



Tehama County  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 8:30 AM  
Groundwater Commission  
Meeting Minutes

Tehama County Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
727 Oak Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080  
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Board Chambers

## Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Introductions 8:30 am

Commissioners: Martin Spannaus, City of Corning; Jeff Godwin, City of Red Bluff; Hal Crain, City of Tehama; Kris Lamkin, El Camino Irrigation District; Todd Hamer, Los Molinos Community Services District; Martha Slack, Rio Alto Water District; Liz Merry District 1; Adam Englehardt, District 2; Seth Lawrence, District 3; Michael Ward, District 4; David Lester, District 5

Absent: Martin Spannaus, Hal Crain, Liz Merry, Adam Englehardt,  
Justin Jenson, Flood Control/Water Resources Manager

### Public Comment

Deputy Director Justin Jenson introduces a presentation on SB 552 presented by Tia Branton from Environmental Health and Jacques DeBra with LSCE during public comment. The presentation touched on the background of SB 552, what DWR is looking for in a drought resilience plan, concerns, risk assessment, water shortage, water conditions, infrastructure, and more. Once all these items have been assessed they will have a better idea of risk to report to DWR. The Demand Management group (GSA) which is very important for groundwater resources will focus on AG irrigation areas. LSCE and Environmental Health will be putting together a website for AB 552 in the near future.

#### 1. **GSA Approved Groundwater Sustainability Plans - Review of Comments** **25-0359**

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Justin presents comments from DWR on GSP's. Goes over the comments from DWR and what needs to be changed/added for the plans to be accepted. These comments can be found on DWR's website in full detail. Jenson also lets everyone know he can

go over individually if anyone wants more specific details.

### **3. Standing Agenda Items:**

#### **Groundwater Recharge**

We are beginning the process of working with DWR to get the money for those projects that we found could not be implemented on projects that were not feasible. We have gone through the process of determining which projects are not feasible for different reasons. If you find a project to be infeasible and still have money at the end, you want to transfer that money into another project. Before bringing to DWR, there will be a discussion with Ad Hoc to decide where the money could be best used. Ward asks how many potential projects we have. Jenson believes that there are 5 projects deemed feasible, but that does not include in lieu of projects. There is discussion on the data viewer.

#### **Grant Status**

No update

#### **Demand Management Plan Working Group**

Jenson had first meeting with consulting group consisting of ERA and David's engineering about putting together structural framework for a demand management program. There has been individual and group-based meetings. Ward gives update on Demand Management. He explains that the main take away is the group agrees that they want to take a hybrid approach. A hybrid approach would be to look for voluntary incentivized actions initially. If that does not bring the desired results then they will look at mandatory actions which means allocations. Jenson comments that DWR is telling us that is what we need. By doing this we will be in compliance. Hamer says that they haven't figured out how the funding source is going to work on any of these programs that are put together, which is a huge challenge. Ward asks about the next meeting. Jenson says they will get a dollar proposal and be given a budget. This will have to be approved at the Corning subbasin level in order to proceed using those specific funds. The stuff that was previously done was able to fit into outreach budget.

#### **Well Mitigation Plan Working Group**

Jenson hoped they could schedule a meeting next week to set schedule with the reminder of working group. Jenson presents availability. March 19th is a tentative meeting date at 2pm. Justin will set up the meeting and send email.

## **Annual Report Status**

Jenson presents PowerPoint created by LSCE. This presentation goes over the WY 2024 annual report. This report goes over groundwater conditions, our progress, implementation timeline, aquifer elevations, groundwater elevations, undesirable results, different totals/issues in the subbasins, along with other details. Ward asks Jenson if we are above management objective. Jenson responds, stating that we are below in the fall and above in the spring. Hamer states that we may be lacking steam measurements. Ward asks if there will be a report before April 1st. Justin says he is not sure, it depends on getting the missing data from other agencies to get the report together.

## **Outreach**

Jenson did a series of outreach, Prune Day and Walnut Day in collaboration with cooperative extension. They are great because they have a very targeted audience and give updates on what is to come. This type of outreach is a great way to get information to the people it affects. Jenson asks for any input on these kinds of events. Ward asks how many people were there. Jenson guesses around the low 100's, it was at the Elks lodge and there was a full room.

## **2. Commission Matters**

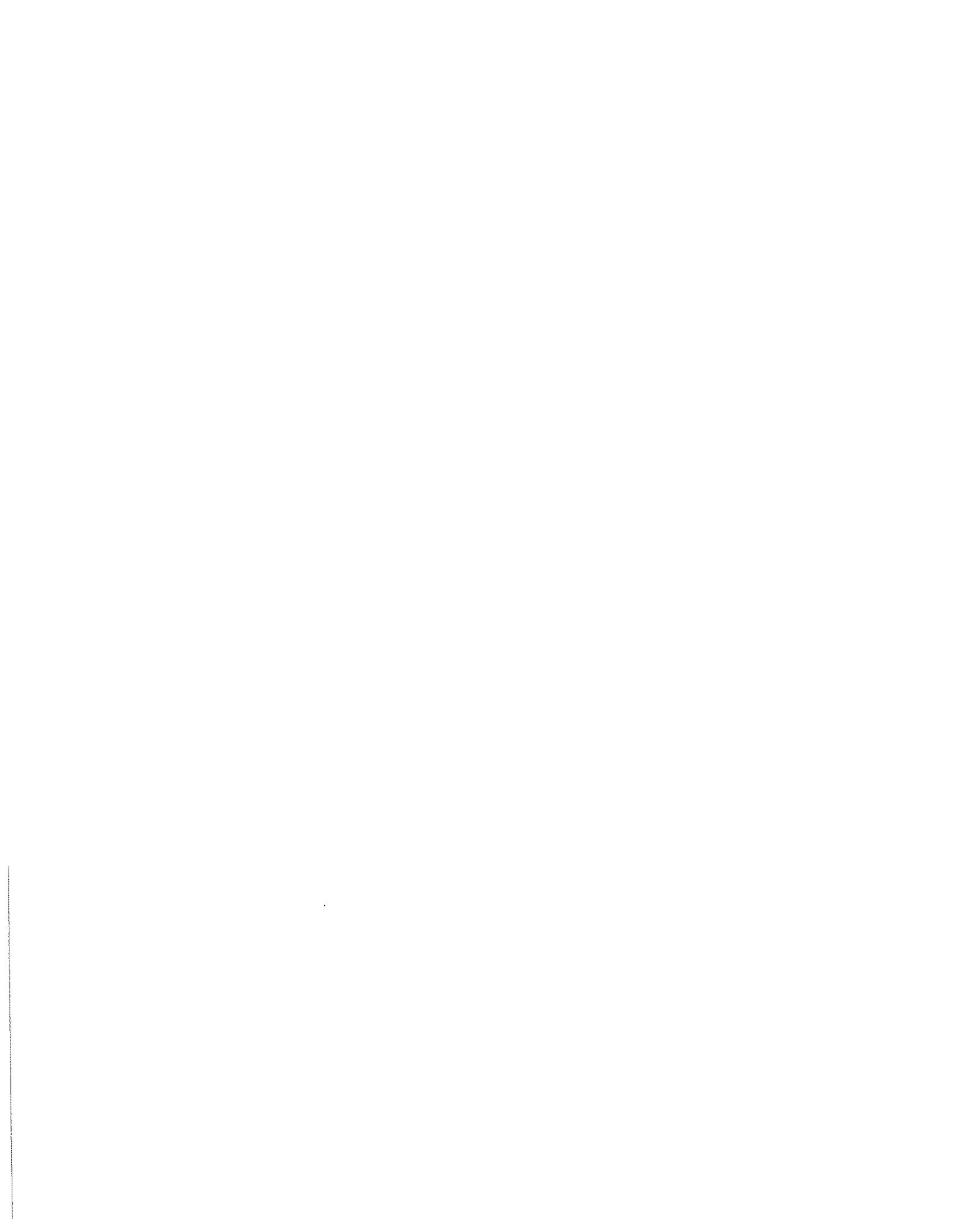
Ward starts to discuss resolutions, regulations and ordinances. He wants Justin's input and ideas. Jenson states it is difficult to have this as a standing agenda item, that we could add items to agendas if individuals would like to discuss them.

Ward says he wants to revisit 8-2024.

There is discussion on the value of 8-2024 and what it means for the Commission. Jenson asks Ward what he is looking to get out of this resolution and for clarity. Jenson says that if the goal is to increase protection of well installation then it will need to be presented to the Supervisors. That is a county-based item, not district based. County Counsel Daniel Klausner offers to discuss with Ward to educate him on the resolution so at the next meeting the Commission has a better idea of what he is asking for. There is more discussion on 8-2024. Hamer states that limiting the number of wells going in needs to come from Supervisors, not the Commission. We have the GSA which can provide recommendations. Hamer asks Michael and Daniel work together and come back to the topic at the next meeting.

**Adjourn**

**10:10 A.M.**



APPROVED *Fred Hamel*  
Chairperson

Tehama County Groundwater Commission

by *[Signature]* Deputy

