

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Agenda**

When: Wednesday, September 23, 2026
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District
13147 Jackson Road
Sloughhouse, CA 95683

Zoom: **Microsoft Teams**
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Call to Order

1. Introductions
 - a. Determine if Quorum is Present

Consent Calendar

2. Consent Items
 - a. Agenda – September 23, 2026
 - b. Minutes – August 19, 2026
 - c. Financial/Treasurer's Report – August 2026

Regular Business Action Items

1. Periodic Evaluation & Plan Amendment Update
2. Parcel Assessment Update
3. FY 26/27 Funding Agreement
4. FY 26/27 Budget Amendment
5. CGA Legal Counsel

Informational Items

6. Groundwater Basin Manager Report
7. DWR North Central Regional Office Update

8. Committee Reports
 - a. O&E Committee
9. Director/Member GSA Comments/Reports

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

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

Identification of items for future meetings

The Board approved the following future agenda items by consensus:

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Adjourn Meeting

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2026 – 9:00 am**

**** A recording of this meeting can be found on the CGA website at:
<https://www.cosumnesgroundwater.org/meetings/>**

Call to Order

- I. Introductions / Determine if Quorum is Present
Directors in Attendance: Herb Garms, Teresa Flewellyn, Mike Wackman, John Mulrooney, Rick Ferreira, Matt Pratton, Fritz Buchman, Leo Van Warmedam, Gary Silva, Mark Stretars, Chris Hunley

Consent Calendar

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Motion: Director Silva moved to pass the Consent Calendar as presented.

Director Hunley seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a voice vote.

Regular Business Action Items

3. Periodic Evaluation & Plan Amendment Update
Motion: Director Mulrooney moved to include an exploratory and feasibility study into the GSP Amendment for a voluntary fallowing program to maintain 6000 fallowed acres, per PMA recommendations.
Director Hunley seconded the motion
The motion passed with a voice vote.
4. City of Galt Parcel Assessment
 - a. Staff is currently reviewing funding percentages amongst the basin to re-calibrate funding allotments.
 - b. City of Galt adopted the fee on July 21st
5. FY 26/27 Draft Budget
 - a. Revisit at future meeting
6. FY 26/27 Funding Agreement
 - a. Revisit at future meeting

Informational Items

7. Groundwater Basin Manager Report
Written report provided
8. DWR North Central Regional Office Update
Written report provided
9. Committee Reports
 - a. O&E Committee
 - i. None
10. Director/Member GSA Comments/Reports
 - a. GID – Wildeye wells were installed on 3 wells in GSA

- b. Sacramento County – Disaster Council meeting will be convened and will focus on 1242.1 water code section and drought resilience plan.
- c. SRCD – CalSIP Stream gages will be installed the week of September 7th, WETA is back online and scheduling tests
- d. City of Galt – general comments on creation of new water in the basin
- e. OHWD – downward trend with winegrapes is showing 13000 acres fallowed in San Joaquin County
- f. Amador – ACGMA included BV and City of Ione in council and needs to finalize JPA and MOU

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

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

- a. None

Identification of items for future meetings

The Board approved the following future agenda items by consensus:

- *City of Galt Non-Metered Parcels Update*
- *FY 26/27 Funding Agreement*
- *Legal services contract*
- *FY 26/27 Budget*

Adjourn Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 10:56 am. Next meeting will be on September 2, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority

Balance Sheet

As of September 18, 2026

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Money Market	327,330.94
Public Checking (4246) - 1	386,034.51
Total Bank Accounts	\$713,365.45
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable (A/R)	169,161.61
1250 Due from other governments	63,654.43
Total Accounts Receivable	\$232,816.04
Total Current Assets	\$946,181.49
TOTAL ASSETS	\$946,181.49
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$58,642.92
Total Current Liabilities	\$58,642.92
Total Liabilities	\$58,642.92
Equity	\$887,538.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$946,181.49

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Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY27_P&L - FY27 P&L

July 2026 - June 2027

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
4100 Member Contributions		486,930.00	-486,930.00	
Interest Income	2,118.89		2,118.89	
Total Income	\$2,118.89	\$486,930.00	\$ -484,811.11	0.44 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$2,118.89	\$486,930.00	\$ -484,811.11	0.44 %
Expenses				
5000 Staff Personnel Expenses (Contract)				
Personnel - Contract	12,650.00	80,000.00	-67,350.00	15.81 %
Total 5000 Staff Personnel Expenses (Contract)	12,650.00	80,000.00	-67,350.00	15.81 %
5100 Legal Services	1,463.00	10,000.00	-8,537.00	14.63 %
5200 Public Outreach		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
5400 Annual Report Technical Support - Task 1		33,000.00	-33,000.00	
5410 Data Management System Support - Task 3		0.00	0.00	
5420 GSP Technical Support - Task 4	13,394.54	47,000.00	-33,605.46	28.50 %
5430 Groundwater Monitoring - Task 2		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
5440 On Call Tech Support/RCAs - Task 5	15,874.04	15,000.00	874.04	105.83 %
5455 GSP Periodic Evaluation - Task 1	66,655.35	160,270.00	-93,614.65	41.59 %
5460 GSP Plan Amendment - Task 2	53,852.50	213,931.00	-160,078.50	25.17 %
5500 Miscellaneous. Expenses	15.06	10,000.00	-9,984.94	0.15 %
5600 Financial Audit and Accounting Services		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
5640 Funding Exploration		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
5700 Data Gaps		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
5800 Administrative Supplies & Subscriptions	51.86	5,000.00	-4,948.14	1.04 %
Broadcast Email	90.00		90.00	
Microsoft	52.52		52.52	
Other Subscriptions	399.90		399.90	
Quickbooks	230.00		230.00	
Total 5800 Administrative Supplies & Subscriptions	824.28	5,000.00	-4,175.72	16.49 %
Total Expenses	\$164,728.77	\$619,201.00	\$ -454,472.23	26.60 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -162,609.88	\$ -132,271.00	\$ -30,338.88	122.94 %
NET INCOME	\$ -162,609.88	\$ -132,271.00	\$ -30,338.88	122.94 %

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority

A/R Aging Summary Report
As of Sep 18, 2026

	CURRENT	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 AND OVER	Total
Amador County Groundwater Management Authority				-10,558.00	10,558.00	0.00
City of Galt					0.00	0.00
Clay Water District					0.00	0.00
County of Sacramento				-51,770.00	51,770.00	0.00
Customer Accrual				238,040.80	-2,188.37	235,852.43
Galt Irrigation District (GID)				-9,518.80	6,482.41	-3,036.39
Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD)				-166,194.00	166,194.00	0.00
TOTAL				0.00	232,816.04	\$232,816.04

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Bills to be paid

As of September 18, 2026

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	DUE DATE	PAST DUE	AMOUNT	OPEN BALANCE
Downey Brand (916) 444-1000						
08/21/2026	Bill		09/20/2026	-2	392.00	392.00
Total for Downey Brand					\$392.00	\$392.00
EKI Environment & Water (650) 292-9100						
09/04/2026	Bill	C20149.03-06	10/04/2026	-16	50,113.18	50,113.18
09/04/2026	Bill	C20149.02-27	10/04/2026	-16	4,536.74	4,536.74
Total for EKI Environment & Water					\$54,649.92	\$54,649.92
Lindsey Carter						
08/31/2026	Bill		09/30/2026	-12	6,550.00	6,550.00
Total for Lindsey Carter					\$6,550.00	\$6,550.00
TOTAL					\$61,591.92	\$61,591.92

CGA Credit Card Reconciliation

Expenses as of August 30, 2026

Paid by: Five Star Bank Credit Card

Date	Description	Amount
8/2/26	Microsoft – August 2026 Subscription	\$26.26
8/9/26	ParcelQuest – Monthly Subscription	\$199.95
8/9/26	Quickbooks – August 2026 Subscription	\$140.00
8/11/26	Mail Chimp – August 2026 Subscription	\$45.00
8/14/26	Hartford Insurance – Annual Renewal	\$592.00
8/20/26	LIO Insurance – Annual Renewal	\$1,111.59
	TOTAL	\$2,114.80

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: September 23, 2026
Agenda Item #: 1
Agenda Item Subject: Periodic Evaluation & Plan Amendment

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: Groundwater Basin Manager

Background

EKI is in the final stages of preparing the final draft for public review. Key elements that have been included in the Plan Amendment are:

- Updated Undesirable Results Definition for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels
- Sustainable Management Criteria for Subsidence
- PMA's:
 - o Reorganization of PMA's
 - o Voluntary Land Repurposing
 - Includes section on Long term incentive based land repurposing which includes possibly pursuing an MLRP grant
 - o Water Conservation
 - Includes a conservation website profile for CGA and member GSAs
 - Includes domestic well owner outreach and engagement plan
 - o Well mitigation program
 - Pursuing development in 2027-28
- Implementation Budget
- Interconnected Surface water analysis Completed
 - o No recommendations until final guidance is provided by DWR

Attachment: None

Recommendations

- Discussions on increased conservation, additional PMAs and voluntary land following program.

