

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Agenda

When: 9:00 am, Friday, January 21, 2022

Where: Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84474848919>

Meeting ID: 844 7484 8919

Call in Number: 1-669-900-9128

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Call to Order

1. Introductions
2. Determine if Quorum is Present

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Comment will be received at this time for items not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the agency. The Board will hear comment but may not take action on issues raised on non-agenda items. Limit of 3 minutes per speaker.

Action Items

3. Consent Items
 - a. Agenda – January 21, 2022
 - b. Minutes – December 20, 2021
 - c. Consideration of Findings Related to Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB 361
 - d. Financial Report – January 2022
4. GSP Annual Report Update
5. 2022 Monitoring Network Efforts Update
6. County of Sacramento Administrative Fees for Appeals
7. Citizen Advisory Committee

10 Minute Break

8. Long-Term Budget Considerations

Informational Items

9. Cosumnes Subbasin Watershed Coordinator Report
10. DWR North Central Regional Office Update
11. Upcoming Agenda Items
12. Director Comments

Adjourn Meeting

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**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2021, 9:00am
Galt Police Department Community Meeting Room

Call to Order: 9:05 am

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Determine if Quorum is Present
 - a. Directors in Attendance: Rick Whole, Mark Stretors, Leo VanWarmerdam, Don Notolli, Lindsey Liebig, Gary Thomas, Jay Vandenburg

Action Items

- 3) Consent Items
 - a. Agenda – December 20, 2021
 - b. Minutes – November 29, 2021

Director Whole moved to approve all consent items.
Director Thomas seconded the motion.
The motion passed with all in favor.
- 4) JPA Formation Forms Update
Counsel provided an update on completing requirements that the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority and its Directors need to accomplish. Counsel will work with the CGA Secretary to disseminate relevant formation documents and assuming office paperwork to Directors.
- 5) Conflict of Interest Policy
Director Notolli moved to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy as presented.
Director Whole seconded the motion.
The motion passed with all in favor.
- 6) Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget
Director Vandenburg moved to adopt the FY21-22 budget as presented.
Director Notolli seconded the motion.
The motion passed with all in favor.
- 7) Staff Support Agreements
 - a. Agreement with Sloughhouse RCD
Director Vandenburg moved to approve the agreement with Sloughhouse RCD for administrative services.
Director Stretors seconded the motion.
The motion passed with all in favor.

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b. Agreement with Southeast Sacramento County Ag. Water Authority
Director Whole moved to approve the agreement with Southeast Sacramento County Ag. Water Authority for staff support from the Cosumnes Subbasin Watershed Coordinator. Director Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

8) Discussion of Long-Term Funding

The Board directed staff to prepare for an in-depth discussion on long-term budget considerations.

9) Banking Options

Director Thomas moved to approve moving forward with banking with Five Star Bank and to direct staff to submit the appropriate paperwork, pending legal review, to open an account with the Treasurer, Chair, and Vice-Chair as signers and to require two signatures for all expenses.

Director Vandenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

10) Citizen Advisory Committee

The Board provided direction to staff on next steps for developing the Citizen Advisory Committee charter, application, and next steps.

11) South American Subbasin Interbasin Coordination Letter

Director Whole moved to direct staff to finalize the Interbasin Coordination Letter and send to the South American Subbasin Plan Manager.

Director Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

12) Future Meeting Dates

a. January and February Meeting Dates

By consensus the Board agreed to reschedule January and February meeting dates to January 21, 2022 and February 18, 2022.

b. Consideration of Findings Related to Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

Director Thomas moved to make the findings as presented in Resolution 2021-4.

Director Stretors seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Information Items

13) Cosumnes Subbasin Watershed Coordinator Report

The Cosumnes Subbasin Watershed Coordinator provided an update on a variety of projects throughout the Subbasin.

14) DWR North Central Regional Office Update

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DWR Staff provided a monthly update on DWR activities.

15) Upcoming Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were identified.

16) Director Comments

No Director comments.

Adjourn Meeting

Director Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 am.

Director Vandenburg seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority will on January 21, 2022 at 9:00 am at the Galt Police Department Community Meeting Room.

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Financial Report

January 2022

<u>Expenses</u>		
Description	Source	Amount
Staff Support (SRCD, December)	Sloughhouse RCD	\$ 6,400.00
Staff Support (SSCAWA, December)	SSCAWA	\$ 6,380.00
Website URL (CosumnesGroundwater.org)	Weebly	\$ 19.95
Website Hosting	Dream Host	\$ 266.70
GRAC Membership x2 (Julian, Miller)	GRAC	\$ 200.00
Microsoft Office 365 (2 accounts, 12 months)	Microsoft	\$ 300.00
Total Monthly Expenses		\$ 13,566.65

<u>Revenue</u>		
Description	Source	Amount
Total Monthly Revenue		\$ -

Monthly Change	\$	(13,566.65)
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Agenda Item #6

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: January 21, 2022

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Agenda Item Subject: County of Sacramento Administrative Fees for Appeals

To: CGA Board of Directors

From: Austin Miller, CGA Staff

Background

This agenda item was requested by a Director for discussion.

GSAs that run their fee program through the County of Sacramento are required to pay a \$25 administrative fee per parcel for appeals. Staff were asked to prepare more information about this fee and what measures could be taken in the future to avoid these fees.

CGA Staff will assist GSAs in connecting with the County of Sacramento Department of Finance to address any questions the GSA has.

Future Measures to Take:

- Refined dataset
- Opportunity for appeal pre-data submittal
- Self-administering fee

Reference Documents

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Direct Levy Instructions:

[https://finance.saccounty.gov/AuditorController/Documents/TaxAcct/Direct Levy Instructions %202021-2022.pdf](https://finance.saccounty.gov/AuditorController/Documents/TaxAcct/Direct_Levy_Instructions%202021-2022.pdf)

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Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: January 21, 2022

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Agenda Item Subject: Citizen Advisory Committee

To: CGA Board of Directors

From: Austin Miller, CGA Staff

Background

At the December CGA Board of Directors meeting, the CGA Board provided direction on drafted formation materials for the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). Staff has revised the CAC overview and drafted a Code of Conduct and Application.

