

**GLENN COUNTY
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
For the Water Advisory Committee**

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Minutes

Meeting Date: April 28, 2009

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Glenn County Department of Agriculture
720 N. Colusa Street
Willows, CA 95988

TAC Members Present:

Kevin Backus	GC Dept of Health Services
Lance Boyd	South Area
Andrew Farrar	East Area
Kelly Staton	DWR
George Wilson	North Area

TAC Members Absent:

Mark Black	GC Ag Dept
Allan Fulton	UCCE
Ben Pennock	Central Area
Randy Murphy	Public Works

WAC Members Present:

Robert Coruccini	TAC/Willow Creek Mutual Water Co.
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Others:

Tina Brothers	WAC/TAC Secretary
Kristen McKillop	Butte County Water & Resource Conservation
Lester Messina	Glenn County Ag. Dept.
John Orendroff	Citizen
Eugene Massa	Colusa Basin Drainage District

- I. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Those in attendance introduced themselves.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the March 10, 2009 meeting were approved as mailed.

III. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

A. BMOs for Groundwater Level-

1. Discussion on Fall 2008 measurements- Lester handed out a spreadsheet that showed the two sub-areas (9 and 10) that utilize the fall BMOs which are in the private pumpers areas. According to the BMO document when it was initially developed a well that was in stage 3 can be taken to a stage 2 if the spring measurement is equal to the average of the time period when the BMO was developed. In sub-area 9 there is only one well in stage 3 (21N02W23G01), the other two are in stage 2. In sub-area 10 the three wells are in stage 2. Lester asked the TAC if they had any suggestions on what can be done in that area as a method of further outreach. Kelly made a suggestion to look at the monitoring wells in that area and see what their experiencing. Kelly would like to study the pump pulls. DWR at this time is working on contour maps. Lester thanked Kelly and DWR for all their hard work.

Lester reviewed with the TAC a press release he drafted up. Lester tries to send out three press releases a year. Lester asks for comments. Andrew Farrar thought it contained good information however he felt it might be to long. Kristen McKillop, Butte County shared that they have a Drillers log that contains of list of things to do, however she feels people think its to much work.

To sum this up, Lester feels the need to develop a comprehensive report and keep moving forward.

2. Discussion on Spring 2009 measurements –At the last WAC meeting Lester reviewed with the group the data collected for spring 2009 groundwater level measurements and it was recommended that the TAC start with a review of the well 21N0318B02 area and then report back to the WAC at their next meeting. Lester reviewed this well data with the TAC. This well last year was going through rehab of cleaning it out and had a failure in the deep monitoring zone so the two zones are communicating so we have lost a big data point. We only have six years of data. The grower is no longer using this well. Had to drill another well to 600 feet. Lester asked how would this area be dealt with? Kelly suggested monitoring the new well as well as the old well all summer and maybe check out the land use.

Lester informed the TAC that he has received 58 wells permit information from Environmental Health Department and entering into GIS. Lester feels it is very important that we know exactly where every location of wells are in the county.

3. Consideration on forwarding recommendations to the WAC-Lester will give a recommendation to the WAC on June 9, 2009 for both of the wells the TAC discussed today.

B. Existing BMO's for Groundwater Levels-

1. Continue Discussion-This discussion was started back in November 2008 talking about the concept of the period of record when the BMOS were developed and it seems after 1996 that permanent crop planting has increased so much that we can't keep up. Due to the olive orchards going in we have lost around 5,000 of rice acres causing a large loss of surface water recharge in the areas. Looking at a water needs standpoint, is there good planning going on? Kelly suggested that we take the last 40 years of data of every BMO well and look at the county on a regional level and look at the spring averages and standard deviation leaving in the BMO data and see how it falls out. Lester will make a recommendation to the WAC and see how they want us to proceed.

MEMBER REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEXT MEETINGS:

The next WAC meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the GCID Board room.
The next TAC meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Brothers
WAC/TAC Secretary