

## Minutes and Agenda: ECC GSP

## **East Contra Costa GSP Working Group**

**When:** Wednesday August 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Where**: Conference Call: 530-207-5787; Conference ID: 1965-7418 #

**Attendees:** Bill Brewster, Dan Muelrath, Debbie Cannon, Eric Brennan, Jill Mosley, Mike Davies, Nacho Mendoza, Paul Seger, Tracy Shearer, Vicki Kretsinger

#### **Meeting Summary**

- 1. GSP Section status:
  - a. Draft Sections 1 and 2: deadline for public comments was July 20th received 8 views, but no public comments received.
  - b. Draft Section 3 (Basin Setting): was sent out to Entities on July 24th for review. Edits and comments are due back to LSCE August 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - c. Draft Section 4 (Water Budget):
    - i. individual Entity water supply comments/edits to be returned to LSCE by August 14<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. draft Section 4 will be sent to Entities for review the first of September.
    - iii. Entities agreed that receiving sections one at a time is preferable to reviewing multiple sections at once.
  - d. Draft Section 5 (Groundwater Model): expected to be sent out to Entities for review in October.
- 2. July 9<sup>th</sup> Public meeting materials will be posted to the ECC GSP website and links to this material will be on individual GSA websites.
- 3. Discussion about ECC Working Group creating a public advisory committee (PAC):
  - a. Dan--Sonoma Valley has a PAC and significant public interest (about 200 people attend the public meetings; the subbasin is more stressed than ECC). Each agency picks a member of the public to be on the PAC. What would be the role of the ECC PAC (e.g., review draft materials?).
  - b. Paul-sees the PAC's role as related to policy (e.g., well metering). He would like to get people involved in the GSP process early. Doesn't feel that public meetings provide the forum for true input, opinion has been managed.
  - c. Vicki
    - i. Solano Subbasin has a GSA Collaborative with a representative of each GSA and also recently created a community advisory committee (CAC). The GSA Collaborative and the GSA Boards are the decision making bodies. As an advisory group, the CAC will meet periodically to discuss GSP interests and will receive the GSP sections at the same time as the public. A draft charter has been prepared for the CAC.
    - ii. ECC is maintaining groundwater sustainably and does not have the same circumstances as the critically over drafted subbasins where there is groundwater level decline and a greater level of public interest and involvement. In the ECC, we don't expect policies to be developed related to groundwater development and use in the 2022 GSP. However, in the 5-year GSP updates through 2040, policies may be instituted if conditions change.

- d. Mike-What are the regulations for a PAC; is it required by SGMA? The PAC would be advisors only with no vote. The general public is invited to ECC GSP public meetings and can contribute input at that time.
- e. Bill-regulations do not specify if a PAC is required. Some subbasins create a PAC for specific interest groups (e.g., agriculture, disadvantaged communities, Native Americans, groundwater users) or have a technical advisory group to provide advice to GSAs. Bill will send the Communications and Outreach BMP but ultimately it is locally driven and up to the GSAs to determine the governance, who is a GSA, and public outreach.
- f. Action Items include research on: 1. PAC charters (Sonoma and Solano), 2. SGMA PAC regulations, and 3) continue discussion at next Communications or Working Group meeting.

#### 4. Grants:

- a. Progress Report 7 (PR7) funds (submitted July 31st) have not been received by Brentwood
- b. PR8 is due October 2020 and GSAs will be requested to submit outreach hours and updated billing rates.
- c. Ryan is investigating applying for the SGMA Watershed Coordinator Grant program. Application is due Sept 15<sup>th</sup>; it would help with the groundwater dependent ecosystem portion of the GSP.
- 5. DWR update: DWR is reviewing submitted GSPs for critically over drafted subbasins. Technical support services are still available.

### **ACTION ITEMS August 2020**

	ITEM	OWNER	DUE
1.	Public Advisory Committee (PAC): 1. Research PAC charters (Sonoma and		1.Done
	Solano), 2. SGMA PAC regulations, and 3) continue discussion at next		2.Done
	Communications or Working Group meeting.		3.Sept 2020
2.		Ryan	When office
	access to monitoring wells (BD-1,2,3) on RD 800.		opens
3.	Entities return water supply comments for Section 4	All Entities	August 14,
			2020
4.	Review and edits on draft GSP Section 3 (Basin Setting)	All Entities	Aug 21 2020
5.	Determine if applying for SGMA Watershed Coordinator Grant program	Ryan	Application due
			Sept 15, 2020
6.	A) Prepare FAQ sheet for review by GSAs (add to website and have for	Lisa	A:
	handouts. B) Send spreadsheet for GSA GSP activities quarterly.	Lisa	B: Jan, Ap, Jul,
			Oct.
7.	New Monitoring Well Installation (part of Prop 68 grant available 7/1/2021)	Ryan/	
	± ± •	LSCE	Spring/Summer
	b. LSCE will work with Antioch and TODB to locate favorable	Antioch/	2021
	monitoring well locations	TODB	
Но	w will new monitoring wells be maintained and monitored? MW		
	maintenance and ongoing monitoring are not covered by grant funds. Keep		
	GSA contribution at 10K/entity/yr (\$70k/yr total) to cover annual report and		
	well monitoring?		

## **Purpose**:

- 1. GSP outreach-Public Meeting July 9<sup>th</sup>
- **2.** GSP-Sections 1-2, 3, and 4

# Agenda

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1.	<ul> <li>GSP Outreach &amp; Communication:         <ul> <li>Public meeting July 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5 p.mvirtual:</li> <li>Success! 26 participants.</li> <li>Follow up posting of video and meeting materials. How want to post?</li></ul></li></ul>	Ryan/ Jill Ryan Debbie
2.	<ul> <li>GSP Updates</li> <li>Draft Sections 1 and 2 posted to the ECC website –July 20<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> round of comments. Received 8 views, but no public comments have been received. This link will stay live as long as we like (through Stantec).</li> <li>Draft Section 3 (Basin Setting) to GSAs on July 17<sup>th</sup>, comments due back by August 21st. Comments received from TODB and DWD. <ul> <li>Out to public Sept. 4th and comments due back by Oct. 2nd</li> <li>Notices: Post to website and ad in newspapers?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Draft Section 4 (Water Budget): email to individual entities to review historical supply tally and estimates for population, supply, and land use changes through 2050. Return data/info by Aug 14<sup>th</sup>. Responses received from TODB, DWD, and ECCID.</li> <li>Draft Sections 4 (Water Budget) and 5 (Groundwater Model) to GSAs October 2020.</li> </ul>	Debbie
	<ul> <li>Monitoring Wells:         <ul> <li>Update: County Recorder's Office for grant deed and contact with Jeff</li> <li>Conway RD 800 requesting continuation of water level monitoring of 3 wells (BD 1,2,3).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Ryan

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3.	<ul> <li>3. Grants: <ul> <li>Status of Grant funds.</li> <li>LSCE submitted Progress Report 7 to DWR on July 31<sup>st</sup> and it included the Tracy Subbasin portion of the Report from San Joaquin County. Thanks to entities for sending Outreach &amp; Communication hours (2019 &amp; 2020) and updated billing rate letters. Entity hours and updated billing rate letter will be requested again for 3<sup>rd</sup> Q 2020 in October.</li> <li>SGMA Watershed Coordinator Grant Program <ul> <li>(\$1.5 M total, each grant &lt; \$300K)</li> <li>Salary for watershed coordinator to write a watershed management plan and for watershed monitoring.</li> <li>Due September 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>	
4.	Other Project Updates DWR updates Next GSP Working Group Conference Call—Wednesday September 9, 2020.	Bill Brewster

## **ACTION ITEMS June 2020**

	ITEM	OWNER	DUE
1.	Check County Recorder's Office for grant deed encumbrance for DWR	Ryan	When office
	access to monitoring wells (BD-1,2,3) on RD 800.		opens
2.	Contact County Flood Control District for information on Three Creeks	Ryan	Done
	Project and information on Subbasin creek management.		
3.	Review GSP Chapter 3	All GSAs	Aug 14 2020
4.		Paul Seger	Done
	the FAQ sheets being developed.	All GSAs	
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