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: September 23, 2026
Agenda Item #: 2
Agenda Item Subject: Parcel Assessment Updated Fee Structure

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: Groundwater Basin Manager

Background

Per the fee study released in April 2024 by SCI Consulting Group, the following allocation has been the basis of the funding agreement:

GSA	Current Collection	Current % Allocation	CGA Contribution	Percentage	GSA to Hold
City of Galt	\$ 27,476.14	4%	\$ 20,376.00	74%	\$ 7,100.14
County of Sacramento	\$ 77,351.84	12%	\$ 51,770.00	67%	\$ 25,581.84
Galt ID	\$ 257,618.13	39%	\$ 191,677.00	74%	\$ 65,941.13
Sloughhouse RCD	\$ 222,996.06	34%	\$ 166,405.00	75%	\$ 56,591.06
Clay WD	\$ 23,448.37	4%	\$ 15,136.00	65%	\$ 8,312.37
OHWD	\$ 42,083.13	6%	\$ 31,352.00	75%	\$ 10,731.13
AWA	\$ 11,265.88	2%	\$ 10,558.00	94%	\$ 707.88
Total	\$ 662,239.55		\$ 487,274.00		\$ 174,965.55

Based on current tax roll data, the new proposed allocation is:

GSA	New Collection	Adj Percentage	New CGA Contribution	GSA to Hold
City of Galt	\$ 33,683.42	5%	\$ 24,979.00	\$ 8,704.42
County of Sacramento	\$ 73,823.64	11%	\$ 49,409.00	\$ 24,414.64
Galt ID	\$ 254,014.04	38%	\$ 188,995.00	\$ 65,019.04
Sloughhouse RCD	\$ 234,784.79	35%	\$ 175,202.00	\$ 59,582.79
Clay WD	\$ 23,447.64	3%	\$ 15,136.00	\$ 8,311.64
OHWD	\$ 42,083.13	6%	\$ 31,352.00	\$ 10,731.13
AWA	\$ 11,265.88	2%	\$ 10,558.00	\$ 707.88
Total	\$ 673,102.54	100%	\$ 495,631.00	\$ 177,471.54

For each GSA, this is a difference of:

GSA	Contribution Change
City of Galt	\$ 4,603.00
County of Sacramento	\$ (2,361.00)
Galt ID	\$ (2,682.00)
Sloughhouse RCD	\$ 8,797.00
Clay WD	\$ -
OHWD	\$ -
AWA	\$ -
Total	\$ 8,357.00

- City of Galt – increase due to inclusion of non-metered parcels
- County of Sacramento – reduction due to appeals and decreased in amount of parcels assessed
- Galt ID - reduction due to appeals and decreased in amount of parcels assessed
- Sloughhouse RCD – increase due to CPI collection increase

Attachment: None

Recommendations

- a. To discuss new allocation proposals and their adoption into the funding agreement and budget.

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: September 23, 2026
Agenda Item #: 3
Agenda Item Subject: FY 26/27 Funding Agreement

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: Groundwater Basin Manager

Background

A draft funding agreement for FY 26/27 has been prepared. This funding agreement includes all of the same provisions as the agreement for FY 25/26, including that membership contributions are applied to the proportionate share of the budget and that collections more than the operating administrative expenses will be deposited into restricted reserves. At this time, no excess funds are estimated, due to the full expense of the Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendment being fulfilled. It also includes the provision for reductions in contributions and maintains that no in-kind contributions will be considered in FY 26/27.

Based on legal interpretation, the fee study methodology is the basis of the funding agreements with member agencies, but it can be altered as new information becomes available. With the additions of new parcels then the entire funding calculation needs to be adjusted, which will adjust the percentages of all members.

Funding Agreement has been updated based on new parcel assessment.

Attachment: [FY 26/27 Draft Funding Agreement](#)

Recommendations

- Discuss re-distribution of funding allocation based on updated parcel assessments.

COSUMNES GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY MEMBER AGENCY CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made this _____, 2026 between COSUMNES GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (“CGA”), a California Joint Powers Authority, by and through its Board of Directors, and the seven Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) of the Cosumnes Subbasin, which are: Amador County Groundwater Management Authority (“Amador”), City of Galt (“City”), Clay Water District (“Clay”), Sacramento County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“County”), Galt Irrigation District (“Galt ID”), Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (“OHWD”), and Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (“Sloughhouse RCD”), each of which is a “Party” to or a “Member” of this Agreement.. Each of the parties to this Agreement shall individually be referred to as the “Party,” or collectively, as the “Parties.” This Agreement is effective as of the date the last Party signs the Agreement.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the CGA was formed to implement certain aspects of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) and the Cosumnes Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”); and

WHEREAS, Section 5.2 of the Joint Powers Agreement forming CGA directs that members “shall share in the general operating and administrative and project costs of operating the Authority, as outlined in the annual budget documents;” and

WHEREAS, the JPA Agreement further provides that each Member will be responsible for contributing its share of such costs through an agreed upon contribution; the implementation of a groundwater fee program; or other written agreements; and

WHEREAS, consistent with that direction, the Members entered into an Initial Funding and Revenue Agreement for Implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan in 2021, and have provided annual contributions under that structure since that time, based on a cost allocation of roughly \$10/irrigated acre per member; and

WHEREAS, each Member’s share of costs of the Authority, not otherwise covered by fees directly collected by the Authority, shall be assessed twice yearly pursuant to Section 5.2(f) of the JPA; and

WHEREAS, CGA approved its Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Rate and Fee Study in April 2024 (“2024 Fee Study”), expanding upon the prior irrigated acreage to provide specific consideration for residential, commercial, and public water system use in calculating groundwater related fees.

WHEREAS, the CGA Board of Directors adopted its Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget in June 2026; a summary of that budget is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties, on the terms and conditions herein set forth, hereby agree as follows:

TERMS:

1. **Member FY 2026-2027 Contributions:** The Members' 2026-2027 budgeted contributions are set forth in Exhibit 2 ("2026-2027 Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Income"). CGA will issue invoices for each Party's 2026-2027 member contributions based on the amounts identified in Exhibit 2. Invoices will be issued in January 2026, unless multiple invoices are requested, with final payment due in full on or before July 1, 2027.
 - a. **Membership Contributions:** Each member's contribution will be applied first to the proportionate share of the budget attributable to that member. Collections more than operating administrative expenses will be deposited into a restricted reserve, for use in the preparation of the GSP 5-year Update. This is reflected in the Reserves Budget, as noted in Exhibit 2.
2. **Adjustments to FY 2026-2027 Member Contribution Obligation:** The Member contributions set out in Exhibit 2 are based on Members allocated collections under the 2024 Fee Study, adjusted based on feedback from the Members during the 2026-2027 Budget development process.
 - a. Reductions in Contributions: In the event that any Member is unable to collect its budgeted contribution, that Member must provide the Board with justification for the reduced contribution including documentation to support the reduction, including, but not limited to landowner groundwater fee appeals.
3. **In-Kind Contributions:** No in-kind contributions will be collected for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
4. **Agreement Term:** This Agreement sets out Members' FY 2026-2027 Member contributions. It may be modified, amended, or extended by written agreement of the Parties.

SIGNED:

Rick Ferreira, Chairman
Cosumnes Groundwater Authority

Date:

Russ Parker
Amador County Groundwater
Management Authority

Date:

**Fritz Buchman, Interim Director of Public
Works City of Galt**

Date:

**Gary Silva
Clay Water District**

Date:

**Chris Hunley
Sacramento County Groundwater
Sustainability Agency**

Date:

**Leo Van Warmerdam
Galt Irrigation District**

Date:

**Mark Stretars
Omochumne-Hartnell Water District**

Date:

**Teresa Flewellyn
Sloughouse Resource Conservation
District**

Date:

EXHIBIT 1

Budget - July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
Activity	FY 26-27 Draft Budget
Operating Administrative Budget	
Personnel	\$ 80,000
Legal	\$ 10,000
Public Outreach Supplies	\$ 10,000
Annual Report	\$ 33,000
GSP Technical Support/Recommended Corrective Actions	\$ 47,000
Groundwater Monitoring	\$ 10,000
GSP On Call Support/RCAs	\$15,000
GSP Periodic Evaluation	\$160,270
GSP Plan Amendment	\$213,931
Financial Audit & Accounting	\$10,000
Funding Exploration	\$10,000
Data Gaps	\$5,000
Office Supplies & Subscriptions	\$5,000
<i>Operating Expenses Total</i>	\$ 619,201
Revenue Budget	
Membership Contribution	\$495,631
5 Year GSP Plan Update - Restricted Reserves Transfer	\$ 123,570
Additional Restricted Reserves per Fund Agreement	
<i>Revenue Total</i>	\$ 619,201

EXHIBIT 2

FY 2026-2027 Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Income

Revenue - Member Contributions*

GSA	FY 26-27 Contributions
City of Galt	\$24,979
Amador CGMA	\$10,558
Galt Irrigation District	\$188,995
Clay Water District	\$15,136
OH Water District	\$31,352
Sloughhouse RCD	\$175,202
County of Sacramento	\$49,409
Total	\$495,631

*See Term 2.a for explanation of adjustments to this proposed member contributions

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: September 23, 2026
Agenda Item #: 4
Agenda Item Subject: FY 26/27 Budget Amendment

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: Groundwater Basin Manager

Background

The budget was approved at the July meeting with the note that income will be updated once the funding agreement is finalized.

Based on legal interpretation, the fee study methodology is the basis of the funding agreements with member agencies, but it can be altered as new information becomes available. With the additions of new parcels then the entire funding calculation needs to be adjusted, which will adjust the percentages of all members.

Based on new funding allocation:

- Updated Member Contribution: \$495,630.89
- Updated 5-Year GSP Reserve: \$123,570.11

Current Budget:

- Member Contribution: \$486,930
- 5-year GSP Reserve: \$132,271

Attachment: [Updated Budget FY 26/27](#)

Recommendations

- Discuss income allocation updates.

Budget - July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Account	Activity	FY 25/26 Budget	FY 25/26 As of 6/30/26	FY 26/27	Notes
4100	Member Contributions	\$ 486,930.00	\$ 489,776.53	\$ 495,631.00	
	5-Year GSP Plan Reserve			\$ 123,570.00	
	Income Sub Total			\$ 619,201.00	
5000	Personnel	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 70,750.00	\$ 80,000.00	
5100	Legal	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,050.00	\$ 10,000.00	
5200	Public Outreach	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,348.50	\$ 10,000.00	
5400	Annual Report	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 32,492.96	\$ 33,000.00	
5410	Data Management System	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
5420	GSP Technical Support	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 21,513.70	\$ 47,000.00	
5430	Groundwater Monitoring	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 9,111.41	\$ 10,000.00	
5440	GSP On Call Support/RCAs		\$ 81,137.40	\$ 15,000.00	
5455	GSP Periodic Evaluation	\$ -	\$ 25,729.60	\$ 160,270.00	
5460	GSP Plan Amendment		\$ 8,702.46	\$ 213,931.00	
5500	Misc. Expense		\$ 44.00	\$ 10,000.00	
5600	Financial Audit & Accounting	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,295.00	\$ 10,000.00	
5640	Funding Exploration	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	
5700	Data Gaps	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	
5800	Office Supplies & Subscriptions	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,363.85	\$ 5,000.00	
	Contingency	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Expenses Sub Total	\$ 251,500.00	\$ 278,538.88	\$ 619,201.00	

GSA's Total Revenues (Est.)			\$ 673,102.54	per proposed FY 26/27 funding agreement
GSA's Contribution to CGA (Est.)			\$ 495,631	per proposed FY 26/27 funding agreement
Revenues Held by GSA's (Est.)			\$ 177,471.54	per proposed FY 26/27 funding agreement
Restricted Reserve Transfer needed for FY 26/27			\$123,570.00	per proposed FY 26/27 budget
Resticted Reserves Currently In bank			\$ 327,331	as of 9/3/26
FY 25/26 Reserves to Transfer			\$ 235,430	per 25/26 funding agreement
2026/27 - 5 Year GSP Update			\$ -	no excess contributions projected
Restricted Reserve June 2027 (Est.)			\$ 439,191	projected reserves at end of FY 26/27

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: September 23, 2026
Agenda Item #: 5
Agenda Item Subject: CGA Legal Counsel

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: Groundwater Basin Manager

Background

CGA's current legal counsel is Downey Brand with primary counsel being Rebecca Smith, and Associate support from Nico Chapman and Taylor Strain.

It was requested at the July Meeting to review CGA legal counsel at a future meeting.

Attachment:

Recommendations

- Discussion regarding legal counsel contract.

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: September 23, 2026
Agenda Item #: 6
Agenda Item Subject: Groundwater Basin Manager Report

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: Groundwater Basin Manager

Background

a. Recommended Corrective Actions Progress

EKI is making significant progress on domestic well analysis and SMC updates. Staff has been working on the land use assessment and parcel updates.

b. FY 25/26 Audit

Audit began on August 24th and should be wrapped up in a couple months.

c. 2026-27 Workplan

The 2026-27 workplan has been developed and includes review from EKI, O&E and breaks down tasks and objectives to address RCAs, Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendment.

This plan has been created for the work that is needed this fiscal year.

d. Staff Meeting Report – August 2026

To increase transparency between staff and the Board, a monthly meeting report will be provided to include a summary of each meeting that was attended in representation of CGA and any deliverables, outcomes or action items

Attachment: [2026-27 Workplan-Working Draft](#)

Recommendations

- a. Provide feedback if any is needed

FY 26/27 Workplan – As of 8.26.26

	Ongoing/Monthly	July 2026	August 2026	September 2026	October 2026	November 2026
Operations	Financial Reporting (Invoicing, Account Reconciliation, Credit Card Reports, financial statements, QuickBooks management) – <i>Staff, Treasurer, Board</i> Bi-Monthly Board Meetings (additional meetings as requested) – <i>Staff, Board</i>	Submit Direct Levy Data (groundwater fee) to Sacramento County Department of Finance (GSAs) Officer Elections	FY 25/26 Audit – Initiated Insurance Policy Renewals	FY 25/26 Audit – Finalize	FY 25/26 Audit – Finalized	
Recommended Corrective Actions/Periodic Evaluation/Plan Amendment	EKI Progress Meetings (review progress on RCAs and timeline) – <i>Staff, EKI, Board members as requested</i>	Finalize PMAs	Finalize PMAs, model changes and potential deficiencies	Finalize public draft	Public Draft Released and Public Comment period open	Prepare final draft for approval
GSA Projects	Monthly GSA meetings (provide CGA progress updates and guidance on GSA responsibilities) - <i>Staff</i>	Wild Eye Monitoring Meter Installation	Land repurposing data collection Wild Eye Monitoring Meter Installation	Land repurposing data collection	Land repurposing data collection	Land repurposing data collection
SGMA Implementation				Monitoring Network – Update access agreements, prep for monitoring event	Fall (WY 26) Monitoring Event (Data Due to EKI by 12/31/26)	
Outreach & Engagement	Maintain website and respond to PRA requests and stakeholder questions - <i>Staff</i>				O&E Meeting	

	December 2026	January 2027	February 2027	March 2027	April 2027	May 2027	June 2027
Operations	Invoice for FY 26/27 membership contributions				FY 27/28 Draft Budget & Draft Member Agreement	Finalize draft budget and financial projections	Finalize FY 27/28 Budget and Member Agreement Final membership payments due to CGA
Recommended Corrective Actions/Periodic Evaluation/Plan Amendment	Final GSA Approval for Plan Amendment	Submit final Plan Amendment to DWR					
GSA Projects	Land repurposing data collection	Land repurposing data collection Addressing data gaps	Land repurposing data collection Monitoring network enhancements. Addressing data gaps	Land repurposing data collection Addressing data gaps	Land repurposing data collection Addressing data gaps	Land repurposing data collection Addressing data gaps	Land repurposing data collection Addressing data gaps
SGMA Implementation			Finalize WY 26 Annual Report		Spring (WY 27) Monitoring Event (Data Due to EKI by 5/31/27)		
Outreach & Engagement							

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Report: August 2026
From: CGA Basin Manager

The following meetings were attended by CGA Basin Manager on behalf of CGA:

EKI Meeting – August 3, 2026

- Model Review

Galt Irrigation Meeting – August 11, 2026

- Monthly GID meeting

EKI Monthly Meeting – August 17, 2026

- Met with EKI to review RCA progress and discuss timeline for periodic evaluation and plan amendment
- There has been a standing monthly meeting set up with EKI to address progress on RCA work

SRCD Meeting – August 18, 2026

- Attended SRCD Meeting and provided CGA updates

CGA Board Meeting – August 19, 2026

- Monthly CGA Board of Directors Meeting

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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.

Prop 4, Bond Grant Funds

Here is a link to sign up for DWR's Prop 4 [email notification list](#).

Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program (~\$320 million available)

- **Draft guidelines are now available** for the Small GSA (under 10,000 AFY pumping, \$3.5 million in funding) & Technical Assistance (\$6.5 million available). Public comment period for the Draft guidelines ends September 30, 2026. Comments can be provided by emailing FinancialAssistance@water.ca.gov. Workshops will be held Sept 1, 11am – noon ([registration link here](#)) and September 22 10am- 11am ([registration link here](#)).
- Draft Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package for the full Proposition 4 SGMA Draft grant guidelines are expected to be released for public comment in early fall, concept proposals are expected to open early 2027, with full applications over summer 2027. Workshops to go over the draft guidelines are scheduled for the following dates (registration links are not yet available):
 - Tribal Public Comment Workshop: October 20, 2026 – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 - General Public Comment Workshop: November 5, 2026 – 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Watershed Resilience Grant Program (~\$60 million for conservation implementation and ~\$92 million for watershed resilience planning and projects)

- These funds will be distributed under 2 separate solicitations.
- **Conservation Implementation-Capital projects with a water conservation benefit.** Projects don't need to be listed in a Watershed Resilience Plan but must be selected by a "collaborative group" (definition forthcoming in the Guidelines). **Draft Guidelines**, the **Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP)**, **Draft Grant Agreement Template** and **Draft Self-Certification Eligibility Form** now available and open for public comment through November 9th, 2026; concept proposals early 2027, full applications spring 2027.
 - Tribal Public Comment Workshop, October 12, 2026, 10am-12pm, [Register here](#)
 - General Public Comment Workshop, October 22, 2026, 1pm-3pm, [Register here](#)
- Watershed Resilience Planning+ (~\$92 million for projects) – Grantees will work collaboratively across their watershed to develop a Watershed Resilience Plan and then use funding to implement the top-priority project(s) identified by that plan. Draft Guidelines/PSP expected this winter; concept proposals late 2027, followed by full applications.

Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (\$200 million available through Department of Conservation)

Upcoming Dates:

- October 2026: Draft Guidelines released for public comment
- October - November 2026: Public comment workshops and tribal roundtables
- Winter 2026: Revised Guidelines released. Response to comments posted
- Winter 2026-'27: Guidelines finalized. Initial application period open

To sign up for notices please either use the [mailing list link](#) or us at MLRP@conservation.ca.gov

Other DWR Prop 4 grant program information:

- The **Dam Safety and Climate Resilience** program has closed public comment on draft Guidelines. Final guidelines will be released later this year.

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- The [California Irrigation Management Information System \(CIMIS\) draft Guidelines](#) are now available. The public comment period begins on May 20, 2026, and closed at 5:00 p.m. PDT on July 3, 2026. Final guidelines will be released later this year.
- The public review period for the draft Guidelines of the [Riverine Stewardship](#) has ended. [Final Guidelines can be found here](#).
- The [Brackish Water Desalination Grant Program](#) will held a pre-draft Guideline webinar on June 22nd from 1:00–2:00 PM. Draft proposal solicitation package expected late 2026/early 2027.

California Financing Coordinating Committee: Virtual Funding Fair

The California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) is pleased to invite you to attend our free virtual funding fairs on October 29 and November 4, 2026. The funding fairs provide the opportunity to learn more about available grant, loan, and bond financing options for infrastructure projects from federal, state, and local agencies. A [flyer with more information and registration links can be viewed here](#).

Upcoming conferences, webinars, new reports and data

SAVE THE DATE: Fall 2026 GSA Forum

Please mark your calendars for this Fall's GSA Forum to be held virtually on **November 18, 2026** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The agenda and registration link will be shared once the details are finalized. These forums provide a platform for GSA representatives to engage with one another and exchange ideas on topics related to GSP implementation. This forum will be focused on demand management.

2026-2027 Recharge Readiness Webinar Series

DWR, Sustainable Conservation, and the Flood-MAR Network are co-hosting this webinar series to share information about recently completed guidance, projects, and case studies to help recharge project planners and implementers (growers and local agencies, in particular) prepare for the wet season ahead. These webinars will be held twice monthly on the second and fourth Thursday at 11 am Pacific beginning on August 27, 2026. Please see the [accompanying flyer](#) for dates and topics for each meeting. Zoom register link: tinyurl.com/Recharge26-27

New: DWR Releases Onboarding Resources for Groundwater Sustainability Agencies

DWR has developed GSA Onboarding Resources including an Onboarding Checklist and a Handbook Template, to support GSAs as they welcome new board members and staff into their roles under SGMA) These materials are designed to help orient new team members to GSA governance, local GSP implementation, and key SGMA requirements. The resources include two documents. The first is the Onboarding Checklist paired with Section I of the Handbook Template, which highlights GSA- and GSP-specific information. This file is provided as a customizable Word template and is [available here](#). The second document includes Section II of the Handbook Template, presented as a PDF that outlines statewide information and resources; it is [available here](#). A short training video on how to use the template is [available here](#).

DWR Releases Spring 2026 Semi-Annual Groundwater Update

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the [Spring 2026 Semi-Annual Groundwater Update](#), which provides a look back at California's groundwater conditions during Water Year 2025 and early Water Year 2026. The groundwater update released today includes Water Year 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) and GSP Alternative annual report data reported across 101 groundwater basins. This information is helping provide an increasingly clearer picture of groundwater conditions, including the amount of change in groundwater storage, groundwater extractions, and managed recharge that occurs each year.

C2VSimFG Web Application Released

The California Central Valley Groundwater–Surface Water Simulation Model—Fine Grid (C2VSimFG) Web Application is an interactive online tool for exploring outputs from C2VSimFG Version 1.5. It provides users

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with streamlined access to model results. C2VSimFG simulates groundwater and surface water conditions across the Central Valley and can be used to estimate regional water budgets for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) planning and implementation. Developed for GSAs and other interested parties, the application is designed to support users with little to no modeling experience. Through a user-friendly interface, users can visualize model outputs without running the model, including hydrographs, water budgets, and zonal budget charts generated on demand from the latest model results. To learn more and access the C2VSimFG web application, visit <https://c2vsimfg.water.ca.gov/>. For questions or technical assistance, please contact c2vsimfgtechsupport@water.ca.gov.

Basin Characterization Program Launches Basin Characterization Tools (BCTools) and Monthly BCX meeting link

DWR's Basin Characterization Program is pleased to announce the release of [Basin Characterization Tools \(BCTools\)](#), a new suite of open-source tools designed to help local agencies, consultants, and researchers better understand California's groundwater basins.

BCTools provides integrated workflows for developing hydrostratigraphic models, creating 3D sediment texture models, and estimating aquifer flow parameters from airborne electromagnetic (AEM) data, lithology and geophysical logs, and aquifer flow measurements. These tools support high-quality, data-driven groundwater analyses and modeling that can advance local and regional groundwater management.

Basin Characterization Exchange (BCX) meeting are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Upcoming webinar information can be found on the [BCX Hub](#). To receive updates on upcoming meetings, [join the BCX listserv](#) or email us at Basin.Characterization@water.ca.gov.

DWR Releases Final Subsidence BMP and Educational Resource Webpage

DWR has released a [final Best Management Practices document](#), that will serve as a guide for groundwater managers on the basics of subsidence, how to best manage it, and available technical assistance.

DWR has also launched of a [new webpage dedicated to providing educational resources and information about land subsidence](#) in California, particularly as it relates to groundwater use and sustainable groundwater management. The resources available on this page are designed to help the public better understand subsidence and associated potential impacts. The page will be updated with educational materials, data, best management practices, and project information as it is available.

Preliminary Sac Valley Aquifer Recharge Potential Maps Available

New: [Aquifer Recharge Potential maps](#) and a [process document](#) are now available to download from the [Basin Characterization CNRA Open Data Portal](#). Note– we'll be updating the ARP Process Document later in October.

DWR Releases Second and Third Paper on Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water

To help GSAs address the depletion of interconnected surface water (ISW) in their Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), the DWR released the second and third in a series of three draft papers that discuss the technical aspects of ISW and quantification of depletions of ISW caused by groundwater pumping. The first paper (Paper 1), [Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water: An Introduction](#), introduced concepts associated with ISW, including approaches for identifying ISW and defining depletion of ISW from groundwater pumping. The second paper (Paper 2), [Techniques for Estimating Interconnected Surface Water Depletion Caused by Groundwater Use](#), continues the foundational concepts presented in Paper 1 by discussing the data requirements, methods, and general implementation process to consider for ISW depletion analyses. The final paper (Paper 3), [Examples for Estimating Interconnected Surface Water Depletion Caused by Groundwater Use](#), continues and expands upon the topics presented in Paper 2 by providing detailed examples of using numerical models to evaluate depletion of

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ISW. A pre-recorded webinar that summarizes the contents of the three papers and describes the next steps in the development of the guidance document [can be viewed here](#).

The DRAFT ISW guidance document is *tentatively* scheduled for fall 2026 for public release.

SGMA Updates and Tools

Update Your GSA and GSP Manager Point of Contact Information in DWR's SGMA Portal

If your GSA and/or GSP Plan Manager Point of Contact (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. If you have SGMA Portal questions, please email them to GSPSubmittal@water.ca.gov.

The CASGEM Online System has moved to the SGMA Portal July of 2026

The Department is completed integration of the [California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring \(CASGEM\) Program's Online System](#) with the [SGMA Portal's](#) Monitoring Network Module (MNM). This integration will streamline groundwater elevation data management and reporting processes by consolidating data submission into one location – the SGMA Portal's MNM. Our goal is to provide a more unified and efficient user experience for local agencies, stakeholders, and the public.

A [user manual for the CASGEM submodule](#), a [Voluntary Submodule User Manual](#) and a [batch import user manual can be found here](#). If you have questions, please check out the CASGEM webpage ([here](#)) or send your questions CASGEM@water.ca.gov.

DWR releases final WY 2023 statewide land use data

DWR has officially released final data set for 2023 and provisional statewide land use data from Water Year (WY) 2024 for public access and use. The released data follows up on land use mapping conducted in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 where more than 14 million acres of land were classified (including agriculture multi-cropping instances and urban categories) using tools such as remote sensing and geographic information systems. The data can now be accessed at the following locations: [CA DWR Land Use Viewer](#) (viewing and downloading); [CNRA Webpage](#) (viewing and downloading); on the [SGMA Data Viewer](#) (viewing) and the [California State Geoportal](#) (viewing and downloading).

Facilitation Support Service and Translation Services Available to GSA's at No Cost

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. [FAQ about FSS is available here](#). More information [can be found here](#). Written translation services available in 8 languages for outreach materials (5,000 word maximum). DWR has [Verbal Interpretation service available to GSA's](#). Real-time interpretive services are available to GSAs for virtual, hybrid, or in-person meetings in support of GSP implementation with the goal of engaging underrepresented communities within basins and encouraging equal access for non-fluent English speakers during the implementation of GSP's. If you are interested in learning more or receiving support from an interpretation team email sgmps@water.ca.gov.

Reminders: Drought related tools & guidance

'Be Well Prepared' Initiative and Website

May 17, 2023, DWR released the [Be Well Prepared initiative](#). DWR is providing tools and resources to help communities that are dependent on groundwater and experiencing climate-driven weather extremes, to prepare for potential impacts to household water supplies. The Be Well Prepared initiative focuses on domestic well owners and residents that use and maintain their well. [The website includes resources and information](#) that every well owner should know and understand about: groundwater conditions, well maintenance, water quality, assistance, and additional articles, videos and resources. A [new flyer](#) from DWR provides the four initial steps for well owners to take if they think their well has gone dry. This flyer is also available in [Spanish](#) and [Hmong](#).

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SB552: DWR's Water Shortage Vulnerability Scoring and Tool

As part of its technical assistance to support SB 552 implementation, DWR developed the [Water Shortage Vulnerability Scoring and Tool](#) to provide the foundational data and information statewide to counties for their water shortage risk assessment.

Dry Well Susceptibility Map

The DWR, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, has developed an interactive mapping tool, called the Dry Well Susceptibility Tool. This tool identifies areas within groundwater basins that may be prone to water supply shortages in drinking water wells. State and local agencies and well owners can use this tool to anticipate where wells may go dry based on historical conditions to inform drought preparedness decision-making. To use this tool, navigate to [California's Groundwater Live website](#) and click the [Dry Domestic Well Susceptibility tab](#). A fact sheet on this tool, as well as DWR's Dry Well Reporting System, [is available here](#).

Dry Well Reporting Site

There is a website available to [report private wells going dry](#). 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. Local agencies can now sign up to receive notifications of any dry wells reported in their area. To sign up please email sgmps@water.ca.gov.

California's Groundwater Live: Up-to-date data on groundwater conditions, well installations and subsidence

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the final [California's Groundwater – Update 2020 \(Bulletin-118\)](#), containing information on the condition of the State's groundwater, 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.