

**Minutes of Special Meeting  
Held  
March 30, 2023**

President Amaro called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. with the flag salute. The meeting was held at the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board Room, 344 East Laurel Street, Willows, California.

**Present:**

John Amaro, President, Division 2  
Logan Dennis, Vice-President, Division 3  
Peter Knight, Director, Division 1  
Donald R. Bransford, Director, Division 4  
Blake Vann, Director, Division 5

**Absent:**

None.

**Staff Present:**

Thaddeus Bettner, General Manager  
Greg Krzys, Assistant General Manager  
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant  
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director (via teleconference)  
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager  
Jeremy Richardson, Maintenance Superintendent  
Jake Hancock, Interim Water Operations Superintendent  
Ali Stevens, Legal Counsel (via teleconference)

**Also Present:**

Sam Rivera, Water Operations Supervisor  
Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies (via teleconference)  
Kelly Ornbaun, Water User

**Public Participation**

President Bransford called for public participation and asked if anyone would like to address the Board and as no one from the public wished to address the Board, the meeting continued.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

Review and Consider District's Water Management and Conservation Policy and Other Issues  
Applicable to Water Delivery

General Manager Bettner explained that the District's *Water Management and Conservation Policy* (Policy) is the primary document that defines the District's policies and practices that promote efficient water management and conservation. District staff have created a list of recommended changes and discussion areas including clarification of the term 'designated irrigator', clarifying and expanding the definition of 'waste of water', making clear that water orders will take up to three days for delivery, addition of significant language related to drainage and reflooding of rice fields, and other minor changes in wording. Staff have also put together a list of other issues that are not addressed in their entirety in the Policy.

General Manager Bettner reviewed the red-lined document and the Board and staff provided feedback on each item.

Director Bransford moved to approve the District's Water Management and Conservation Policy with the suggested amendments. Director Knight seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Amaro, Bransford, Dennis, Knight and Vann

Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-04 Setting Water Rates and the Application Deadlines for the 2023 Water Year

Finance Director Jarvis reported that the adoption of Resolution No. 2023-04 would establish the following criteria for the 2023 irrigation season consistent with a 100% water supply: the 'regular' (non-Shasta Critical) water rate structure will be used, with the fixed component set at \$41.95 per acre and the variable component set at \$8.62 per acre-foot of applied water, which is the maximum allowed under the prior Proposition 218 process for water rates; applied water unit duties will be based on the quantities identified in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 2023-04; applications for water will be accepted from Monday, April 3, 2023, through 5 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2023; and additional water rate information is provided for in Exhibit B of Resolution No. 2023-04. Depending on the action taken by the Board, certain changes or additions may need to be made to Exhibit B.

Director Vann moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-04 setting the water rates and the application deadlines for the 2023 Water Year as noted above. Director Dennis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Amaro, Bransford, Dennis, Knight and Vann

The Resolution is attached to the minutes as Attachment A.

Other Business

General Manager Bettner reported that the District received its updated allocation letter from the Bureau noting 100% supply and no restrictions at the District's pumping plant.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thaddeus L. Bettner  
Secretary

Attest a true record of proceedings made and taken at the above foregoing meeting our consent thereto and our presence thereat.



Donald R. Bransford



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Peter Knight



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Blake Vann



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John Amaro



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Logan Dennis

## ATTACHMENT A

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04  
GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**APPROVE WATER RATES FOR THE 2023 WATER YEAR AND ESTABLISH APPLICATION  
DEADLINES**

The Board of Directors of Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) hereby finds and declares as follows:

**WHEREAS**, GCID was duly formed, is organized, and at all times has been acting as and exercising the rights of an irrigation district under the provisions of the Irrigation District Law (Division 11 of the California Water Code); and

**WHEREAS**, Water Code section 22280 authorizes the Board of Directors of an irrigation district to fix rates and charges; and

**WHEREAS**, precipitation and related inflow into Shasta Lake have been sufficient to provide for a 100% water supply during 2023 pursuant to the District's settlement contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors now intend to set water rates for the 2023 water year consistent with its prior Resolution No. 2020-03 and establish related deadlines.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of GCID to adopt this Resolution as follows:

**Section 1. Recitals**

The foregoing recitals are true and correct and the Board of Directors so finds and determines.

**Section 2. Water Rates Effective During the 2023 Irrigation Season**

The water rate for crops irrigated between April 1, 2023 and October 31, 2023 shall be:

\$41.95 per irrigated acre (fixed component), plus  
\$8.62 per acre-foot of applied water for the crop being irrigated.

The amounts above reflect no increase in the water rates the District previously established pursuant to GCID Resolution No. 2020-03, and in accordance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution and the provisions of Proposition 218.

Applied water unit duties shall be based upon quantities listed in the attached Exhibit A.

**Section 3. Water Application Process and Deadline.**

Water applications for the 2023 irrigation season will be accepted starting on Monday, April 3, 2023 and will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 28, 2023. In accordance with *District Rules and Regulations* Rule 2.5, applications submitted subsequent to the April 28, 2023 deadline will be subject to a five percent (5%) late

penalty. The late penalty will be waived if the charges are paid in full at the time the application is submitted.

Section 4. Additional Water Rate Information.

Certain additional water rate information is provided for in the attached Exhibit B.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this thirtieth day of March, 2023, by the following vote of the GCID Board of Directors

Ayes: Directors Amaro, Bransford, Dennis, Knight and Vann  
Absent:  
Noes:  
Abstain:

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I hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a regular meeting thereof duly held on March 30, 2023, at which meeting a quorum of said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and the seal of the District this 30th day of March, 2023



Thaddeus L. Bettner, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

**2023 Applied Water Unit Duties for Summer & Winter Crops  
100% Water Supply**

<b>Summer Crops (1)</b>	<b>AF/Acre</b>	<b>Winter Crops</b>	<b>AF/Acre</b>
Alfalfa	4.5	Barley	2.0
Almonds	4.1	Beet (Seed)	3.5
Almond Drip Year 1	0.8	Broccoli (Seed)	2.8
Almond Drip Year 2	1.6	Cabbage (Seed)	2.8
Almond Drip Year 3	2.3	Carrot (Seed)	4.1
Almond Drip Year 4+	3.1	Celery (Seed)	4.5
Bean (Dry)	2.5	Chard (Seed)	3.4
Clover	4.5	Cover Crop	2.5
Corn (Ear)	6.0	Grain Hay	2.0
Corn (Ear) Drip	4.5	Kale (Seed)	2.8
Corn (Silage)	4.3	Oats & Oat Hay	2.0
Cotton	3.3	Onion & Garlic (Fresh)	1.5
Cover Crop	2.5	Onion (Seed)	3.4
Fallow	0.0	Mustard (Seed)	1.9
Fish Pond	10.5	Radish (Seed)	1.8
Fruit Trees	4.1	Rye	2.0
Grape Vine	2.7	Turnip (Seed)	1.9
Habitat Wetland Summer	6.0	Wheat	2.0
Habitat Wetland Summer 1 Irrigation	1.0		
Habitat Wetland Summer 2 Irrigations	1.8		
Herb	1.0		
Industrial Hemp	2.8	<b>Winter Water</b>	
Misc. Deciduous	4.1	October Service Only	1.5
Miscellaneous Field Crops	2.5	November through January 6 Service	2.1
Olive	3.2	October through January 6 Service	2.8
Pasture	4.9	Winter Water Single Irrigation (October 1 - January 6)	1.0
Peas (Dry)	2.5		
Pepper	2.5	Habitat Wetland Winter Available October 1	
Pistachio	4.1	Continuous Flow	3.0
Prune	4.1	1 Irrigation	1.0
Rice	6.9		
Rice - Wild	5.0		
Safflower	2.2		
Small Vegetable	2.5		
Sudan Grass	4.9		
Sunflower	2.2		
Sunflower Drip	1.7		
Tomato	2.3		
Tomato Drip	1.7		
Vinseed	1.6		
Vinseed Drip	1.2		
Walnut	4.4		
Walnut Drip Year 1	0.9		
Walnut Drip Year 2	1.7		
Walnut Drip Year 3	2.6		
Walnut Drip Year 4+	3.4		
1 Irrigation	1.0		
2 Irrigations	1.8		

(1) Applied water figures above for summer crops cover water use from April 1 through October 31. Water use on summer crops outside this time period will be subject to an additional one irrigation charge for each irrigation

## 2023 WATER RATE INFORMATION

### **2023 Water Rates for water service from April 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023:**

Fixed Charge Per Acre: \$41.95 per irrigated acre

Volumetric Charge Per A/F: \$ 8.62 per acre foot for the crop being grown (see enclosed applied unit duty chart)

**Any water use before April 1 or after October 31 is subject to additional charges.**

**Payment schedule:** 40% due with application; 30% due June 1, 2023; 30% due August 1, 2023

The 2023 water application deadline is April 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Late applications are subject to a 5% late penalty except in cases where the application is paid in full at the time of application. Water will not be delivered without an application, required signature form(s) and appropriate payment.

Returned check charge is \$25.00.

Past due accounts (over 15 days late) will be charged interest at the rate of 1.5% per month (18% per year).

### **Standby Charge:**

The Standby Charge of \$6.00 per deeded acre will be due on June 1, 2023, and delinquent if not paid by June 15, 2023.

**Penalties for Waste of Water and Unauthorized Use of Water:** If the water user is wasting water, either willfully, carelessly, negligently, or due to defective private conduits, the District will limit, discontinue, or refuse the delivery of water until the wasteful conditions are remedied in accordance with the District's *Rules and Regulations* (Rule 7.3 Penalties and Enforcement of Unauthorized Use of Water).

Penalty actions for unauthorized use of water are set forth as follows:

Tier 1: Lock and Tag Gates

Tier 2: \$1,000 fine and report to the Board of Directors

Tier 3: \$2,000 fine for each succeeding offense and report to the Board of Directors for additional action including possible termination of water service.

### **Construction Water:**

Construction water rate is \$.50 per 1,000 gallons, with a \$500.00 minimum charge.

### **Definitions and Clarifications:**

Fields may not be flooded in excess of six inches deep as measured from the highest point of the field (with an exception for cultural practices for organic rice).

Water users are to make every effort to manage irrigation timing to allow flow adjustments to occur as early as possible during the water operations worker's normal work hours. Water operations workers are to perform all flow adjustments that occur after their normal work hours. If a water operations worker is called out to make a flow adjustment after normal work hours, the water user will be charged a \$100 fee for after-hours service.

Water users who exceed the volume of water purchased (as determined by the acreage planted x the unit duty) will be required to purchase additional water at the regular rate (\$8.62 per acre-foot) based on the measured volume delivered.

Islands within the District will be served only after approval by the Board of Directors and will be charged double the normal water rate.

Winter Water for duck ponds or rice straw decomposition will now be defined by the period of delivery. The delivery options are (1) October service only; (2) service from November 1 through January 6; (3) service from October through January 6, or (4) a single irrigation at any time during the winter water period.