



# GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## RE: NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8, the County of Glenn hereby notifies the California Department of Water Resources of its election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), and its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in all the portions of the Colusa, Corning, and West Butte Subbasins of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin within the boundaries of Glenn County. A map of the proposed area is included in Exhibit A.

Other entities attempting to be GSAs within those boundaries currently include:

City of Orland  
Glide Water District  
Kanawha Water District  
Princeton-Codora-Glenn/Provident Irrigation Districts Joint GSA  
Orland-Artois Water District

A copy of the resolution electing to become a GSA for the aforementioned subbasins is included in Exhibit B. No new bylaws, ordinances, or authorities have been adopted at this time. This item may be revisited during Groundwater Sustainability Plan development.

Prior to the election to become a GSA, a public hearing was held in accordance to Water Code Section 10723(b). Courtesy copies of the notice were also mailed to:

- Butte County
- California Water Service Company  
(Chico Service Area-for Hamilton City)
- California Water Service Company  
(Willows Service Area)
- City of Orland
- City of Willows
- Colusa Basin Drainage District
- Colusa County
- Glenn County Farm Bureau
- Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
- Glide Water District
- John Garner
- Kanawha Irrigation District
- Orland Unit Water Users Association
- Orland-Artois Water District
- Princeton-Codora-Glenn  
Irrigation District
- Provident Irrigation District
- Reclamation District 1004
- Tehama Colusa Canal Authority
- Tehama County
- Western Canal Water District
- Willow Creek Mutual Water Company

As required by Water Code Section 10723.8(a)(4), a list of interested parties has been developed and will continue to be revised as necessary during the GSP development process. As required by SGMA, Glenn County will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for developing GSPs. Glenn County will solicit feedback and engage in discussions with other interested parties during GSP development. These interests include, but are not limited to the following:

- Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:
  - Agricultural user.
  - Domestic well owners.
- Municipal well operators.
- Public water systems.
- Local land use planning agencies.
- Environmental users of groundwater.
- Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies.
- The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.
- California Native American tribes.
- Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.
- Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency.

The County intends to work cooperatively with agencies, water providers, and other interested stakeholders within Glenn County, surrounding areas, and the State of California, concerning sustainable groundwater management.

The County's Water Advisory Committee currently coordinates the interests of water/irrigation districts, at-large private pumper designated as agricultural/industrial/or municipal, Glenn County Farm Bureau, Glenn County Resource Conservation District. The Technical Advisory Committee uses the technical expertise of the UC Cooperative Extension, the Department of Water Resources, four at-large stakeholders, and the County Departments of Planning and Public Works, Agricultural Commissioner, and Environmental Health. It is planned to continue to use these forums to coordinate and discuss groundwater management issues and plans during the development of a GSP and coordination agreements.

It is anticipated that broad outreach will be conducted on a County-wide level, with more specific outreach done on a more localized basis depending on the needs of the individuals and agencies involved. Additional coordination with potential GSAs, including counties, cities, and municipal/public water systems will be necessary during the GSP development. Roles and responsibilities will be further evaluated and defined during the GSP development process. Glenn County welcomes feedback from all interested parties throughout the process.

If the Department of Water Resources requires any further information, please contact:

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Sincerely,

GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



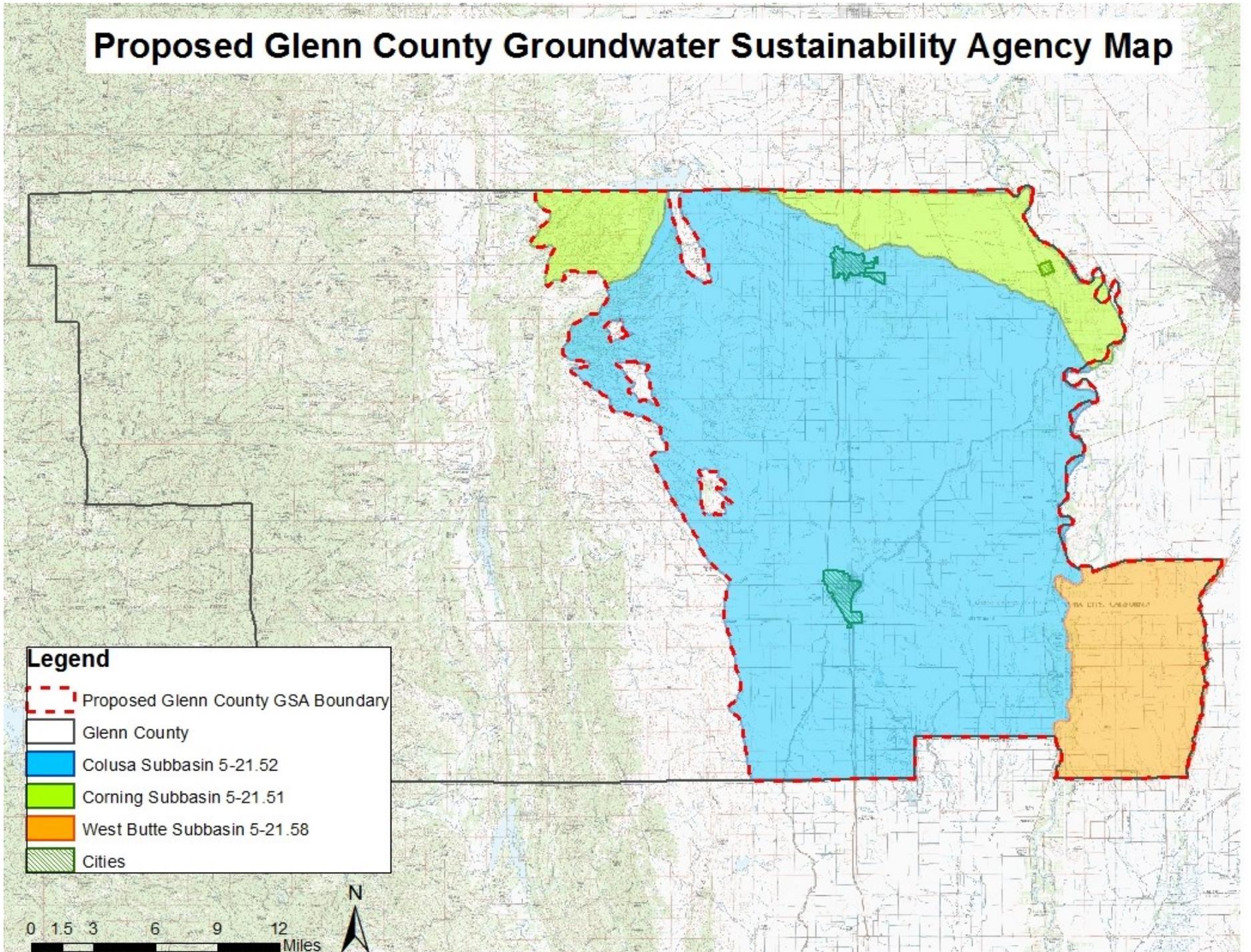
Steve Soeth, Chairman  
Glenn County Board of Supervisors

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# EXHIBIT A

MAP OF PROPOSED GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AREA

# Proposed Glenn County Groundwater Sustainability Agency Map



# EXHIBIT B

RESOLUTION

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 48**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ELECTING TO BECOME THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR  
ALL THE PORTIONS OF THE COLUSA, CORNING, AND WEST BUTTE SUBBASINS  
OF THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN LOCATED WITHIN  
THE BOUNDARIES OF GLENN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) became effective on January 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Water Code Section 10723(a) authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to elect to be a GSA for that basin; and

**WHEREAS**, Water Code Section 10721(j) defines a Groundwater Sustainability Agency as one or more local agencies that implement the provisions of SGMA; and

**WHEREAS**, Glenn County is a qualified local agency as defined in SGMA; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA enables the State Water Resources Control Board to intervene in the management of groundwater basins under certain conditions including the unwillingness of a local agency or combination of local agencies to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency by June 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, retaining local jurisdiction over sustainable groundwater management and land use is beneficial to the health, safety, and welfare of Glenn County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Glenn County overlies the unadjudicated basins of the Colusa, the Corning, and the West Butte Subbasins of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin as illustrated in Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 (update 2003); and

**WHEREAS**, Glenn County is in a unique position and shall consider the interests of all beneficial users of groundwater, and those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans as required by SGMA; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA requires that a local agency electing to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency must notify the Department of Water Resources of its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a basin; and

**WHEREAS**, Glenn County intends to work cooperatively with other local agencies to manage the aforementioned groundwater basins in a sustainable fashion;

**WHEREAS**, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15378(a) and (b) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because this Resolution does not result in direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board held a public hearing on this date after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider the election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ORDERED, AND DECLARED** that the Glenn County Board of Supervisors hereby elects to become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for all the portions of the Colusa (5-21.52), Corning (5-21.51), and West Butte (5-21.58) subbasins of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin, as depicted by Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 (Update 2003), located within the boundaries of Glenn County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that within thirty days of this date, the Water Resource Coordinator is directed to provide notice of this election and intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management for the aforementioned subbasins to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner required by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Glenn County shall engage in discussions with other local agencies in these basins in order to begin the process of developing a groundwater sustainability plan for the basins, or a joint plan with other groundwater sustainability agencies in which the County might join, in consultation and close coordination with other local agencies, as contemplated by SGMA.

**THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, State of California, at the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Foltz, McDaniel, Viegas, and Soeth (Chairman)  
NOES: Supervisor Corum  
ABSENT OR ABSTAIN: None

  
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STEVE SOETH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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DI AULABAUGH  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Glenn, California

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office

ATTEST: July 7, 2015  
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Di Aulabaugh  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Glenn, State of California

By: Debbie Lambert Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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HUSTON T. CARLYLE, JR,  
County Counsel, County of Glenn, California