

Joint Cosumnes Groundwater Authority  
Joint Committee Meeting  
Projects Committee and Outreach & Engagement Team  
Special Meeting Agenda

**When:** 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Monday, April 24, 2023

**Where:** Rancho Murieta CSD Office  
15160 Jackson Hwy.  
Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

**Zoom:** Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87130353121>  
Meeting ID: 871 3035 3121  
Call in Number: 1-669-444-9171

PUBLIC COMMENT – Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter on the agenda before or during its consideration of the matter. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person. For good cause, the Board Chair may waive these limitations.

ACCESSIBILITY - If you have a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to fully participate in this event, please contact Austin Miller (CGA Secretary) before the day of the meeting via email [[info@CosumnesGroundwater.org](mailto:info@CosumnesGroundwater.org)] or telephone [916-526-5447] to discuss your accessibility needs.

1. Introductions (*10 minutes*)
2. Analysis of Farmer Survey Responses (*60 minutes*)
3. Identification of Additional Data/Information Needs (*30 minutes*)
4. Draft Committee Charters (*20 minutes*)

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** (*Limit of 3 minutes per speaker*)

5. Public Comment: *Comment will be received for items not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the agency. The Board will hear comment but may not act on issues raised on non-agenda items.*

**Adjourn Meeting**

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: April 24, 2023

Agenda Item #: 2  
Agenda Item Subject: Analysis of Farmer Survey Results

To: CGA Projects Committee and Outreach Team  
From: CGA Staff

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**Background:**

Developed in the Fall/early Winter of 2022, the Farmer Survey assesses the interest of farmers/ranchers in participating in efforts to reduce water use as well as parallel efforts to increase water supply by engaging in managed aquifer recharge. The information gained from the survey will be used to help identify approaches/options to reduce groundwater pumping in the Cosumnes Basin that are consistent with the interests of farmers/landowners.

**Attachments:**

- [Farmer Survey Results.xlsx](#) (link)

**Staff Recommendation:**

- Provide input on a draft technical memo on the Farmer Survey results for the CGA Board of Directors to help inform project development and funding efforts.

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Agenda Date: April 24, 2023

Agenda Item #: 3

Agenda Item Subject: Identification of Additional Data/Information Needs

To: CGA Projects Committee and Outreach Team

From: CGA Staff

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**Background:**

While the Farmer Survey has served as a useful tool to gather some preliminary information from local constituents, additional insight, information, and data is likely still needed to craft highly successful projects and management actions. In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the CGA will know if pending grant applications will be awarded, finalize a funding study, and take other key actions toward implementing projects and management actions throughout the Subbasin.

**Staff Recommendation:**

- Provide recommendations on what key information related to Projects and Management Actions (PMAs) would still be helpful for CGA to explore and what outreach tactics may be successful in getting this information.

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Agenda Date: April 24, 2023

Agenda Item #: 4

Agenda Item Subject: Identification of Additional Data/Information Needs

To: CGA Projects Committee and Outreach Team

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**Background:**

The Projects and Management Actions (PMA) Committee was formed in March 2022 to develop the Cosumnes Subbasin Priority Projects List, which eventually change to the CA Dept. of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Application Components, to inform the implementation of groundwater sustainability projects and management actions. The Committee consists of 1 appointee from each member GSA. The Committee consists of:

- Rick Ferriera, Amador County Groundwater Management Authority
- Gary Silva, Clay Water District
- Mike Selling, City of Galt
- Pat Kirby, Galt Irrigation District
- Paul Hensleigh, Omochumne-Hartnel Water District
- Chris Hunley, County of Sacramento
- Barbara Washburn, Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

The Outreach & Engagement Team was appointed on an ad hoc basis to assist CGA with a variety of outreach efforts. The O&E Team has consisted of volunteers from the PMA and Citizen Advisory Committees appointed by the Chair. The O&E Team currently consists of:

- Barbara Washburn
- Teresa Flewellyn
- Belinda Ellis
- Chris Hunley

To ensure there is a shared understanding of what these committees do and how they function, Committee Charters have been drafted. These charters will help inform the 2023-2024 CGA Annual Workplan.

**Attachments:**

- Draft Projects and Management Actions Committee Charter
- Draft Outreach and Engagement Committee Charter
- CGA Governance Graphic

**Staff Recommendation:**

- Provide recommendations on the drafted PMA Committee and O&E Committee Charters.

## **Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Projects and Management Actions Committee Charter**

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: [CosumnesGroundwater.org](http://CosumnesGroundwater.org).

