



Solano Subbasin GSA Collaborative Meeting

October 19, 2023 | 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. | Via Zoom

Participants

X	Solano Subbasin GSA Chris Lee		Solano Irrigation District Cary Keaten		Sacramento County Chris Hunley
X	Misty Kaltreider	X	Paul Fuchslin	X	Rodney Fricke, GEI Consultants
X	"Dick" Chun Tzou		Gerardo Santana		Kerry Schmitz
	Northern Delta GSA Erik Ringelberg	X	City of Vacaville Justen Cole		
X	Chris Thomas				
	Luhdorff & Scalmanini Engineering Vicki Kretsinger Grabert	X	Ag Innovations Jenn Fox		
X	Nick Watterson	X	Suzannah Sosman		
X	Faith Lovelace		Guadalupe Garcia		
X	Jacques DeBra		Genevieve Taylor		
Guests: Amy King, Solano RCD; Kelly Huff, Dixon RCD					

AGENDA

1. GSA Updates
2. GSP Implementation
 - a. Projects & Management Actions & Prop 68 Grant
 - b. Ongoing Monitoring & Annual Reporting
 - c. Upcoming Legislation, Well Permitting, Funding and Related Topics
3. Stakeholder Engagement
4. Forecast GSA Roundtable Discussion for November 7th Meeting
5. Next Collaborative Meeting-November 16th 1:00-2:30

MEETING NOTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Updates

- Solano Irrigation District: Sending data to Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) for ongoing reporting.
- Northern Delta GSA: No updates
- Sacramento County GSA: Sacramento is working on a rate study with HDR Engineering for the Solano Subbasin portion of the county to determine fees.
- City of Vacaville GSA: No updates
- Solano Subbasin GSA: There is a new Assistant General Manager, Alex Rabidoux, who will begin joining these meetings.
 - The Putah Creek salmon camera is live at www.biotactic.com/bravo-node-24/.



- The Winters Salmon festival will be held on November 4th.

Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Implementation

Projects & Management Actions & Prop 68 Grant

A Proposition 68 grant has been awarded to the subbasin totalling \$4.4 million. The reimbursement period starts October 4, 2022 and funding runs through April, 2026. The group reviewed a funding spreadsheet and discussed priorities for work, lead agencies, and timing for work.

Work components discussed included:

- **Component 1 - Grant Administration, \$401,000.**
- **Component 2 - GSA Monitoring and Data Management Enhancements, \$970,000.** Includes monitoring enhancements and addressing monitoring data gaps; data management and systems enhancements; Interconnected Surface and Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Assessments and Putah Creek Projects.
- **Component 3 - Supporting Groundwater Use Management Actions, \$1,175,000.** Includes improving understanding of basin water use; ongoing water conservation and groundwater management policy support.
- **Component 4 - Water Supply Replenishment and Reliability Projects, \$900,000.** Includes a recharge study to assess feasibility for targeted augmentation; City of Vacaville recycled water planning; and localized groundwater conditions evaluation.
- **Component 5 - Annual Reports and Outreach, \$965,000.** This task includes Annual reports (WY 2022-2025), Five-Year GSP Update (due Jan 2027), modifications to the GSP in response to DWR's determination if needed, and stakeholder outreach.

The group discussed questions about timing and coordination between the different agencies:

- The grant period ends in April of 2026. The Annual Report for water year 2025 is due April 1 2026.
- The Five Year Report will be due January 31, 2027 (The Five Year Report is on the cycle of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan).
- Solano Subbasin GSA will want to work with other parties (RCDs, Vacaville, etc.) on projects that will lead on different parts of the grant.
- The budget framework will be distributed. GSA leads should reply if they want to be the lead on any projects or have questions or concerns.
- A participant asked if there were limits on what had to go to the field versus planning. Some projects may be ready to go and work should begin on those.

Ongoing Monitoring & Annual Reporting

- We are now 20 days into Water Year 2024.
- LSCE provided an update on monitoring and thanked SID for sharing information. LSCE is recruiting some new and dropped wells into the network, and hoping to get all readings to integrate these into this year's annual reporting.



- If there are any Projects and Management Actions (PMAs) that benefit water resources, they should be noted in the annual report. LSCE asked Collaborative members to document and share these with LSCE for the annual report. The data requests LSCE sends to the GSAs will ask for brief summaries of these PMAs.
- The Project Team is working to coordinate and make sure landowners with RMS wells are notified in advance of sharing the monitoring well webmap information on SolanoGSP.com
 - Outreach will begin with RMS well owners, as those locations are already publicly available.
 - Solano Subbasin GSA and the RCDs will lead the outreach.
 - LSCE will share the list of RMS wells in other GSA areas with those GSAs and they can advise on the best approach with outreach.
- Related to well information, work is ongoing on well-owner agreements.

Upcoming Legislation, Well Permitting, Funding and Related Topics

- The legislative session has ended. A number of bills were introduced that are looking to expand the boundaries of the State Water Resources Control Board.
- SB389 (Allen) was signed by the Governor. Language in the bill was amended.
- Four potential flood, water, climate change, fire resiliency bonds are still in process. It is likely some of these will go to the ballot next year.

Stakeholder Engagement

- Ag Innovations is planning an end of year newsletter to publicize the grant funding award, encourage participation in upcoming events through the RCDs on best management practices and conversation, to share the webmap location on the website, and other updates.
- The Solano Subbasin GSA and the Project Team will meet with Yolo Subbasin on November 1st.

Forecast meeting discussions

Forecast GSA Roundtable Discussion for November 7th Meeting

- This meeting will be canceled if not needed.

Next Meeting November 16th 1:00-2:30

- The group was invited to share topics that are top of mind or timely for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned