

# **COUNTY OF COLUSA**

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

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# COLUSA COUNTY GROUNDWATER COMMISSION MEETING

Darrin Williams, Dist. 1 | Deke Dormer, Dist. 2 | Matt LaGrande, Dist. 3 | Vacant, Dist. 4 | Jeff Moresco, Dist. 5

# **Meeting Minutes**

Location: This meeting was held remotely via Zoom

Date: May 5, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Williams opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with a Roll Call of Officers and introductions of others in attendance.

## **Introductions**

Staff and public in attendance:

Mary Fahey, Colusa County Water Resources	Brandon Davison, DWR
Jeff Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority	Colt Esenwein, City of Williams
Ashley Driver	Arne Gustafson
Dan Ruiz, Maxwell and Westside Water Districts	

## Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Dormer, LaGrande, Moresco, Williams

Commissioners Absent: None

## Approval of Minutes from the November 4, 2020 Meeting

**Motion:** Commissioner Dormer moved to approve the February 10, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner LaGrande seconded. The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Williams abstaining.

## **Period of Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

**DWR Update,** Brandon Davison, California Department of Water Resources, Northern Region Office Mr. Davison provided an overview of groundwater level measurements from Summer and Fall of 2020. He also presented information about the current dire drought conditions in California with a focus on the Northern Sacramento Valley region.

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**Colusa Groundwater Authority SGMA Update**; Commissioner Moresco, Commissioner Williams, Mary Fahey (Staff)

Ms. Fahey provided a SGMA update which included information about Groundwater Sustainability Plan development, upcoming meetings, Sustainable Management Criteria, and other local SGMA planning and implementation efforts.

**2021 Water Transfers**; *Jeff Sutton, General Manager, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority*Mr. Sutton described current water supply conditions and said that this year is the second driest year in recorded history. An expected half-million acre-feet of snow melt runoff has melted into the ground and did not make its way to the streams that would normally carry that water into our local reservoirs. North of Delta and South of Delta CVP contracts are now at 0%. He stated that water transfers are a lifeline to get through years like this. He explained how, working within the regulatory environment, water transfers are a big part of the puzzle that helps balance things in these challenging years. Water transfers help to preserve our water rights and protect the local economies. Mr. Sutton went on to describe the locations and timing of local water transfers that are happening this year.

## **UPDATES AND REMINDERS**

# **Commissioner Comments and Updates**

There were no Commissioner comments or updates.

## **Items for Next Agenda**

None suggested at this time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next Regular meeting date: August 4, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted;

Mary Fahey

Secretary