



Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Outreach & Engagement Committee Meeting
Agenda

When: Thursday, September 14, 2023 - 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Where: Galt Police Department Community Room
455 Industrial Way
Or via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82489338092>
Meeting ID: 824 8933 8092

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] or telephone [916-526-5447] to discuss your accessibility needs.

Committee 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.

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. November Public Events
 - a. Nov 1 - Evening Workshop at Herald Fire Station
 - b. Nov 4 - Morning Workshop at Wilton Community Center
 - c. Nov 9 - BBQ Luncheon

3. Farmer Survey Next Steps

4. Newsletter Review

5. Next Committee Meeting and Committee Report Out

Adjourn Meeting

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
O&E Committee Meeting**

Agenda Date: September 14, 2023

Agenda Item : #2 – November Public Events

To: O&E Committee

From: CGA Staff

Workshops

Staff are preparing to hold another round of workshops in November. In addition to inviting a variety of partner organizations (GSAs, other local agencies, etc.), CGA would prepare information on groundwater conditions and project status, like our February/March events.

Dates

- Evening, Wednesday, November 1, 2023 from 5:30 – 7:30pm – Herald Fire Hall
- Morning, Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 10am - 12pm – Wilton Community Center

The O & E Workshop Ad Hoc Committee discussed/brainstormed possible poster ideas and topics:

1. Funding - broken down financials, fee structure, how the money is being used, the fees, etc. (almost like a non-profit pie chart breakdown)
2. Upcoming/current projects and/or recent activities such as the helicopter ride and what it showed/uncovered
3. Ideas for the future - things we want to do or haven't been able to yet and why - what is needed and why
4. Water knowledge - information about the basin, the Cosumnes river, pipeline, wells, bring it back to the basics and keep it simple, etc.
5. Cosumnes 101 History of the Groundwater Authority as well as the subbasin
6. Update on well levels - after monitoring - can we get this information in time for the workshop?
7. Comparing where we are now to where we were in the basin - show the changes via pictures and statistics. Does EKI have this information?
8. Resources - where people can go for more information, assistance, maps with GPS coordinates
9. Water Quality - drinking water, having your well tested once a year, domestic well user 101
10. What the water issues mean for local flora/fauna - the fish and water levels and how it affects local communities.

BBQ Luncheon

Date: Thursday, November 9, 2023 from 12 – 2pm

Where: Herald Fire Hall

The Luncheon will provide a space for local farmers/ranchers to come and meet staff and partners, ask questions, fill out the farmer's survey and learn more about CGA. As an incentive for attending, we will be providing food and soft drinks and hope to put together some raffle prizes for folks to win once they complete the farmer's survey.

Supplies – tablecloths, signage, plateware (utensils and napkins), etc.

Material – Flyers and other hand out material to distribute

Raffle Prizes – Tractor Supply, Green Acres, ?

Partners – Keep this strictly a CGA event or invite partners?

Food – Pick up BBQ and soft drinks or BBQ food there?

Recommendations

- Provide staff with feedback and suggestions on these events.

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority

Fall Public Workshops



Save the dates

Stop by our two open houses to hear updates on the Cosumnes Groundwater Sustainability Plan, meet and chat with staff and partners agencies and learn information about local water conditions.



Workshop #1

When: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 from 5:30 - 7:30pm

Where: Herald Fire Station
12746 Ivie Rd.
Herald, CA 95638

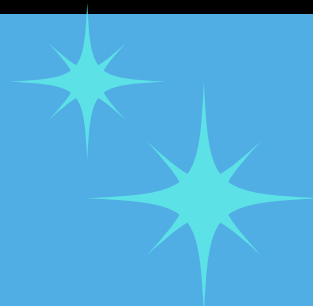
Workshop #2

When: Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 10am - 12pm

Where: Wilton Community Center
9717 Colony Rd.
Wilton, CA 95693

For more information, visit our website at cosumnesgroundwater.org.

Or contact CGA Staff at info@cosumnesgroundwater.org.



COSUMNES GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY



FALL PUBLIC WORKSHOPS



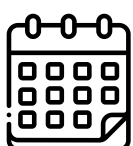
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WORKSHOP #1

WORKSHOP #2

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 **WEDNESDAY**  
**NOV 1, 2023**  
 5:30PM - 7:30PM

**HERALD FIRE STATION**  
**12746 IVIE RD.**  
**HERALD, CA 95638**

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 **SATURDAY**  
**NOV 4, 2023**  
 10 AM - 12 PM

**WILTON COMM CENTER**  
**9717 COLONY RD.**  
**WILTON, CA 95693**

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COME & JOIN US FOR LUNCH

**COSUMNES
GROUNDWATER
AUTHORITY**

BBQ LUNCHEON

Hosted by **CGA OUTREACH &
ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER**

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**HERALD FIRE
STATION**

12746 IVIE RD.
HERALD, CA 95638

12:00PM - 2:00PM

RSVP:
WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/CGABBQ

**FOOD & DRINKS
RAFFLE PRIZES
AND MORE...**



COSUMNES GROUNDWATER
AUTHORITY'S

BARBECUE LUNCHEON

12PM - 22PM

Thursday, 9 November 2023
Herald Fire Station
12746 Ivie Rd. Herald, CA



RSVP:
surveymonkey.com/r/CGABBQ

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**FOOD & DRINKS
RAFFLE PRIZES
AND MORE!**

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
O&E Committee Meeting**

Agenda Date: September 14, 2023
Agenda Item : #3 – Farmer Survey

To: O&E Committee
From: CGA Staff

Background

Farmer Survey:

Staff has provided an update on the Farmer’s Survey that was sent out in February 2023 to the CGA Board and received feedback on how to build on these efforts. Staff incorporated that feedback into an updated survey.

View updated Farmer Survey here: [Farmer's Survey](#)

Please provide feedback on the farmer survey to Staff by September 22, 2023.

Recommendations

- Provide feedback and/or suggestions on improvements for the farmer survey and outreach tactics.

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
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Agenda Date: September 14, 2023

Agenda Item : #4 – Newsletter

To: O&E Committee

From: CGA Staff

Background

Brittany was assigned to put together a draft of a Newsletter for CGA. The Newsletter will be released Quarterly, beginning with Fall 2023. The topics included on the first edition, as discussed in the last O & E Committee Meeting are:

- Who is CGA
- Upcoming Public Workshops
- Farming Survey and BBQ Luncheon
- 8 Ways to Protect and Conserve Groundwater
- Upcoming CGA Meetings

The Newsletter also highlights Contact Information, a link to the Farmer’s Survey and links to the CGA Website. It will be sent out to our email list and posted to our website. It may also be helpful to place the newsletter in several key areas in the subbasin.

Recommendations

- Provide feedback and/or suggestions on improvements for the newsletter and outreach tactics.

»» NEWSLETTER ««

COSUMNES GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY



NEWS THIS QUARTER

WHO IS THE COSUMNES GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY?

»» A BRIEF HISTORY OF CGA

The Cosumnes Groundwater Authority was formed in November of 2021 by seven Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs):

- Amador County Groundwater Management Authority
- Clay Water District
- City of Galt
- Galt Irrigation District
- Omuchumne-Hartnell Water District
- County of Sacramento
- Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

CGA strives to be a hub of information regarding Groundwater Sustainability within the Cosumnes Subbasin, while implementing the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The Cosumnes GSP was adopted in January of 2022 and it aims to assess groundwater quality, surface water depletion, land subsidence and other sustainability indicators while also proposing measures to correct any "undesirable results".

With the assistance of our technical consultants at EKI Environment & Water, Inc., CGA is continuing to assess the quality and quantity of groundwater in the subbasin and strategize to reverse any deficits and ensure long-term sustainability of the water available to businesses, residences, farms, ranches and ecosystems.



UPCOMING PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

As part of our commitment to our community, CGA will be hosting two public workshops this Fall to provide updates on various topics including: local groundwater conditions, funding, current and upcoming projects, resources, and more. There will be also several partner organizations present to provide further resources to residents of the Cosumnes Subbasin.

The first Workshop will be held on **Wednesday, November 1 from 5:30 - 7:30pm at the Herald Fire Station (12746 Ivie Rd. Herald, CA 95638).**

The second Workshop will be held on **Saturday, November 4 from 10am - 12pm at the Wilton Community Center (9717 Colony Rd. Wilton, CA 95693).**

FARMING SURVEY & BBQ LUNCHEON

The CGA Board, Staff and various CGA Committees are in the process of refining our Farmer's Survey, intended to gather information from local farmers/ranchers to help identify approaches/options for reducing groundwater pumping in the Cosumnes Subbasin.

As part of our efforts to promote this survey, we will be holding a BBQ luncheon on **Thursday, November 9 from 12 - 2pm at (Location TBD).**

This event will also offer a chance to chat with CGA Staff, enjoy complimentary BBQ and soft drinks and win raffle prizes!

If you are interested in participating in the Farmer's Survey but cannot attend the event, please feel free to fill out the survey at the following link. The more responses we receive, the better we able to meet your needs.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CGAFarmersSurvey>



8 WAYS TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE GROUNDWATER

➤➤➤ REDUCE USAGE AND POLLUTION

1. **Dispose of chemicals properly** - and reduce the use of chemicals or toxic substances such as paint, motor oil, fertilizer sprays, etc.
2. **Fix the leak** - Check all faucets and taps in your home for any possible leaks. One leaky faucet can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water per year!
3. **Limit water usage** - take shorter showers, turn off the tap while brushing your teeth, and only run the dishwasher and laundry when doing full loads.
4. **Go native** - utilizing native plants in your landscape such as succulents, sagebrush, yucca, lavender, etc. reduces the need for extensive watering.

CONTACT US

For more information about CGA:

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Elk Grove, CA 95624

5. **Annual well inspection** - maintain your well to ensure it is running properly, constructed correctly, free of pollutants and bacteria, and receive an assessment of your water supply levels.
6. **Follow state regulations following rain** - California regulations prohibit watering landscapes with potable water within 48 hours after measurable rain.
7. **Use natural alternatives** - invest in natural or nontoxic household cleaners, fertilizers or other materials to limit any pollution or chemical runoff.
8. **Get involved** - learn more about water education and local groundwater conditions by attending a Cosumnes Groundwater Authority meeting!

UPCOMING CGA MEETINGS <<<

Location: Galt Police Department Community Room
455 Industrial Dr. Galt, CA 95632

Dates: Monday, September 18 from 9am - 12pm
Wednesday, October 4 from 9am - 12pm
Wednesday, November 1 from 9am - 12pm
Wednesday, December 6 from 9am - 12pm

CGA holds regular board meetings on a monthly basis. Members of the public are always welcome join in-person or via Zoom, ask questions and share comments. Listed above are the remaining meeting dates for the 2023 year.