



Solano Subbasin GSA Collaborative Meeting

February 16, 2023 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Via Zoom

Participants

X	Solano GSA Chris Lee Roland Sanford	X	Solano Irrigation District Cary Keaten Paul Fuchslin	X	Sacramento County Chris Hunley Rodney Fricke, GEI Consultants
X	Misty Kaltreider	X	Gerardo Santana	X	Kerry Schmitz
X	Northern Delta GSA Erik Ringelberg Chris Thomas		City of Vacaville Justen Cole		
X	Luhdorff & Scalmanini Engineering Vicki Kretsinger Grabert	X	Ag Innovations Jenn Fox Malia Josephine		
X	Nick Watterson	X	Guadalupe Garcia Genevieve Taylor		
Guests:					

AGENDA

1. GSA Updates
2. GSP Implementation
 - a. Grant Funding
 - b. Annual Report
 - c. Well Permitting and Drought Related Orders
 - d. Update on Approved GSPs in the Region
3. Stakeholder Engagement
 - a. General Updates
4. Forecast GSA Roundtable Discussion for March 7th Meeting
5. Next Meeting-March 16th 1:00-3:00



MEETING NOTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Updates

- Northern Delta: None
- Sacramento County GSA:
 - Sacramento County GSA continues to work with HDR on a fee study for the region. Sacramento County is developing a standard for well permitting, consistent with the Executive Order requirement to comply with Groundwater Sustainability Plan's objectives.
- Solano Irrigation District:
 - The Solano Irrigation District (SID) is developing their water budget which will be shared with the board next week. SID received approval for a \$2.8 million grant for installing a new municipal well, to replace a failing well. The well serves the Quail Canyon water system near Winters.
- Solano: None
- Vacaville: None

Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Implementation

Grant Funding

- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is still a few months away from providing applicants of Grant 68 with updates.
- The Collaborative is working with others on grant opportunities, such as the California Resource Conservation District's proposal for a block grant.

Annual Report

- Luhdorff & Scalmanini Engineering (LSCE) is processing data for the Groundwater Sustainability Annual Report. The Annual Report is due April 1st and a draft will be ready for the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to review by March 1st. LSCE will receive final data from a few more agencies next week. LSCE continues to clarify and standardize the data collection procedures and measurements according to GSP monitoring regulations.

Well Permitting and Drought Related Orders

- A new [Executive Order N-3-23](#) instructs agencies to expedite their groundwater recharge permitting process. A new exemption within the Executive Order states that Paragraph 9 does not apply to permits for de minimis use wells (less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users) or to replacement wells where groundwater pumping is equivalent to that of existing, currently permitted wells (this applies to



existing wells replaced due to acquisition by eminent domain or under threat of condemnation).

Update on Approved GSPs in the Region

- The Department of Water Resources approved four Groundwater Sustainability Plans including, Santa Rosa Plain Subbasin GSP, Sonoma Valley Groundwater Subbasin GSP, Petaluma Valley Groundwater Basin GSP, and Napa Valley Subbasin GSP.

Stakeholder Engagement

General Updates

- Ag Innovations and Solano Resource Conservation District (RCD) finalized an educational postcard about drinking water and local groundwater that will be given to 4th and 5th graders at the Solano RCD's water education class. The postcard includes links to the www.SolanoGSP.com and the groundwaterguide.com.
- Dixon Resource Conservation District conducted a workshop on January 24 on the Irrigated Land Program. The session was well attended with engaging discussions on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, groundwater recharge, irrigated lands, and drinking water quality in wells.
- A Solano Subbasin "Virtual Town Hall" is proposed for May, to share information and engage the public about the state of the Solano Subbasin and the Annual Report.

Forecast GSA Collaborative Discussion for February Meetings

The next GSA Collaborative meeting is on March 16th 1:00-3:00 pm.