Reference Documents

Cosumnes Subbasin Public Communication & Engagement Plan:

<https://cosumnes.waterforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Cosumnes-CE-Plan-2021.12.02-Update.pdf>

DWR Guidance Document for GSP Stakeholder Communication and Engagement:

<https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement/Files/Guidance-Doc-for-GSP---Stakeholder-Communication-and-Engagement.pdf>

Attached

- Draft CAC Overview, v.2
- Draft CAC Application, v.1
- Draft CAC Code of Conduct

Staff Recommendation

Provide direction on next steps for the development of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

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Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Overview

The Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA) is responsible for implementing the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to meet the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements for the Cosumnes Subbasin. The sustainability goal of the Cosumnes Subbasin is to ensure that groundwater in the subbasin continues to be a long-term resource for beneficial users and uses including urban, domestic, agricultural, industrial, environmental, and others. Successful implementation for this long-term effort requires broad and ongoing coordination, collaboration, and engagement. More information about the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP can be found at: Cosumnes.WaterForum.org.

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Purpose:

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Cosumnes Subbasin, as established by the CGA Board of Directors, is convened to provide a productive venue for input from and information-sharing among the subbasin's diverse communities and interest. The CAC will serve an advisory role to the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA) Board of Directors, to inform the Board's implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

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Objective:

Develop a mutual understanding of and provide feedback on the implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Anticipated Activities:

- Quarterly meetings
- Review available data regarding groundwater conditions and progress on the implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP
- Provide feedback on discussions and technical work related to the Cosumnes Subbasin's monitoring network, Undesirable Results, Sustainable Management Criteria, and funding mechanisms
- Identify future information needs
- Discuss and support public outreach and engagement as applicable

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Approach:

- The CGA will share draft materials related to from GSP implementation with the CAC. All draft materials will be informed by CGA Board discussions.
- CAC members will review and discuss draft materials and generate feedback to be shared with the CGA Board.
- Consistent with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the CGA Board will consider whether and how to incorporate CAC feedback. The CGA Board will regularly update the CAC on how its feedback informed its decision-making.

Discussion Focus:

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Each meeting will focus on a topic, or variety of topics, described below. There may be need for additional flexibility on topics.

- Funding Mechanisms
- Projects and Management Actions
- Outreach and Engagement
- Monitoring Network
- Sustainable Management Criteria

CAC Composition:

The CAC will be structured to reflect a range of interests and perspectives among water users and uses in the Subbasin. The Board will solicit a basic application to residents of the Subbasin. This application will ask for the individual's interest and experience in sustainable groundwater management. The Board will periodically review application. If the Board believes an applicant will be beneficial to the CAC, a formal invitation to join will be extended. CAC members will be expected to follow the CAC Code of Conduct. If the CGA Board find that someone has violated the CAC Code of Conduct, they have the right to remove individuals from their term on the CAC. Discussions of the CAC will be supported by contracted CGA staff, technical consultants (as funding is available), and a facilitation team from the DWR Facilitation Support Services program (if support is granted). The target size of the CAC is 12 people. Members will serve 2-year terms. In the initial year some 1-year terms will be offered to strive for staggered changes.

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The CGA Board will draw on the following criteria when identifying CAC members:

- Demonstrated interest in sustainable groundwater management
- Ability to serve as an effective information conduit to others within the subbasin, both in terms of disseminating information and gathering broader input
- Demonstrated commitment to engaging in constructive dialogue with others
- Availability to attend CAC meetings on a regular basis

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Additionally, invitations to the groups listed below may be extended from time to time if relevant topics are planned for discussion at specific meetings:

- **NGOs:** Cosumnes Coalition, The Nature Conservancy, Environmental Defense Fund, ECOS, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
- **STATE/FED AGENCY:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Bureau of Land Management (Cosumnes Preserve)
- **LOCAL AGENCY:** Sacramento-Amador Water Quality Alliance, RD-800, Sacramento County Farm Bureau, Sacramento County Cattleman's Association,
- **TRIBAL:** Wilton Rancheria, Ione Band of Miwok Indians, Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwok Indians, and others
- Representatives from the South American and Eastern San Joaquin Subbasins

Ground Rules:

The CAC will generally rely on the ground rules outlined in the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority agreement and the Board's policies, with emphasis on these points:

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- The CAC is an advisory body. All final decisions will be made by the CGA Board.
- Focus on developing credible and timely information and understanding
- Foster thoughtful exchange of information and perspectives
- Identify areas of common interests and approach
- Consensus seeking

Roles and Responsibilities:

CAC members shall:

- be able to demonstrate a general knowledge of and involvement in the activities of priority interest related to the Cosumnes GSP and SGMA.
- review the CAC Overview (this document), CAC Code of Conduct, the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP website, and other documentation to become familiar with the current issues and their background.
- attend meetings adequately prepared to engage meaningfully in discussions.
- engage in CAC and GSP activities in accordance with the CAC Code of Conduct and other CGA governance documents, as applicable.
- be expected to commit to a 1- or 2-year term. Terms can be extended based on the mutual agreement of the CGA Board and CAC member.

Anticipated Work Product:

We anticipate a series of presentations to the CGA Board summarizing the CAC's key perspectives, recommendations, and areas of agreement and divergence on each of main topics discussed.

Anticipated Timeline:

January 2022 – February 2022:

- Development of CAC Overview, Code of Conduct, and Application

March 2022 – April 2022:

- Selection of CAC Members

April 2022 – June 2022:

- First CAC Meeting

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**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Citizen Advisory Committee**

Committee Member Application

The Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA) is soliciting applications for membership on the CGA Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC will serve as an advisory role to the CGA Board of Directors and provide direct feedback on implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Members will develop a mutual understanding of and provide feedback on a variety of aspects of the GSP including, but not limited to, funding mechanisms, projects and management actions, outreach, monitoring, and more. It is anticipated that the CAC will meet once quarterly.

If you are interested in serving on the CAC, please review the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP website, review the CAC overview, complete this application, and submit it to CGA Staff. The Application may be submitted in person to staff, mailed USPS, or emailed to the address below. Staff will then work with the CGA Board to put the consideration of new members on an upcoming agenda of the Board. Applicants will be invited to participant at that meeting but are not required to attend. You will be advised by the Board if you are appointed to serve as a CAC member.

