and basin setting information: <https://tehamacountywater.org/updates/2020/12/01/online-public-workshop-december-9-2020-6/>
- Interbasin coordination is underway

Corning Sub-basin GSA (Lisa Hunter)

- Board of Directors approved the Corning Subbasin Sustainability Goal description with the edits made by the Tehama County Groundwater Commission and approved the 2021 meeting schedule on 11/10/20. Board will continue to meet every other month. The next meeting is 1/13/21
- The Consensus Building Institute (CBI), under a DWR Facilitation Support Services grant, is providing additional outreach support; the team developed a general SGMA flyer for the basin that is being

distributed to Subbasin stakeholders, and is posted on the Corning Subbasin GSP website (<https://www.corningsubbasingsp.org/>)

- Technical support services – moving forward, drilling of new monitoring well cluster to commence in January

Interbasin Coordination (Lisa Porta)

- CBI is facilitating interbasin coordination and has developed a website hosted by Butte County that shows participating GSAs and updates on efforts: <https://www.buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management-Act/Inter-basin-Coordination>. Interbasin coordination efforts will include sharing sustainability targets and modeling efforts at subbasin boundaries.
 - Lisa Hunter – This interbasin group is not a decision-making body, the purpose is to make sure the GSPs are aligning, particularly at boundaries between Subbasins, and to coordinate on technical work.
 - Lisa Porta - the information developed during interbasin coordination will be shared with respective GSAs for future decision making.
 - Tamara Williams – It is encouraging to see coordination between the various GSAs

5. Open Discussion on GSP Sections and Feedback

Lisa Porta – Provided an overview of the GSP sections, the process for public review, and an in-depth review of Section 1 (Introduction) and Section 2 (Plan Area). The Corning GSP website includes meeting materials, timeline, outline and draft sections.

Rafael opened comments to the staff, CSAB, and the public. General comments and input are summarized below. Section-specific comments are attached in a table to this meeting summary.

- Ian Turnbull – How will you handle written comments?
 - Lisa Porta – We are compiling comments and addressing them in their respective sections.
 - Ian Turnbull - I meant, how are you incorporating comments in this meeting that were submitted by CSAB members in writing beforehand?
 - Lisa Porta - CSAB members are welcome to summarize their comments, but we were not planning on reading through all the comments at this time.
- Ryan Teubert– Will there be a table showing all comments and how they were addressed?
 - Lisa Porta – Yes, we intend to track comments in that way. We have also responded directly to some individuals who submitted comments. A comment tracking spreadsheet will be included in the GSP.
- Tamara Williams – Is there a comment form for the public?
 - Lisa Porta – No, we are not soliciting written comments from the public at this time but you can always provide comments through your GSA representatives.
 - Tamara Williams – When is the deadline for substantive public comments for these sections?

- Lisa Porta – The public can follow the Advisory Board timeline (i.e., comments due 12/4/20 for sections 1 and 2). However, these are initial draft sections, and we will solicit further public comment when the full draft GSP is developed.
- Ian Turnbull – It seems like things are on the right track.
- Dave Lester – This discussion will likely get more lively when we get into water budget/use.
 - Lisa Porta - Agreed, the next CSAB meeting (January 6) will likely prompt more comments.

6. Next Steps

Lisa Porta provided an overview of upcoming CSAB meetings and topics.

Bob Williams made the motion: Approve the 2021 CSAB meeting schedule through September 2021. John Viegas seconded the motion. Mr. Silberblatt opened discussion on this motion. Hearing no comments from CSAB board members, he called a vote.

Roll call vote:

Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (TCFCWCD)

- David Lester – Aye
- Bob Williams – Aye
- Steven Gruenwald – Aye

Corning Sub-basin GSA

- Lisa Hunter – Aye
- John Viegas – Aye
- John Amaro-- Aye

The Board will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month from 1:30-3:30pm.

