

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority

Outreach and Engagement Committee Meeting Agenda

When: Thursday, December 7, 2023

2pm - 4pm

Where: Galt City Hall Community Room

380 Civic Dr. Galt, CA 95632

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/i/84499137343

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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.

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.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Fall Public Workshops Review
- 2. BBQ Luncheon Spring 2024
- 3. Spring 2024 Newsletter
- 4. Regular Meeting Dates and Committee Functions (Report Outs)

Identification of Future Agenda Items:

Adjourn Meeting

Agenda Date: December 7, 2023

Agenda Item: #1 – Fall Public Workshops Review

To: O&E Committee

From: CGA Staff

Workshops

Staff held two public workshops in November. In addition to inviting a variety of partner organizations (Farm Bureau, DWR, NRCS, Sac Valley Conservancy), CGA presented posters to relay information on a variety of topics to the public.

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

At the first workshop, about 15 people attended. At the second workshop, about 7-8 people attended. Flyers were posted on several organizations' websites, promoted via Newsletter, Mailchimp blasts, social media and discussed at public meetings.

Review what went well and what could have been done differently. Should the O & E Committee focus more on tabling at events rather than holding workshops?

Recommendations

• Provide staff with feedback and suggestions on these events.

Agenda Date: December 7, 2023

Agenda Item: #2 – BBQ Luncheon – Spring 2024

To: O&E Committee

From: CGA Staff

BBQ Luncheon

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.

Due to the workshops being so close together and Dennis Johnson unable to assist on November 9, the BBQ was postponed/rescheduled for Spring 2024.

Date: TBD Time: TBD

Where: Herald Fire Hall

Supplies/What is needed

Prepared presentation(s)?

Posters

Tablecloths, signage and name tags with CGA logo

Soft drinks and water

Food: Tri-tip, rolls, salad, side dish

Hand outs, fliers, giveaways (raffle prizes)

Promotion for Event

Individualized invites for irrigators only

Attachments: BBQ Luncheon Flyer/Handout

Recommendations

Provide staff with feedback and suggestions on this event.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING OUR FARMER'S SURVEY!

COSUMNES GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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Take our Farmers Survey and be entered into a raffle!

FOOD & DRINKS RAFFLE PRIZES AND MORE...

THURSDAY NOVEMBER



HERALD FIRE STATION

12746 IVIE RD. HERALD, CA 95638

12:00PM-2:00PM



TAKE THE FARMER'S SURVEY AND RSVP USING OUR QR CODE!



Agenda Date: December 7, 2023

Agenda Item: #3 – Newsletter – Spring 2024

To: O&E Committee

From: CGA Staff

Background

Brittany was assigned to put together Fall Edition Newsletter for CGA which was published and distributed. The CGA Newsletter will be released Quarterly, with the Spring 2024 edition coming up. The topics included on the first edition were:

- Who is CGA
- Upcoming Public Workshops
- Farming Survey
- Conserving Water
- Upcoming CGA Meetings

The Newsletter also highlighted Contact Information and links to the CGA Website. It was 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, going forward.

Attachment: Fall 2023 Newsletter

Recommendations

Provide feedback and/or suggestions on topics and improvements for the Spring 2024
Newsletter.

Edition #1 October 2023

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

COSUMNES GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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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.



CGA NEWSLETTER



FALL EVENTS

>>> 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).**

CGA Staff and partners will be available to answer questions, provide information on local conditions and projects, and give a brief presentation on vital concerns to the basin.

>>> FARMER' SURVEY

CGA Staff has prepared a Survey whose main purpose is to assess the farmers/ranchers interest of participating in efforts to reduce water use as well as parallel efforts to increase water supply by engaging in managed aguifer recharge. We would also like to understand the types of incentives farmers would consider in exchange for their participation. The information gained from the survey will used help identify approaches/options reduce to groundwater pumping in the Cosumnes Basin that are consistent with the interests of farmers/landowners.





TAKE THE SURVEY

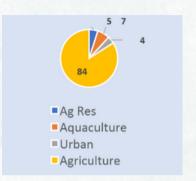
If you are interested in participating in the Farmer's Survey, please feel free to fill out the survey using the QR code. The more responses we receive, the better we able to meet your needs.

CONSERVING WATER

>>> REDUCE USAGE AND KEEP WELLS UP TO DATE

In 2022, about 123,500 acre-feet of water was pumped out of the ground; that is the amount of water that would fill a 11-12 story building that covered a football field. Estimates made of water use by sector, as a percent of the total, are shown below in the pie chart.

While agricultural uses of water provide the greatest opportunity to conserve, everyone in the basin needs to pitch in to help reduce groundwater pumping.



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A few suggestions to get the ball rolling include:

- Reduce the size of your lawn if you have one, replace with lower water using bushes and groundcover
- Keep your pump operating efficiently. Perform an annual well inspections, including testing for the presence of bacteria or other harmful contaminants
- Stay informed attend workshops and meetings of the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority or your local GSA to learn about the latest plans to save groundwater

UPCOMING CGA MEETINGS



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

Dates: 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 (link on website), ask questions and share comments. Listed above are the remaining meeting dates for the 2023 year.

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Agenda Item: #4 – Regular Meeting Dates and Committee Report Out

To: O&E Committee

From: CGA Staff

Meeting Dates:

• Workshop Ad-hoc Meetings

AS NEEDED

- Regular Committee Meetings
 - o 2nd Tuesday, Every 3rd Month
 - o March 12, 2024
 - o June 11, 2024
- Special Committee Meeting
 - o Jan or Feb 2024 Meeting?

Committee Report Out:

The CGA Board will have a standing agenda item during their regular meetings for committee reports. Teresa Flewellyn, O & E Committee Chair, will come prepared to share updates on the committee's efforts.