Austin Miller, 8698 Elk Grove Blvd. #1-207 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95624

Phone: 916-526-5447

Email: Austin@SloughhouseRCD.org

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NAME: _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS OR MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (DAYTIME): _____ PHONE (EVENING): _____

Please provide a brief description of your background and qualifications and any other relevant documents you believe support your eligibility and nomination, including relevant experience and/or education, with particular emphasis on factors that demonstrate an interest in groundwater conservation, an ability to serve as a information conduit to a wider community of water users, and a demonstrated commitment to productive and collaborative dialogue. (Please include additional pages as needed.)

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**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Citizen Advisory Committee
Code of Conduct**

Presented as Draft: January 21, 2022

Members of the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority's Citizen Advisory Committee hereby agree to abide by the following:

- 1) Members will treat all persons in a fair and respectful manner when participating in the Board's activities and meetings, or related meetings with other groups, political entities, or organizations. Activities includes phone calls, digital meetings, and correspondence.
- 2) Members will act at all times in accordance with all applicable laws of the U.S.A. and the State of California in the performance of their duties.
- 3) Members will refrain from abusive conduct, including verbal attacks upon the character or motives of other Members, the CGA Board and staff, other groups, political entities, or the public.
- 4) Members will abide by the processes and rules established by the Board and this Code of Conduct.
- 5) The Committee exercises authority only collectively as a Committee. Individual members will not state that a matter is the Committee's policy, position, or opinion on a matter unless the matter has been previously approved by a majority of the Committee.
- 6) When speaking with the media, elected officials, or general public, CAC members are asked to represent only their own individual views (unless, as previously mentioned, the Committee has previously approved the matter by a majority of the Committee). CAC members should refer all press inquiries to CGA Staff.
- 7) Members will keep confidential CGA information that has been provided to them in confidence. Board members will not disclose confidential information without proper authorization from the Board as a whole or use such information to advance their personal, or private, financial interests.
- 8) As a consequence of violation of this Code of Conduct, the first violation shall result in a written warning to the member which states the facts of the violation. A second violation shall result in removal from the CGA Citizen Advisory Committee. Each violation should be documented in writing and approved by the majority of the Board.

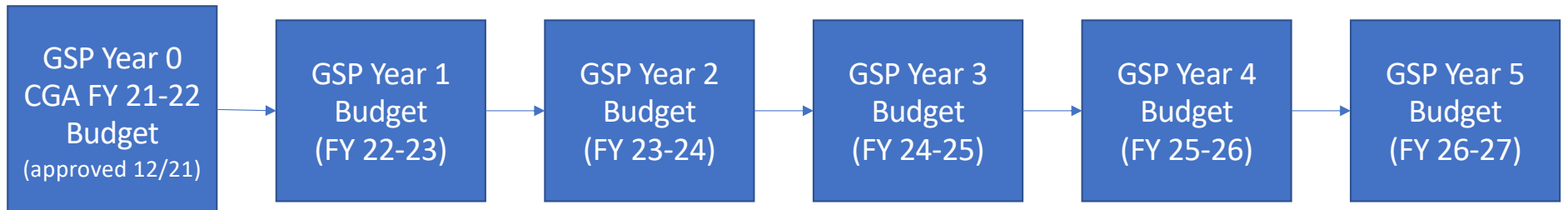
I have read and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.

CGA Budget Considerations

CGA Board of Directors Meeting

January 21, 2022

GSP Projected Expenses and CGA Budget



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CGA Estimated Regulatory and Operational Expenses

Activity	<u>Year 0 (FY21-22)</u>	<u>Year 1 (FY22-23)</u>	<u>Year 2 (FY23-24)</u>	<u>Year 3 (FY24-25)</u>	<u>Year 4 (FY25-26)</u>	<u>Year 5 (FY26-27)</u>
Establish Organization / GSA Coordination	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Funding Exploration	\$ 41,028	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Monitoring	\$ 37,782	\$ 37,782	\$ 37,782	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Data Management System	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Public Outreach	\$ 21,427	\$ 21,427	\$ 21,427	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Legal	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Financial Audit	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Personnel	\$ 90,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Data Gaps	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Annual Report	\$ 48,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
5-Year Update	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Address State Comments	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Post-GSP Fee Establishment	\$ 100,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Misc.	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Contingency	\$ 8,185	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Regulatory and Operational Expenses Totals	\$ 439,422	\$ 439,209	\$ 444,209	\$ 435,000	\$ 435,000	\$ 435,000

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CGA Estimated Projects and Management Action Expenses

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Year 0 (FY21-22)</u>	<u>Year 1 (FY22-23)</u>	<u>Year 2 (FY23-24)</u>	<u>Year 3 (FY24-25)</u>	<u>Year 4 (FY25-26)</u>	<u>Year 5 (FY26-27)</u>
PMA #1 OHWD Flood-MAR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
PMA #2 SAFCA Flood-MAR	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
PMA #3 OHWD Flow Augmentation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
PMA #4 Ci. of Galt Recycled Water	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
PMA #5 Voluntary Land Fallowing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
PMA #6 Groundwater Banking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Other PMAs	\$ 71,927	\$ 46,927	\$ 46,927	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Projects and Managemnet Actions Expenses Totals	\$ 171,927	\$ 46,927	\$ 646,927	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000

CGA Estimated Total Expenses

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Year 0</u> <u>(FY21-22)</u>	<u>Year 1</u> <u>(FY22-23)</u>	<u>Year 2</u> <u>(FY23-24)</u>	<u>Year 3</u> <u>(FY24-25)</u>	<u>Year 4</u> <u>(FY25-26)</u>	<u>Year 5</u> <u>(FY26-27)</u>
Regulatory and Operational Expenses	\$ 439,422	\$ 439,209	\$ 444,209	\$ 435,000	\$ 435,000	\$ 435,000
Projects and Management Actions Expenses	\$ 171,927	\$ 46,927	\$ 646,927	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Total Estimated Expenses	\$ 611,349	\$ 486,136	\$ 1,091,136	\$ 1,435,000	\$ 1,435,000	\$ 1,435,000