Ms. Porta provided an overview of the GSP section review process, including the dates for when draft sections will be made available, when they will be discussed and when comments will be due. The goal is to square away background information before focusing on the Sustainable Management Criteria.

7. Adjourn

Rafael Silberblatt thanked Lisa Porta, CSAB members, and the public for participating in this great discussion and adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:30 pm.

Meeting Participants

CSAB Members

- Lisa Hunter, Corning Sub-basin GSA
- John Viegas, Corning Sub-basin GSA
- Julia Violich, Corning Sub-basin GSA
- John Amaro, Corning Sub-basin GSA alternate
- Steven Gruenwald, Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Private Citizen)
- David Lester, Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Groundwater Commissioner)

- Bob Williams, Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Board Member)
- Ian Turnbull, Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Alternate

Other Participants

- Delbert David, Member of the Public
- Erin Smith, DWR Northern Region
- Holly Dawley, GCID (Corning Sub-basin GSA Staff)
- Jaime Lely, Landowner
- John Leach
- Kristina Miller, City of Corning
- Mariana Rivera-Torres, CBI
- Mary Fahey, Colusa Groundwater Authority
- Matt Hansen, domestic well owner and Tehama County resident
- Peter Knight
- Stephanie Horii, CBI
- Tamara Williams, Landowner
- Todd Hamer
- Ryan Teubert, TCFCWCD
- Nichole Bethurem, TCFCWCD

Consultants and Project Team

- Lisa Porta, Montgomery & Associates
- Pete Dennehy, Montgomery & Associates
- Rafael Silberblatt, Kearns & West

Corning Subbasin GSP - CSAB Meeting Comments on Section 1 INTRODUCTION and Section 2 PLAN AREA

Comment Number	Page	Subsection	Table	Figure	Date	Commenter/Affiliation	Comment	Response (Lisa Porta)
1					12/2/2020	David Lester/CSAB Member	I am concerned about the accuracy of DWR well mapping. Production well map is showing wells that I know are abandoned near Corning. How are you doing water budgeting, it it tied to this inaccurate mapping?	Well density maps are part of the general data collection. Water budgeting in the model is not tied to the well distribution maps. Groundwater pumping is estimated in the model based on surface water supplied and water demands of planted crops.
2					12/2/2020	Ryan Teubert/Tehama GSA	How is domestic well pumping estimated in the model? What about urban pumping?	Domestic well pumping is estimated based on per capita population distribution. Public supply wells from City of Corning and Hamilton City are represented in the model.
3					12/2/2020	David Lester/CSAB Member	The section language should emphasize that the well density maps are an estimate and will improve over time. If we are looking at distribution of domestic wells for establishing sustainable management criteria; if the data is bad then we can end up making uninformed decisions.	The section language does emphasize that well density maps are based on the available information and give a general overview of where wells are installed in the Subbasin. The maps and summary tables of wells by type are not expected to accurately count where every well is installed or where every old well has been abandoned in the Subbasin. The sustainable management criteria for lowering of water levels are being developed based on general information regarding well distribution and water level history. We are using domestic well statistics to guide this effort, but not to set levels.
4					12/2/2020	Tamara Williams/Stakeholder	Climate discussion in Section 2 should include a longer timeframe than the last couple of decades as a backdrop for climate change in the Subbasin. The report gives a snapshot of recent rainfall and temperature trends and refers to it as "climate" but I think that a longer timeframe needs to be analyzed to be considered indicative of climate patterns. The DWR has some good information that could be referenced.	We can add references for climate from DWR as applicable. The climate section is not a requirement of the GSP so don't want to go into a huge level of detail here. DWR prepares climate reports and climate change studies that will be incorporated into future groundwater modeling scenarios in this GSP.
5					12/2/2020	Tamara Williams/Stakeholder	Think that this document should acknowledge that more wells are continuing to be installed and that water levels are dropping. Where will you discuss the problem of overdraft in this basin and the water use?	Information on overdraft will be provided in future sections of the GSP (mainly, sections 3, 4, and 6)