



# Solano Subbasin GSA Collaborative Meeting Summary

December 15, 2022 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Via Zoom

## Participants

X	<b>Solano Subbasin GSA</b> Chris Lee Misty Kaltreider	X	<b>Solano Irrigation District GSA</b> Cary Keaten Paul Fuchslin	X	<b>Sacramento County GSA</b> Chris Hunley Rodney Fricke, GEI Consultants
X	"Dick" Chun Tzou	X	Gerardo Santana	X	Kerry Schmitz
X	<b>Northern Delta GSA</b> Erik Ringelberg Chris Thomas		<b>City of Vacaville GSA</b> Justen Cole		
X	<b>Luhdorff &amp; Scalmanini Engineering</b> Vicki Kretsinger Grabert	X	<b>Ag Innovations</b> Jenn Fox		
X	Nick Watterson	X	Judie Talbot		
X	Faithe Lovelace		Malia Josephine Guadalupe Garcia		
<b>Guests:</b> Kelly Huff, Dixon RCD					

## AGENDA

1. GSA Updates
2. GSP Implementation
  - a. Grant Funding Proposal
  - b. Data Request for Annual Report
  - c. Well Permitting and Drought Related Orders
3. Stakeholder Engagement
  - a. Upcoming Public Meetings
  - b. Interbasin Coordination, Newsletter, Website
4. Forecast GSA Roundtable Discussion for January 3rd Meeting
5. Next Collaborative Meeting: January 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00



## MEETING NOTES

### Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Updates

- Northern Delta: The Board is assessing DWR grant funding opportunities.
- Sacramento County GSA: The Sacramento GSA continues to work with HDR on a small fee study for the Delta area. The five independent Reclamation District (RD) GSAs are discussing future governance options. Parcel fees for Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) administration are roughly \$12-13 a year in the RD areas.
- Solano: No additions to the agenda.
- Solano Irrigation District: The district is determining costs for installing a new municipal well, to replace a failing well. The well serves the Quail Canyon water system near Winters.
- Vacaville: No report.

### GSP Implementation

#### Grant Funding Proposal

The draft proposal for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Round 2 Grant application contains many compelling elements. The proposed budget requests approximate \$1 million dollars for each of four components:

- GSP monitoring and data management enhancements
- Groundwater management actions
- Water supply replenishment and reliability
- GSP implementation, outreach, and compliance

A 10% allocation is requested for grant administration.

Relatedly, the Department of Conservation will open a new round of grant funding for its multibenefit land repurposing program. Applications will likely be due in mid-March.

#### Data Request for Annual Report

LSCE is sending out data requests related to developing the annual report. Consistent with last year's approach, information requests related to water levels, water quality, and other aspects of the water budget. Because the Annual Report is due in April, a draft must be completed by March.

#### Well Permitting and Drought Related Orders

The SID and Northern Delta GSAs recently adopted well permitting policies to ensure compliance with Executive Order N-7-22 and with the GSP.

### Stakeholder Engagement

#### Upcoming Public Meetings

- Dixon RCD is hosting a continuing education session for irrigated land managers on January 24, with a focus on groundwater.
- The group discussed a possible *State of the Solano Subbasin* virtual town hall in late spring, which might be timed concurrently with the Subbasin's Annual Report.

#### Interbasin Coordination, Newsletter, Websites



- Yolo and Solano GSA managers met on December 5, focusing on inter-basin coordination. Possible partnering opportunities include coordination on subsidence, outreach to Tribes, and funding opportunities. The two GSAs shared implementation priorities and upcoming outreach plans. Yolo GSA will hold a water awareness workshop in May; they are also working to identify potential surface water supply projects along Putah Creek.
- On December 8, Yolo GSA hosted a field tour with NCWA to highlight multi-benefit recharge efforts in the Sacramento Valley. Discussions revolved around successes and lessons learned - including ideas for pulse flows, using dry drainages for recharge on ag fields, and stormwater recharge. A NCWA video about reconnecting floodplains is online at: <https://norcalwater.org/2022/07/13/watch-these-films-floodplains-reconnected>.
- The Solano Subbasin November newsletter shared: a link to the RCD's Northwest Focus Area survey, an update about work to apply for GSP implementation grants, resources related to domestic wells going dry, and a link to the Solano County Water Advisory Committee's [white paper](#) on water conservation. The newsletter open rate was about 50%.
- Solano Subbasin GSAs received recommendations for updating their respective websites to include relevant and current information for public audiences. Anyone interested in receiving additional assistance should contact Guadalupe Garcia at [guadalupe@aginnovations.org](mailto:guadalupe@aginnovations.org). The primary GSP website at [SolanoGSP.com](http://SolanoGSP.com) is regularly updated.

### Forecast GSA Collaborative Discussions

The Roundtable meeting on January 3 is canceled due to holiday schedules. The next GSA Collaborative meeting is on January 19 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Agenda items include:

- Update on GSP implementation grants
- Data requests for the Annual Report
- Well permitting and drought-related orders
- Collaboration and outreach
- Information on Dixon RCD's January 24 workshop