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CGA Estimated Revenue

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Year 1</u> <u>(FY21-22)</u>	<u>Year 2</u> <u>(FY22-23)</u>	<u>Year 3</u> <u>(FY23-24)</u>	<u>Year 4</u> <u>(FY24-25)</u>	<u>Year 5</u> <u>(FY25-26)</u>	<u>Year 6</u> <u>(FY26-27)</u>
Sloughhouse RCD	\$ 150,762	\$ 150,762	?	?	?	?
Galt Irrigation District	\$ 161,807	\$ 161,807	?	?	?	?
Clay Water District	\$ 21,889	\$ 21,889	?	?	?	?
County of Sac.	\$ 64,834	\$ 64,834	?	?	?	?
OH Water District	\$ 24,893	\$ 24,893	?	?	?	?
City of Galt	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	?	?	?	?
Amador County	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	?	?	?	?
GSA Member Contributions Totals	\$ 444,185	\$ 444,185	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency	\$ 125,000	\$ -	?	?	?	?
Department of Conservation Grant	\$ 42,163	\$ 42,163	\$ 42,163	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Funding Opportunities	\$ -	?	?	?	?	?
Other Revenue Sources Total	\$ 167,163	\$ 42,163	\$ 42,163	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 611,348	\$ 486,348	\$ 42,163	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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CGA Estimated Budget Overview

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Year 1 (FY21-22)</u>	<u>Year 2 (FY22-23)</u>	<u>Year 3 (FY23-24)</u>	<u>Year 4 (FY24-25)</u>	<u>Year 5 (FY25-26)</u>	<u>Year 6 (FY26-27)</u>
Regulatory and Operational Expenses	\$ 439,422	\$ 439,209	\$ 444,209	\$ 435,000	\$ 435,000	\$ 435,000
Projects and Mangement Actions Expenses	\$ 171,927	\$ 46,927	\$ 646,927	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Estimated Expenses	\$ 611,349	\$ 486,136	\$ 1,091,136	\$ 1,435,000	\$ 1,435,000	\$ 1,435,000
GSA Member Contributions	\$ 444,185	\$ 444,185	?	?	?	?
Other Funding Sources	\$ 167,163	\$ 42,163	\$ 42,163	?	?	?
Estimated Revenue	\$ 611,348	\$ 486,348	\$ 42,163	?	?	?
Year End Total Change	\$ (1)	\$ 212	\$ (1,048,973)	\$ (1,435,000)	\$ (1,435,000)	\$ (1,435,000)

Options Moving Forward

1. Stay the Course:

- Keep a similar budget for FY22/23 (Year 1 of the GSP), allowing GSAs to keep same fee structure as FY 21/22
- Allows a year to develop project costs, methodology, and improved data

2. Explore Other Options:

We need:

- Decision on Methodology
 - Ag-Res. Data
 - Irrigation Data
- Project Details (cost estimates)

January 2022 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)

Grants

California Grants Portal

The California State Library, in partnership with the Department of Water Resources and other state grantmaking agencies, has launched the California Grants Portal – your one destination to find all state grant and loan opportunities provided on a first-come or competitive basis. Visit grants.ca.gov to find funding opportunities for you and your community.

DWR: DRAFT 2022 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package

We are pleased to announce the release of the DRAFT 2022 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (GL/PSP) for the Proposition 1 - Round 2 IRWM Implementation. Release of the drafts commences a 60-day public comment period, which will close at 5:00 pm on February 8, 2021. This solicitation will make **approximately \$192 million** in grant funding available for IRWM implementation projects. ***Please note that the draft identifies a March 2022 deadline for Cycle 1 as originally proposed in early 2021. DWR will update this deadline to later in 2022 in the final Proposal Solicitation Package based on the public comments collected.*** For more information on the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Program, visit [Implementation Grant Program](#) or e-mail us at: dwr_irwm@water.ca.gov. Workshops will be held on the following days, click the date to register for the webinar: [Northern CA, Tuesday 2/1/22 9:30-11:30 am](#); [Central CA, Thursday 2/3/22 10:00-12:00 am](#); and [Southern CA, Tuesday 2/8/22 9:30-11:30 am](#).

DWR: FINAL SGMA Funding Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the final [Guidelines](#) and [Proposal Solicitation Package](#) (PSP) for the [Sustainable Groundwater Management \(SGM\) Grant Program's](#) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Funding. Over \$350 million in grants will be available for planning and implementation projects to help regional groundwater agencies comply with the SGMA. **The Round 1 grant solicitation for Critically Overdrafted (COD) basins is now open.** Those potential applicants located within COD basins will be contacted by a SGM Grant Program team member to provide the required templates for applicants to use while applying for the grant program. The Round 1 solicitation will **end on February 18, 2022.**

CalTrans: \$296 Million for Clean California Local Grant Program

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) developed the Clean California Local Grant Program as part of a two-year program through which approximately \$296 million in funds will go to local communities to beautify and improve local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to clean and enhance public spaces. Through the combination of adding beautification measures and art in public spaces along with the removal of litter and debris, this effort will enhance communities and improve spaces for walking and recreation. View the [Clean California Local Grant Program Factsheet \(PDF\)](#) and access [full grant guidelines here](#). [Applicant workshop will be held January 12, 1:30 – 3pm](#). **Applications due Feb 1, 2022.**

DWR: \$200 Million Drought Funding to Support Small Communities

DWR released [guidelines](#) for how small water systems may apply for funds as part of the Small Community Drought Relief Program. Eligible projects must be designed to benefit small communities (< 3,000 connections or 3,000 AFY) located in counties under Governor Newsom's drought emergency proclamations or which the SWRCB may determine that drought conditions necessitate urgent and immediate action. Small communities impacted by the drought are encouraged to apply as soon as possible as funds will be dispersed on a first come first serve basis and can submit applications or questions to SmallCommunityDrought@water.ca.gov. This grant will fund projects that provide immediate or interim drinking water supplies such as hauled or bottled water deliveries, deepening of wells, new or temporary water tank storage, new pipelines and connections to more reliable nearby systems, etc. No local cost share is required.

January 2022 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)**Department of Conservation: Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program DRAFT Guidelines open for comment**

The Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program seeks to increase regional capacity to repurpose agricultural land to reduce reliance on groundwater while providing community health, economic wellbeing, water supply, habitat, renewable energy, and climate benefits. **A total of \$50 million will be available**, with up to \$10 million per basin. [Draft Grant Guidelines and links to January public workshops \(1/18, 1/19, & 1/20\) can be found here.](#) Public comments can be sent to shanna.atherton@conservation.ca.gov. **Public comment closes January 31, 2022 and application release expected 2/4/22 with submission due date of March 21, 2022.**

CalFire: Fire Prevention Grants Program FY 2021-2022

CAL FIRE's Fire Prevention Grants Program provides funding for fire prevention projects and activities in and near fire threatened communities. Funded activities include hazardous fuels reduction, wildfire prevention planning, and wildfire prevention education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. **Approximately \$120 Million available, no funding match required, application deadline is 2/9/22.** [More information can be found here.](#)

EPA Grants Award Process Webinar

EPA invites all grant applicants and grant recipients to attend a Grants Award Process Webinar on **Wednesday, January 26, 2022, from 2:00-3:30 pm ET**. Hosted by EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment, this high-level webinar will cover topics related to finding and applying for grants as well as the basics of managing a grant award. Advance [registration is required](#).

Other state & federal grant websites for resources that may be helpful are:

- California Financing Coordinating Committee -- <https://cfcc.ca.gov/>, and
- CalOES grants -- <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/grants-management>
- US EPA -- <https://www.epa.gov/grants/specific-epa-grant-programs>, and
- Economic Development Administration -- <https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>

Upcoming conferences, webinars, new reports and data**Progress Report Issued on Implementation of the Water Resilience Portfolio**

The progress that has been made on implementing California's [Water Resilience Portfolio](#) is detailed in a [new report](#) from the State. The portfolio was released 18 months ago by Governor Newsom as a water policy blueprint to build climate resilience. The progress report summarizes work done on 142 actions outlined in the portfolio.

NEW: DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board have released new [principles and strategies for groundwater management and drinking water wells](#). The document provides a framework for the development of drought-resistant communities. Approximately 82 percent of Californians rely on groundwater for some portion of their [drinking water](#) or other household uses. A [Spanish version](#) of the draft is available.

DWR: DRAFT Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) Conservation Strategy 2022

The Conservation Strategy is an integral component of the 2022 CVFPP Update. Its purpose is to provide actionable and measurable targets to improve riverine, aquatic, wetland, and riparian habitat in the flood system through the integration of ecological principles with flood risk reduction projects, operation and maintenance activities, institutional support, and other means (e.g., the removal of fish passage barriers). The Conservation Strategy also provides data, information, and guidance to floodplain managers to assist in the development of

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multi-benefit flood infrastructure improvement projects by integrating project components and management strategies that benefit native species and their habitats. [The draft document is now available on DWR's website](#). There will be a 60-day review period for the Draft Conservation Strategy; as such, **DWR will be accepting comments until February 10, 2022**. Comments can be submitted via the [webform here](#) or emailed to CScomments@water.ca.gov.

FIRO Workshop and Webinars in January and March

The next Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) Workshop will look at FIRO as a climate resiliency strategy. This is part of a webinar series hosted by the Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes. The workshop will be held Wednesday, Jan. 12 and the 8th annual workshop will be held March 21-24 (tentative). [More information can be found here.](#)

DWR Released California's Groundwater Update 2020 (formerly Bulletin 118) and California's Groundwater Live Online

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today released the final [California's Groundwater – Update 2020 \(Bulletin-118\)](#), containing information on the condition of the State's groundwater, which is especially important with most of California facing ongoing drought conditions. DWR has also developed a companion web-based application called [California's Groundwater Live](#) (CalGW Live), leveraging the [California Natural Resources Agency Open Data Platform](#) (Open Data) to improve the access and timeliness of statewide groundwater information. The easy-to-use interface will make many of the data sets used in CalGW Update 2020 available in an interactive map format that will be updated regularly for viewing and downloading. For more information, visit the updated [California's Groundwater website](#) Contact: CalGW@water.ca.gov

OpenET makes tracking water use data easier with satellite data

A space-based tool is ready to help track water in the western U.S. Using data from satellites, [Open Evapotranspiration](#) (OpenET) gives farmers and other water users information on how much of their water loss ends up as evapotranspiration. The OpenET data are available for 17 western states, including the Colorado River basin area.

Week of Webinars on Statewide Groundwater Management Efforts

DWR is hosting a week of webinars on statewide groundwater management efforts. **All presentations were recorded and the links are below and can also be found on the program webpage.**

- [2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plan \(GSP\) Submittal Workshop](#)
- [2022 Alternative 5-year Update Submittal Workshop](#)
- [Resources for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\) Implementation](#) (found under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Events tab)
- [Accessing Groundwater Data and Tools](#)

Water Board: Drinking water needs assessments

For the first time, the State Water Resources Control Board has completed a comprehensive look at California water systems that are struggling to provide safe drinking water. [The needs assessment](#) identifies failing water systems and those at risk of failing. It also offers the most in-depth view of long-term drinking water safety the state has ever had. Details are available in this [news release](#).

January 2022 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)**SGMA****GSP and Alternative Plan Periodic Evaluations Submittals**

If you have questions or need assistance while submitting your 2022 GSP, Alternative Periodic Evaluation (5-year) Plan Update, or update to a previously submitted 2020 GSP, please contact us at GSPSubmittal@water.ca.gov. We have additional staff monitoring this account to provide prompt responses and help with document submittal to [DWR's SGMA Portal](#). If your GSA POC is not current, or you are not sure, please visit the [SGMA Portal](#) to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date. When logged in, the Portal allows edits to be made to previously submitted contact information.

Dry Well Reporting Site

There is a website available to report private wells going dry at <https://mydrywatersupply.water.ca.gov/report/>. This information reported to this site is intended to inform state and local agencies on drought impacts on household water supplies. The data reported on this site (excluding personal identifiable information) can be viewed on the [SGMA data viewer](#) or downloaded on the [CNRA Atlas](#). Individuals or local agencies can report water shortages and a list of resources are included on the webpage. The reporting forms are available in both English and Spanish.

DWR is developing eight Proposition 68-funded technical projects

These projects include airborne electromagnetic surveys, improving groundwater elevation and quality monitoring networks, Statewide land use data collection, improved subsidence monitoring network, installing and maintaining stream gauges, maintaining and enhancing statewide well completion reports, managing and reporting sustainable groundwater information, and enhancing and maintaining DWR's modeling tools. Fact sheets on each project can be viewed under the "Prop 68" tab [here](#).

- [AEM webpage](#) contains information on the how the process works, safety, schedule, data submission by GSAs, TAC, pilot study data and more. Public webinar was held **June 8th 12:00 – 1:00**, a [recording can be viewed here](#) and [handouts can be downloaded here](#). **Sonoma Valley Basins were surveyed in November, 2021 and North San Joaquin and Southern Sacramento basins planned for surveying in April 2022.**
- [2018 Statewide Crop Mapping data](#) dataset builds on the 2014 and 2016 statewide crop mapping datasets DWR previously released and includes multi-cropping information. The 2018 dataset includes agricultural land use and urban boundaries for all 58 counties in California. Water year 2019 is planned to be released in 2022.
- [InSAR subsidence data](#) is now available through October of 2020 and can be viewed on the [SGMA data viewer](#). The updated GIS services and data reports are also available [online](#). Future data will be released on a quarterly basis.

DWR Releases First and Second batches of GSP Assessments

On June 3rd, DWR released its first assessments of groundwater sustainability plans, which includes the approval of GSPs for the Santa Cruz Mid-County Basin and the 180/400-Foot Aquifer Subbasin. In addition, DWR also notified GSAs in the Cuyama Valley Basin and Paso Robles Subbasin that their GSPs lack specific details and are not yet approved. **On November 18th, 2021 the next round of assessments were released** including the approval of GSPs for the North and South Yuba Subbasins in Yuba County and the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin in Ventura County. In addition, DWR also notified groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, Merced Subbasin, Chowchilla Subbasin, and Westside Subbasin that their GSPs lack specific details and are not yet approved. **On December 9th, DWR issued** letters to communicate to the agencies representing the remaining six subbasins within the San Joaquin Valley Basin on the status of their groundwater sustainability plans, which contain deficiencies that will need to be addressed. These assessments and notification letters, along with other pertinent information, can be viewed [here on the DWR SGMA Portal](#).

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Outreach and Educational Materials Available

DWR's [SGMA Assistance and Engagement webpage](#) has added new communication and engagement toolkit items including:

- A new video – [Groundwater: California's Vital Resource](#) now available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Punjabi](#), and [Hmong](#)
- A Story Map for a non-technical audience – [Groundwater: Understanding and Managing this Vital Resource](#)
- [Guidance on Engaging and Communicating with Underrepresented Groundwater Users](#)
- [SGMA Communications: Media Relations and Social Media](#), including [DWR's Groundwater Media Contacts](#)
- "DWR's Assistance Role in Groundwater Management" video: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

CASGEM to Monitoring Network Module Transition Frequently Asked Questions Available

The [CASGEM to Monitoring Network Module Transition Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) document covers questions related to the Groundwater Monitoring Law, the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program, a GSP's required monitoring, the SGMA Portal's Monitoring Network Module (MNM), and a basin's or subbasin's transition from the CASGEM Online System to the SGMA Portal's Monitoring Network Module .

C2VSim Fine Grid Update Published April 2021

DWR has released an update to the Fine-Grid California Central Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation (C2VSimFG) Model, which can be used by Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) developing water budgets for their GSPs. [C2VSimFG Version 1.01](#) utilizes the latest version of the Integrated Water Flow Model software and corrects minor errors in the model files. These updates do not significantly affect the overall model calibration; however, resulting changes to simulated groundwater levels may vary by basin.

Facilitation Support Services (FSS): [Funding still available](#)

- GSA's developing GSPs are eligible to receive funding for identification and engagement of interested parties, meeting facilitation, interest-based negotiation/consensus building, and public outreach facilitation
- More information [can be found here](#). [New written translation services available in 10 languages for outreach materials \(5,000 word maximum\).](#)

To: Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Board of Directors
From: Austin Miller (CGA Secretary), Stephen Julian (Watershed Coordinator)
Date: January 20, 2022
Subject: Public Comment and Draft Response: (Jay Schneider) for January 21, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting

CGA Directors,

On January 20, 2022 we received written public comment ahead of our January 21, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting from Jay Schneider. Below are responses, drafted by staff, to questions that were posed in the letter.

Attached:

- Email from Jay Schneider
- Public Comment for CGA Meeting 1-21-22, Agenda Item #8

What is the basis for the PMA #5 items for Voluntary Land Fallowing in the years 2 (\$150,000) and 3 (\$500,000)?

- These values come from the final draft of the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan estimated budget. It assumes an initial year of program development (initial estimate: ~\$150,000) followed by program implementation (initial estimate: ~\$500,000). Project specifics will need to be developed in order to be considered for long-term funding programs. More information on this PMA can be found in Chapter 18 (Projects and Management Actions) of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP.

How many acre feet would be “saved” or “not pumped” for those amounts?

- Estimates from the Cosumnes Subbasin are ~2,700 AFY in Phase 1 (first 5 years) and ~6,300 AFY in Phase 2. Project specifics will need to be developed in order to be considered for long-term funding programs. More information on this PMA can be found in Chapter 18 (Projects and Management Actions) of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP.

How many acres of farmed land would be fallowed?

- Phase 1: 750-1,000 acres. Phase 2: <2,000 acres. Project specifics will need to be developed in order to be considered for long-term funding programs. More information on this PMA can be found in Chapter 18 (Projects and Management Actions) of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP.

Where is the revenue coming from to pay for the fallowing?

- The Cosumnes Groundwater Authority will begin this discussion at the January 21, 2022 Board of Directors meeting.

Will the following be in area identified as cone of depression?

- Initial plans identified high water use crops throughout the subbasin. Project specifics will need to be developed in order to be considered for long-term funding programs. More information on this PMA can be found in Chapter 18 (Projects and Management Actions) of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP.

Will the following be for wells below the 30' impermeable clay layer or above?

- Programs specifics still need to be developed. Current project description can be found in Chapter 18 (Projects and Management Actions) of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP.



Austin Miller <austin@sloughousercd.org>

CGA question regarding Agenda Item 8 "voluntary fallowing" basis for amount

cowboy jay <cowboyjay@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 2:52 PM

To: Austin Miller <austin@sloughousercd.org>, Sloughhouse RCD <info@sloughousercd.org>

Hello Austin

Enclosed is a short letter asking for the "basis" \$ 150,000 then \$ 500,000 budgeted for fallowing.. How many acre feet saved and a what cost type question. Stated otherwise where did the numbers come from.

Thanks

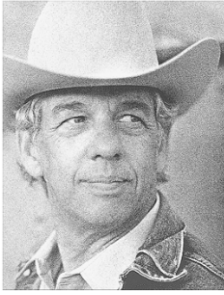
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Jay Schneider

January 20, 2022

To: Cosumnes Groundwater Authority via email to Austin Miller info@SloughhouseRCD.org

RE: Question regarding Agenda Item 8, Long Term Budget Considerations

Referring to the 4th page of the attachment for Agenda Item 8 (also the 16th of 25 pages in agenda packet sent 1:38 this afternoon) titled CGA Estimated Project and Management Action Expenses. (copied below)

Question: What is the basis (the formulas) for the PMA #5 items for Voluntary Land Fallowing in the years 2 (\$ 150,000) and 3 (\$ 500,000) more specifically.

- How many acre feet would be “saved” or “not pumped” for those amount?
- How many acres of farmed land would be fallowed.
- Where is the revenue coming from to pay for the fallowing.
- Will the fallowing be in area identified as cone of depression?
- Will the fallowing be for wells below the 30’ impermeable clay layer or above?

The answer, at a minimum, should indicate that (for instance, the 500,000 would fallow ### acres and reduce pumping by ## acre/feet/acre for.

Thanks

Jay Schneider

CGA Estimated Projects and Management Action Expenses

Activity	Year 0 (FY21-22)	Year 1 (FY22-23)	Year 2 (FY23-24)	Year 3 (FY24-25)	Year 4 (FY25-26)	Year 5 (FY26-27)
PMA #1 OHWD Flood-MAR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
PMA #2 SAFCA Flood-MAR	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
PMA #3 OHWD Flow Augmentation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
PMA #4 Ci. of Galt Recycled Water	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
PMA #5 Voluntary Land Fallowing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
PMA #6 Groundwater Banking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Other PMAs	\$ 71,927	\$ 46,927	\$ 46,927	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Projects and Managemnet Actions Expenses Totals	\$ 171,927	\$ 46,927	\$ 646,927	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000

To: Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Board of Directors
From: Austin Miller (CGA Secretary), Stephen Julian (Watershed Coordinator)
Date: January 20, 2022
Subject: Public Comment (Tish Espinosa and Teresa Flewellyn) for January 21, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting

CGA Directors,

On January 20, 2022 we received written public comment ahead of our January 21, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting from Tish Espinosa and Teresa Flewellyn. Below are responses, drafted by staff, to questions that were posed in the letter.

Attached:

- Email from Tish Espinosa and Teresa Flewellyn
- Public Comment for CGA Meeting 1-21-22

Why has the Sale of Water (Project #6, Sale of Water) been prioritized over outreach to locate future potential projects within the Cosumnes Subbasin?

- The Cosumnes Subbasin SGMA Working Group included Project #6 in the Cosumnes Subbasin to generate outside funds to cover expenses of more projects within the Cosumnes Subbasin.
- It is the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Board of Directors' intent to continuously explore potential projects that support groundwater sustainability and leverage funding from outside sources when possible to keep local costs down.

What information is available to show that continuing Project outreach efforts were performed throughout the Plan development period, before the choice was made to piggy-back off projects developed by other agencies/groups outside our Subbasin? (Final Plan Projects #1, 2, 3, and #6)

- A list of public meetings and workshops held during GSP development can be found in Appendix E of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP. Additional information regarding the Subbasins outreach can be found in Appendix D (Communication and Engagement Plan) of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP.

What continuing efforts are being made at outreach to identify potential future Projects within, and controlled by the Subbasin?

- Before long-term funding agreements can be developed, a better understanding of specific projects need to be developed. To do so, the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Board of Directors intend to solicit input from local stakeholders. A Citizens Advisory Committee will be formed and supported by CGA and will provide direct feedback to the CGA Board. In addition to all Board of Directors' meetings

being open to the public, we anticipate holding a series of public workshops as we move throughout the project planning process.

It is unclear if Cosumnes Subbasin stakeholder paid fees will be used to pay for, or subsidize the Final Plan Projects that are located outside of our Subbasin.

- The current funding generated by Cosumnes Subbasin groundwater users (outlined in the Cosumnes Subbasin Fee Study) is being used for expenses laid out in the initial year CGA budget (Fiscal Year 21-22). No specific PMAs have been funded from these fees. At this time, we anticipate keeping a similar budget for Fiscal Year 22-23 to allow for time to develop project specifics, update the Cosumnes Subbasin Fee Study, and develop long-term funding agreements.

It is unclear if the Project partnership with SAFCA as identified in the Plan will require commitments that will have a negative impact on all, or part of the Cosumnes Subbasins retention of our water resources.

- It has been the intent of the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (and therefore the CGA Board) that no agreements/commitments will be made until a positive impact on the Cosumnes Subbasin's groundwater sustainability efforts is proven.

How can more than 1 Subbasin take credit for a Project's benefits in their Plans? (Projects 1, 2 and 3 are located in S. American Subbasin)

- To reiterate a commonly used metaphor: groundwater subbasins do not operate like a bathtub. Water moves in and out of subbasins all along their boundaries. Projects near these boundaries can have water pushed/pulled from one subbasin to another.

Monitoring, testing, and installation of water test sites are not equally distributed throughout the Subbasin.

- We are confident that the current Cosumnes Subbasin Monitoring Network meet DWR requirements for distribution. That being said, we aim to continue to improve our network and would welcome discussing adding any well within the Subbasin to the Network. Those interested should reach out to Stephen Julian (Watershed Coordinator).

What committees were available to stakeholders during the Plan development, and during administration of the SGWP Grant?

- ((Assuming this is in reference to the GSP development grants administered by the County of Sacramento.))
- All Working Group meetings were open to the public (Appendix E of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP). Additionally, the Surface Water Advisory Committee, Projects and Management Actions Committee, and Long-Term Governance Committees held meetings with broader stakeholder involvement and were open to the public.

Per Exhibit C of the Grant, pg 16 of 41, Stakeholder participation is scheduled to end on 1/31/22, and the Citizens Advisory Committee is just being formed, why?

- ((Assuming this is in reference to the GSP development grants administered by the County of Sacramento.))
- This grant, and all work performed by the Cosumnes Subbasin SGMA Working Group, was for the *development* of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP. Not the *implementation*. Development of the GSP formally comes to an end in January 2022 with the submission of the GSP to DWR. The Cosumnes Groundwater Authority was formed for *implementation* of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP. This completely new organization was formed in late November 2021 after all GSAs executed a JPA. Forming the Citizens Advisory Committee has been one of the initial activities of the CGA Board and is intended to be a key outreach tool for all major CGA activities moving forward.

