



Meeting Summary: ECC GSP

East Contra Costa GSP Model Meeting

When: Wednesday August 11, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Zoom call

Attendees: Aaron Trott, Debbie Cannon, Faithe Lovelace, Greg Young, Jackson Cook, Lisa Beutler, Maggie Dunton, Marilyn Tiernan, Megan Murray, Mike Davies, Nacho Mendoza, Paul Seger, Ryan Hernandez, Scott Buenting, Tom Elson, Vicki Kretsinger

ACTION ITEMS August 2021

ITEM	OWNER	DUE
1. Latest (Aug 10) outreach and communication information sent to GSAs	Lisa	8/11/2021
2. Entities to send Outreach and Communication info to Lisa/Megan	All Entities	now
3. Establish a FAQ with Marilyn's input.	Stantec	Aug. 2021
4. Infographic	BBID/Nick	Aug. 2021
5. Send postcards to small water systems	DWD	Aug. 2021
6. Outreach to Municipal Advisory Councils (MAC) of Bethel Island, Knightsen, and Byron	Ryan	Sept. 2021

1. **Meeting Summary** Tom Elson provided an update on GSP Sections 5-10 and Executive Summary.
 - a. In response to GSA concerns regarding water quality, specifically hardness, Sections 3 and 6 have been updated to reflect that degradation leading to increased water hardness poses potentially adverse impacts to water users.
 - i. Nacho Mendoza informed the group DWD is internally discussing the proposed revisions regarding hardness.
 - b. Marilyn Tiernan asked how the GSP accounts for population increases in the Subbasin.
 - i. Tom informed the group that the model runs scenarios to predict future water demand based on population projections, land use changes and drought conditions. The population growth estimates come from available data presented in General Plans and Urban Water Management Plans.
 - c. Tom informed the group that DWR has indicated in recent GSP reviews that a well inventory of production wells should be part of the GSP and should be completed by the first 5-year GSP update.
 - i. Ryan indicated that the County will require location coordinates and planned well use but indicated that an inventory of historical wells is a difficult task. The County will move forward with a process that alerts GSAs of new well permits in their respective jurisdictions.
 - ii. Tom indicated that enforcement of local requirements and policies will be the responsibility of GSAs under authorities granted through SGMA. Applicable regulations implemented under SGMA include Water Code 10725.4 (c),

- 10730.6 (c) to (f), and Chapter 9. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Enforcement Powers 10732.
- iii. In Section 8 of the draft GSP, coordination between Contra Costa County permitting division and GSAs is to be developed as part of GSP implementation. Ryan noted that the County process is ministerial but that the County would work with GSAs in developing a process that incorporates any new GSA policies or management actions regarding new wells that fall under the County's permitting purview. Tom reiterated that enforcement would logically fall to the GSAs under SGMA authorities as indicated below.
 - i. Because of the ministerial process of well permitting, enforcement of local requirements and policies are likely best handled by GSAs. Applicable regulations implemented under SGMA include Water Code 10725.4 (c), 10730.6 (c) to (f), and Chapter 9. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Enforcement Powers 10732.
2. Lisa Beutler provided updates on Outreach and Communication.
- a. Follow up to the August 10 Outreach and Communications meeting (Attachment 2 meeting notes):
 - i. Lisa reminded the entities to send Outreach and Communication data. She will send out the latest update from August 10th that is sorted by agency.
 - ii. Section 10 of the ECC GSP has a summary table of outreach for the GSP (Attachment 1) that will be informed by the data sent by the GSAs.
 - b. She proposed the date for the next public meeting as September 14th 5-7pm.
 - i. The focus will be on overarching, or "big," messages.
 - c. Outreach materials should contain the key messages:
 - i. The Subbasin appears sustainable under base conditions and several future scenarios dictated by SGMA, i.e., the subbasin is in "good shape."
 - ii. Groundwater quality is variable and has higher natural concentrations in some locations.
 - iii. SGMA does not have authority over land use and development in the subbasin.
 - iv. