

Tehama County
Monday, June 16, 2025 10:00 AM
Flood Control and Water Conservation
District
Meeting Minutes

Tehama County Board of Supervisors
Chambers
727 Oak Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080
<https://tehamacounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Chairperson: Matt Hansen Vice-Chairperson: Pati Nolen
Directors: Greg Jones, Rob Burroughs, Tom Walker

Justin Jenson, Deputy Director of Public Works-Water Resources; Lena Sequeira,
Administration

1. **10:02 AM Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Introductions**

2. **Public Comment**

3. **Accept April 2025 - May 2025 GSA Claims**

25-1100

Request acceptance of the Tehama County Groundwater Sustainability Agency Claims paid from April 2025 through May 2025 in the amount of \$953,694.98.

Jenson pointed out that most of these funds are reimbursable from the grants.

RESULT: APPROVE

MOVER: Tom Walker

SECONDER: Rob Burroughs

Present Director Pati Nolen, Vice Chair Matt Hansen, Director Rob Burroughs,
and Director Tom Walker

ABSENT Director Greg Jones

4. **Grant Project Approval Matrix**

25-1112

To approve use of matrix to determine use of grant funding.

Jenson reported that most pilot testing has been completed, identifying projects that are not viable for funding. He is collaborating with a consultant to reallocate funds toward more effective projects.

A project prioritization matrix was developed based on objective criteria such as cost, impact, and need. This matrix has been reviewed and recommended by the Tehama County and Glenn County Ad Hoc groups. While cost was initially the primary consideration, the group reached consensus to prioritize funding for areas in the worst condition. Jensen presented the matrix for review.

During discussions, it was noted that only two projects on the list are located in Glenn County. Glenn County representatives requested that these projects be prioritized at the top of the matrix. Both Ad Hoc groups and the Commission agreed, acknowledging that without this adjustment, Glenn County would not receive any grant-funded projects despite having highly impacted areas.

Jenson stated that there is insufficient funding to complete all projects on the matrix at this time, but additional projects may be funded as current projects are completed.

A resident asked if the spreadsheet can be put on the website.

Jenson stated yes.

The request is to approve the use of the matrix as presented, allowing for the allocation of available funding. As part of this approval, the two Glenn County projects would be designated as priorities.

Walker inquired whether Glenn County has a flood district.

Jenson clarified that the grant was awarded jointly to the Corning Subbasin. The work has been divided between the parties, with a two-thirds share allocated to Tehama County and one-third to Glenn County.

There was discussion on the CSAB group and attendance.

RESULT: APPROVE

MOVER: Tom Walker

SECONDER: Pati Nolen

Present Director Pati Nolen, Vice Chair Matt Hansen, Director Rob Burroughs, and Director Tom Walker

ABSENT Director Greg Jones

5. Flood Related Items

25-1076

Jenson stated that he has done a lot of driving and inspecting in the flood affected areas and property owners have been making moves to clear their properties. In the long run when we start talking about flood control we will be talking about grants. Sometimes there is money available to provide grants for design and construction. We will continue to look at availability for the significantly impacted flood areas.

Walker asked when you go look at this. Do you go to homeowners that aren't taking Action and site them?

Jenson responded no, but what he does do is call people he knows and asks to address larger problems

Hansen said at the last big meeting looking at regulatory people meetings. Would there be a need for something like that?

Jenson stated that we saw record level creek flows. Not belittling the fact there was flooding or saying there weren't other factors. We might not have been protected from flooding in any other way besides an infrastructure project. If we are going to go that route we need to look at that. Might be better to have options before.

Hansen expressed the need to look at the future and building requirements, things to help mitigate in the future.

Jenson talked about FEMA and how they can predict risks.

Nolen expressed her feelings that something in the last 4 years has happened and we need to go after it. She tried to see what could be done to help the people and felt there was no outreach from this county. She does not think the county is doing anything about the issue.

Jenson stated that was not his recommendation. If communities would like to have county provided assistance, they would have to pay the fees.

Nolen stated that this contradicts what she was told.

Hansen suggested getting some sort of committee or task force to make sure there is communication. There is a need in the community for additional outreach

Nolen stated her opinion that this comes down to moving berms caused by agriculture.

Jenson explained that if a neighbor modifies a waterway or a way for water to escape and it affects your property, in the state of California that is considered a civil issue.

There is further discussion on the importance of prioritizing the flood matters and the districts authority.

Jenson said if the board wants him to put together a task force he will do it.

6. Updates

25-1078

Groundwater Recharge

The recharge group held its initial meeting, which resulted in the development of a project prioritization matrix. There is a shared interest in focusing on large-scale projects. External experts are currently evaluating potential water sources to support the development of these larger recharge efforts.

Well Mitigation

An outline of the well mitigation plan has been developed and agreed upon at the Ad Hoc level. A few remaining details are being finalized before the plan is brought forward for broader consideration.

Demand Management

There is general agreement on the approach to demand management. Sections are being drafted based on that consensus, with ongoing review and collaboration. While the topic remains challenging, steady progress is being made.

There was discussion regarding Cal Fire's involvement in stream course cleanup. It was clarified that such work can be conducted as long as crews are on foot and do not alter the natural course of the stream. This type of cleanup has previously occurred in Glenn County.


Discussion was held regarding grant funding.

7. Board Matters


None

Adjourn

10:29 AM

APPROVED 
Chairperson

Tehama County Groundwater Commission

by  Deputy