Will all existing committees be abolished and repopulated, allowing stakeholders in the basin to help think outside the box and not depend on SAFCA, water agencies, or water purveyors to develop our projects?

- With the *development* of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP coming to an end the Cosumnes Subbasin SGMA Working Group, and all of its subcommittees, is also coming to an end. The Cosumnes Subbasin SGMA Working Group held their final meeting on January 19, 2022. Now, as the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority *implements* the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP, we plan to establish the appropriate committees to solicit input from all stakeholders in the Cosumnes Subbasin. Our first effort will be establishing the Citizens Advisory Committee, which the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Board of Directors has discussed at every meeting since its inception in late November 2021.

I seek clarification regarding meeting activities (outside of scheduled public meetings) between Board Members and Stakeholders - are these activities required to be reported on, and shown on an Agenda as an action item, or Report to the Board, at the next scheduled public meeting?

- Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Board Members do (and are encouraged) to engage with their stakeholders through their roles in their Groundwater Sustainability Agencies/member agencies. CGA Board Members are not required to report every activity they participate in but are expected to keep the Board up to date on any developments concerning CGA.

Budgets provided to date have not shown funds were/will be allocated for a fully transparent, and open hiring process for paid positions within the Cosumnes Subbasin.

- When the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority decides to hire their own staff, it will be through an open and transparent process. At this time, CGA has not started the cumbersome process of hiring our own staff. In December 2021 the CGA Board approved two agreements (with Sloughhouse RCD and Southeast Sac. County Ag. Water Authority) for staff support for the remainder of fiscal year 2021-2022.

Is the Board considering forming a hiring committee to ensure an open and transparent process is implemented to address current, and future needs for all paid positions within the CGA?

- This process has not yet been discussed by the Board, however, yes, it is assumed that a hiring committee would be formed to hire staff.

Update on the current progress of this (Laguna Del Sol) test site, i.e. monitoring results, Project specs, etc.

- Dry well installation will likely occur the first week of March. We will be monitoring in various ways: infiltration rates, soil moisture, water quality before recharge, water quality of surrounding wells during recharge

Is SAFCA participating in funding of this (Laguna Del Sol) test site?

- OWHD and SAFCA are currently working together on this pilot project. SAFCA funds are being used in the development of this project.

Was this grant monies (re: Laguna Del Sol)?

- No CGA or grants funds have been spent on this project. Specifics of SAFCA funding should be addressed to the SAFCA Board of Directors.

Is an accounting available for review showing expenditures to date?

- No CGA funds have been spent for this project. Any question on funds expended should be directed to OHWD and SAFCA.



Austin Miller <austin@sloughousercd.org>

CGA Meeting 1/21/22

teresa flewellyn <teresaflewellyn@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 1:46 PM

To: Austin Miller <Austin@sloughousercd.org>, teresa flewellyn <teresaflewellyn@gmail.com>, Tish Espinosa <caliag@att.net>

Austin,

Attached please find an outline of Public Comments/Questions both Tish Espinosa and myself have for the meeting tomorrow.

Since the outline covers several sections of the Agenda, I thought it might be best to send to you in advance for your help and guidance in placing the issues noted on the outline in the proper sequence on the agenda.

Please reach out to me with any questions: Teresa, (916) 997-1921.

Thank You!

Teresa Flewellyn & Tish Espinosa

**Public Comments for CGA Meeting on 1-21-22, final draft.pdf**

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Public Comments - from Tish Espinosa and Teresa Flewellyn

1. Projects: item #4 (Action Items)

- After review of the Final Draft Plan, I continue to have issue with the following:
 - Lack of projects located within our Subbasin that are within our control both financially, and managerially.
 - Why has the Sale of Water (Project #6, Sale of Water) been prioritized over outreach to locate future potential projects within the Cosumnes Subbasin?
 - What information is available to show that continuing Project outreach efforts were performed throughout the Plan development period, before the choice was made to piggy-back off projects developed by other agencies/groups outside our Subbasin? (Final Plan Projects #1, 2, 3, and #6)
 - What continuing efforts are being made at outreach to identify potential future Projects within, and controlled by the Subbasin?
 - It is unclear if Cosumnes Subbasin stakeholder paid fees will be used to pay for, or subsidize the Final Plan Projects that are located outside of our Subbasin.
 - It is unclear if the Project partnership with SAFCA as identified in the Plan will require commitments that will have a negative impact on all, or part of the Cosumnes Subbasins retention of our water resources.
 - How can more than 1 Subbasin take credit for a Project's benefits in their Plans? (Projects 1, 2 and 3 are located in S. American Subbasin)
 - Monitoring, testing, and installation of water test sites are not equally distributed throughout the Subbasin. *(possibly part of item #5 under Action Items)*

2. Stakeholder Participation: item #7 (Action Items)

- Per Plan requirements, and as stated in the SGWP Grant, active stakeholder participation is the required in all phases development.
- What committees were available to stakeholders during the Plan development, and during administration of the SGWP Grant?
 - Per Exhibit C of the Grant, pg 16 of 41, Stakeholder participation is scheduled to end on

1/31/22, and the Citizens Advisory Committee is just being formed, why?

- Will all existing committees be abolished and repopulated, allowing stakeholders in the basin to help think outside the box and not depend on SAFCA, water agencies, or water purveyors to develop our projects?
- I seek clarification regarding meeting activities (outside of scheduled public meetings) between Board Members and Stakeholders - are these activities required to be reported on, and shown on an Agenda as an action item, or Report to the Board, at the next scheduled public meeting?

3. Hiring: item #8 (Action Items)

- Budgets provided to date have not shown funds were/will be allocated for a fully transparent, and open hiring process for paid positions within the Cosumnes Subbasin.
- Is the Board considering forming a hiring committee to ensure an open and transparent process is implemented to address current, and future needs for all paid positions within the CGA?

4. Laguna Del Sol: item #9 (Action Items)

- Update on the current progress of this test site, i.e. monitoring results, Project specs, etc.
- Is SAFCA participating in funding of this test site?
 - Was this Grant monies?
 - Is an accounting available for review showing expenditures to date?