### **Purpose:**

The Projects and Management Actions (PMA) Committee 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 groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs). The PMA Committee will serve an advisory role to the CGA Board of Directors, to inform the Board's implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP.

### **Anticipated Activities:**

- Quarterly meetings
- Provide feedback on the development and implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin Projects and Management Actions
- 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, and Sustainable Management Criteria
- Identify future data/information needs
- Discuss and support public outreach and engagement as applicable

### **Approach:**

- The CGA will share draft materials related to GSP implementation with the PMA Committee. All draft materials will be informed by CGA Board discussions.
- PMA Committee members will review and discuss draft materials and generate feedback and recommendations to be shared with the CGA Board.
- The CGA Board will consider whether and how to incorporate PMA Committee feedback. The CGA Board will regularly update the PMA Committee on how its feedback informed its decision-making.

### **Discussion Focus:**

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

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

### **PMA Composition:**

The PMA Committee will consist of one representative from each of the 7 GSAs in the Cosumnes Subbasin. These representatives will be appointed by their GSA Board. The PMA Committee is one of several forums for bringing together diverse interests. Not all stakeholders may desire or have the capacity to participate in PMA Committee meetings; therefore, other forums and methods (e.g., other committee meetings, organizational briefings, etc.) are part of the CGA's overall communication and engagement plan strategy ([link to the C&E Plan](#)).

Additionally, to help enhance the PMA Committee's understanding of groundwater sustainability topics, invitations for specific PMA Committee meetings may be extended to other stakeholders and organizations from time to time if relevant topics are planned for discussion at that specific meeting.

### **Ground Rules:**

See the [CGA Governance and Decision-Making Process](#) visual for more information on how the PMA Committee will impact decisions of CGA. The PMA Committee will generally rely on the ground rules outlined in the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority agreement and the Board's policies, with emphasis on these points:

- The PMA Committee is an advisory body. All final decisions regarding CGA work 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:**

PMA Committee 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 PMA Committee Charter (this document), 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 PMA Committee and GSP activities in accordance with the 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, GSA, and PMA Committee member.

### **Anticipated Work Product/Deliverables:**

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

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## **Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Outreach and Engagement Committee Charter**

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: [CosumnesGroundwater.org](http://CosumnesGroundwater.org).

### **Purpose:**

The Outreach and Engagement (O&E) Committee for the Cosumnes Subbasin, as established by the CGA Board of Directors, is convened to provide a productive venue for developing and discussing the CGA's outreach efforts and implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin Outreach and Engagement Plan. The O&E Committee will serve an advisory role to the CGA Board of Directors, to inform the Board's implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP.

### **Anticipated Activities:**

- Quarterly meetings
- Provide feedback on updating and implementing the Cosumnes Subbasin Outreach and Engagement Plan
- Discuss and support public outreach and engagement as applicable

### **Approach:**

- The CGA will share draft materials related to GSP implementation and outreach with the O&E Committee. All draft materials will be informed by CGA Board discussions.
- O&E Committee members will review and discuss draft materials and generate feedback and recommendations to be shared with the CGA Board.
- The CGA Board will consider whether and how to incorporate O&E Committee feedback. The CGA Board will regularly update the O&E Committee on how its feedback informed its decision-making.

### **Discussion Focus:**

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

- Projects and Management Actions
- Outreach and Engagement
- Monitoring Network
- Local Groundwater Conditions

### **O&E Composition:**

The O&E Committee will consist of volunteers appoint by the CGA Board Chair. The O&E Committee is one of several forums for bringing together diverse interests. Not all stakeholders

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may desire or have the capacity to participate in O&E Committee meetings; therefore, other forums and methods (e.g., other committee meetings, organizational briefings, etc.) are part of the CGA's overall communication and engagement plan strategy ([link to the C&E Plan](#)).

Additionally, to help enhance the O&E Committee's understanding of groundwater sustainability topics and outreach efforts, invitations for specific O&E Committee meetings may be extended to other stakeholders and organizations from time to time if relevant topics are planned for discussion at that specific meeting.

### **Ground Rules:**

See the [CGA Governance and Decision-Making Process](#) visual for more information on how the O&E Committee will impact decisions of CGA. The O&E Committee will generally rely on the ground rules outlined in the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority agreement and the Board's policies, with emphasis on these points:

- The O&E Committee is an advisory body. All final decisions regarding CGA work 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:**

O&E Committee 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 O&E Committee Charter (this document), 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 O&E Committee and GSP activities in accordance with the 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 O&E Committee member.

### **Anticipated Work Product/Deliverables:**

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

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# Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA) Governance and Decision-Making Process

**working draft (4/5/22)**

