

Glenn County Climate Smart Ag Committee
A Standing Committee of Glenn County RCD

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Hosted by / Location:

Glenn County Resource Conservation District (RCD)
USDA Willows Service Center
132 N. Enright Avenue, Suite C
Willows, CA 95988

ATTENDANCE:

Committee members:

Lisa Humphreys, *Manager*, Glenn County Farm Bureau (**Chair**)
Brint Foster, *Certified Crop Advisor*, Compost Solutions, Inc. (**Vice Chair**)
Betsy Karle, *Advisor*, UC Cooperative Extension - Glenn County
Eduardo Briones, *Farmer/Rancher*
Mike Vereschagin, *Farmer/Rancher*, Vereschagin Farms, Inc.

Partners / staff / other:

Kristin Guy, *District Conservationist*, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Services
Emily Wine, *Soil Conservationist*, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Services
Lizzeth Mendoza, *Climate Smart Ag & Community Education Specialist II*, UCCE-Glenn County
Kandi Manhart, *Executive Officer*, Glenn County RCD
Ritta Martin, *Finance Officer*, Glenn County RCD (acting Project Coordinator)
Samantha Loprieato, *Rangeland Conservation Specialist*, Glenn County RCD
Kellie Wilson-Burt, *Program Specialist*, Glenn County RCD

Absent: Committee members:

Mike Landini, *Director*, Glenn County RCD
Marcie Skelton, *Ag Commissioner*, Glenn County Department of Agriculture

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
Chair Lisa Humphreys called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. **Welcome & Introductions**
Chair Lisa Humphreys welcomed attendees and introductions ensued.
3. **Public Comment (limit 5 minutes):** Any person wishing to address the committee on items not on the agenda may do so at this time. The committee will not make

decisions or determinations on items brought up during Public Comment.
No public comments were presented or heard.

4. ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes from November 4, 2024

Member Betsy Karle made a motion to approve the November 4, 2024 meeting minutes as presented; whereby, Vice Chairperson Brint Foster seconded the motion. Motion approved.

5. Update on State Water Efficient & Enhancement Program (SWEEP) Block Grant

Finance Officer / Acting Project Coordinator, Ritta Martin, provided an update on the SWEEP projects funded through the Block Grant:

- A. 29 projects - \$4,506,756.18
- B. To date: \$2,138,809.01 has been distributed + \$199,613.18 pending approval and invoice signature
- C. 2nd \$1,250,000 Advance fully expended, will request Advance #3 when Q1 2025 invoice is submitted (planning for 4/18/2025)
- D. 10 projects fully completed!

6. Update on Healthy Soils Program (HSP) Block Grant

Finance Officer / Acting Project Coordinator, Ritta Martin, provided an update on the HSP projects funded through the Block Grant:

- A. 45 projects - \$4,412,696.29
- B. To date: \$1,209,948.01 has been distributed + \$71,200.74 pending approval and invoice signatures
- C. 1st Advance of \$954,407.98 fully expended; 2nd Advance has ~ \$257,000 remaining

7. ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to recommend final HSP projects for funding to Glenn County RCD Board of Directors

Staff provided recommendation to award two additional HSP projects. Vice Chairperson Brint Foster made a motion to approve new projects as presented; whereby member Mike Vereschagin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

8. Update on Conservation Plans / Carbon Farm Plans / Pollinator Habitat Plans

Staff provided update on conservations plans to be completed. Discussion ensued

9. Grant Opportunities

Discussion ensued.

10. Programs 101 for Farmers and Ranchers – Debrief

Discussion ensued.

11. Meeting Review, Next Steps, and Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

12. Adjournment

Chair Lisa Humphreys adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Approved on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, by the Glenn County Climate Smart Ag Committee.

Attested by,

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LISA HUMPHREYS, Chair

Handwritten signature of Ritza Martin in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

RITTA MARTIN, Finance Officer / Acting Project Coordinator

Items Attached: NONE