

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
July 10, 2025**

President Dennis 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 Boardroom, 344 East Laurel Street, Willows, California.

Present:

Logan Dennis, President, Division 3
Donald R. Bransford, Division 4
Kelly Ornbaun, Division 5

Absent:

Peter Knight, Vice-President, Division 1
John Amaro, Division 2

Staff Present:

Jeffrey P. Sutton, General Manager
Brad Mattson, Assistant General Manager
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director
Jeremy Richardson, Maintenance Superintendent
Jake Hancock, Assistant Water Operations Superintendent
Chris Privitera, Interim District Engineer
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager
Mary Spooner, Office Specialist
Andrew Hitchings, Somach, Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

Others Present:

Mike Lux, Water User
John Cecil, Water User
Les Marsh, Water User
Sarah Reynolds, Water User
Scott Pearson, Water User

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Bransford moved to approve the payment of claims #25 17718 through #25 17729 and claims #25 17731 through #25 17808 in the amount of One Million, Four Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$1,447,530.61), claims #25 00117 through #25 00123 in the amount of Eighty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$82,362.83) and approve the June 19, 2025, meeting minutes. Director Ornbaun seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Dennis, Bransford and Ornbaun
Absent: Directors Knight and Amaro

Approve Payment of Claims to Colusa County Farm Supply

As Director Ornbaun has a conflict of interest with Agenda Item 5, and the Board lacks the minimum of three voting Directors required for approval, Item 5 will be paid as a conditionally approved claim pursuant to Board Resolution 2025-06. Under this resolution, the President or Vice President of the Board of Directors, the Secretary, and the Treasurer are authorized to sign warrants for the payment of conditionally approved claims. Once the required signatures are obtained, the Treasurer is authorized to proceed with payment.

Business Items

Discuss and Consider Proposed Dues Increase from California Farm Water Coalition

Finance Director Jarvis reported that the California Farm Water Coalition recently distributed a letter and ballot requesting approval of a dues increase. The Coalition has not raised its dues in sixteen years. The proposed increase would raise dues for regular members from \$0.15 per irrigated acre to \$0.18 per irrigated acre in 2026 and \$0.20 per irrigated acre in 2027.

The District currently pays annual dues of \$19,500 to the Coalition. If the proposed increase is approved, District dues will increase to \$23,400 in 2026, and \$26,000 in 2027.

Director Bransford moved to approve the proposed dues increase, with the condition that a letter be included highlighting the sentiment that the Coalition's outreach efforts and activities must take into account and provide a balanced representation of the concerns of Northern California water and agriculture issues. Director Ornbaun seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Dennis, Bransford and Ornbaun
Absent: Directors Knight and Amaro

Discuss and Consider Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Mitigation Credit Transfer Agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for Required Mitigation Related to the Lurline Check and Siphon Replacement Project

Finance Director Jarvis provided background information on the Lurline Check and Siphon Replacement Project permits. Two of the permits require compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts to Waters of the United States.

The Project will result in permanent impacts to 0.09 acres of riverine habitat in Lurline Creek. As a result, the District is required to purchase 0.18 acres of aquatic resource credits (2 to 1 mitigation ratio), and to execute a Mitigation Credit Transfer Agreement. Staff requested that the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation prepare the agreement for the purchase of mitigation credits, an effort that should be complete in the next couple of weeks. The goal is to execute the agreement on or before the cost of the aquatic credits double on August 10, 2025.

Director Bransford moved to approve authorizing the General Manager to execute the agreement, following the General Manager's and legal counsel's review of the final agreement. Director Ornbaun seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Dennis, Bransford and Ornbaun
Absent: Directors Knight and Amaro

Discuss and Consider Approval of Revised Conflict of Interest Code Pending Required 45-Day Public Comment Period

Finance Director Jarvis provided background on the need to revise the District's Conflict of Interest Code. As a result of the revision, the position of Assistant General Manager will be added to the list of designated positions and assign disclosure categories.

Director Ornbaun moved to approve the revised Conflict of Interest Code, including the non-substantive revisions recommended by FPPC staff, and to post the revised Code for the 45-Day Public Comment period. Director Bransford seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Dennis, Bransford and Ornbaun

Absent: Directors Knight and Amaro

Discuss and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-07 Authorizing the General Manager to Submit Ballots on Behalf of the District for the Colusa Groundwater Authority Operational Assessment

General Manager Sutton provided background and reported that the District has received five individual ballots for the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) Operational Assessment. The District has forty-six parcels within the CGA boundaries that would be subject to these assessments.

Director Bransford moved to approve Resolution 2025-07, directing the General Manager to complete and submit the CGA assessment ballots received by the District indicating an affirmative vote. Director Ornbaun seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Dennis, Bransford and Ornbaun

Absent: Directors Knight and Amaro

The Resolution 2025-07 is attached to the minutes as Attachment A.

ADMINISTRATION

Department Reports

Water

Assistant Water Operations Superintendent Hancock reported on the following: Shasta storage at 3.88 million acre-feet; Keswick releases at 12,901 cubic feet per second (cfs); Main Pump Station at 2,600 cfs; TCCA Wasteway at 150 cfs; notched weir boards are required in all fields.

He also provided information on the power outage at the Main Pump Station on July 2, 2025. Pump Station Supervisor Cesa and maintenance crews were able to restore power in approximately four hours.

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported on the following: Coordination on Cortina Creek siphon; Lurline Project Landowner meeting; removal of spoils from the intake channel is complete; raking of aquatics from laterals and drains; mowing, spraying and grading ongoing.

He also reported that on July 3rd a six-foot breach was discovered in the Main Canal just south of Sheehe Bridge. Maintenance personnel were able to repair the bank within an hour and a half and no damage was sustained to any nearby crops.

Engineering

Interim District Engineer Privitera reported on the following: Lurline Check and Siphon Improvement; RemoteTracker data collection efforts; Electrical Control Building; Lateral 51-1 Improvement Planning and Surveying; Cortina Creek Siphon replacement; GIS Infrastructure; and River Surveyor Hypack Training.

Accounting

Finance Director Jarvis provided additional guidelines on how Resolution 2025-06 would be implemented. Warrants would only be paid when approved by the President or Vice President that are routine in nature and included in the approved budget and those expenses for a contract previously approved by the Board.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Board Member Reports

Director Dennis and Bransford attended the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors meeting.

Committee Reports

General Manager Sutton reported on the following: O&M Ad Hoc Committee meetings are being scheduled; the Event Planning Committee had to be postponed and is being rescheduled.

Manager's Report

General Manager Sutton reported on the ACWA Committee consideration form and provided recommendations for ACWA committee consideration requests.

Communications Report

Office Specialist Spooner reported on social media postings and disbursement of Save the Date notices for the 105th GCID Anniversary Celebration.

Attorney's Report

None.

Other Business

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:29 a.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Public Employee Retirement
(Government Code Section 54957)
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Kelly Ornbaun; Pete Knight; Jeffery P. Sutton; Louis Jarvis; Karen Alves

Employee Organization: Office Unit

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Kelly Ornbaun; Pete Knight; Jeffery P. Sutton; Louis Jarvis; Karen Alves

Employee Organization: Management/Supervisors Group

D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Potential Initiation of Litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9: One Potential Case

E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9) Name of Cases:

- i. *TCCA v. CA DWR* (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 24WM000183) [CEQA Litigation-DWR 2024 EIR for LTO]
- ii. *PCFFA v. Lutnick* (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00431-JLT-EPG);
- iii. *CNRA v. Lutnick* (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00426-JLT-EPG) [2019 BiOps Lawsuits]
- iv. *AquAlliance, et al. v. GCID* (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 25WM000015; *State Water Contractors v. GCID* (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 25MW000018) [2025 CEQA challenges to DPP Agreement FEIR]
- v. *Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board, et al.*, (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2022-80003846) [WR Order 90-5 Litigation]

F. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: GCID's water supplies

GCID Negotiators: Jeffrey P. Sutton, John Amaro, Don Bransford, Louis Jarvis and Counsel Andrew Hitchings

Negotiating Parties: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority and its Member Agencies, Santa Clara Valley Water District and East Bay Municipal Utility District

Under Negotiation: Call dates, and other transaction details

G. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Acquisition of water supplies from Sites Reservoir Project

GCID Negotiators: Logan Dennis, Jeffrey P. Sutton and Counsel Alexis Stevens

Negotiating Parties: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and Sites Reservoir Project

Under Negotiation: Terms of payment, and other transactional details

The Board reconvened to open session at 11:56 a.m.

Discuss and Consider Approval of Employee's Request for Early Retirement

President Dennis reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant Government Code Section 54957, *Public Employee Retirement*, during which the Board was provided background regarding the employee requesting early retirement.

Director Bransford moved to approve Employee Byron Sites request for early retirement. Director Ornbaun seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Dennis, Bransford and Ornbaun
Absent: Directors Knight and Amaro

President Dennis reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, *Conference with Labor Negotiators* regarding the Office Unit, during which the Board heard an update and gave direction.

President Dennis reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant Government Code Section 54957.6, *Conference with Labor Negotiators* regarding the Management/Supervisors Group, during which the Board heard an update and gave direction.

President Dennis reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9, *Anticipated Litigation*, during which the Board heard an update and gave direction.

President Dennis reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9, *Existing Litigation*, during which the Board heard updates and took no action.

President Dennis reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, *Conference with Real Property Negotiators* (GCID's water supplies), during which the Board was advised that there was no update .

President Dennis reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, *Conference with Real Property Negotiators* (Acquisition of water supplies from Sites Reservoir), during which the Board was advised that there was no update.

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey P. Sutton
Secretary

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

Absent

Peter Knight, Division 1

Absent

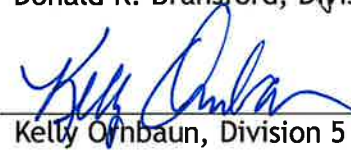
John Amaro, Division 2



Logan Dennis, Division 3



Donald R. Bransford, Division 4



Kelly Ombaun, Division 5

Attachment A
Resolution 2025-07

GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07

**Resolution of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors
Authorizing the General Manager to Submit Ballots on Behalf of the District for the
Colusa Groundwater Authority Operational Assessment**

WHEREAS, the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District owns certain parcels of land within the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) boundary; and

WHEREAS, the CGA is seeking authority to impose an assessment on land within its boundaries in order to provide funding for its activities; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII D of the California Constitution requires that any agency proposing to levy an assessment follow certain procedures, including allowing the owners of property that would be affected by the proposed assessment to submit a ballot either in favor of or in opposition to the proposed assessment; and

WHEREAS, for property owned by a public agency, a resolution of the agency's governing Board may be used to convey the agency's support for or opposition to the proposed assessment; and

WHEREAS, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District owns the parcels identified in Exhibit A to this Resolution and such parcels would be subject to the CGA's proposed assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED by the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to complete the five official CGA assessment ballots for the parcels identified in Exhibit A by indicating ('Yes, I approve the proposed yearly SGMA assessment' or 'No, I do not approve the proposed yearly SGMA assessment,') and to ensure such completed ballots are submitted to and received by the CGA prior to August 7, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote of the Board of Directors on July 10, 2025.

Ayes: Directors Dennis, Bransford and Ornbaun

Absent: Directors Knight and Amaro

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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 meeting thereof duly held on July 10, 2025, 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 on this 10th day of July, 2025.



Jeffrey P. Sutton, Secretary
Board of Directors
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

**Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Owned Parcels within
Colusa Groundwater Authority Boundary**

| Assessor Parcel Number | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 005-201-026-000 | 011-270-068-000 | 014-300-034-000 |
| 005-201-038-000 | 011-270-070-000 | 016-070-065-000 |
| 005-201-039-000 | 013-180-009-000 | 016-070-066-000 |
| 005-201-040-000 | 014-110-054-000 | 016-070-068-000 |
| 005-270-034-000 | 014-110-055-000 | 016-210-053-000 |
| 005-440-006-000 | 014-210-005-000 | 016-210-055-000 |
| 005-440-008-000 | 014-210-034-000 | 016-250-013-000 |
| 005-440-011-000 | 014-210-035-000 | 016-250-015-000 |
| 005-440-014-000 | 014-300-002-000 | 016-250-016-000 |
| 005-440-016-000 | 014-300-025-000 | 016-280-003-000 |
| 005-440-018-000 | 014-300-026-000 | 016-330-031-000 |
| 005-440-019-000 | 014-300-027-000 | 016-330-033-000 |
| 005-440-027-000 | 014-300-028-000 | 017-050-021-000 |
| 011-060-008-000 | 014-300-030-000 | 017-090-010-000 |
| 011-220-060-000 | 014-300-033-000 | 017-110-033-000 |
| 011-250-065-000 | | |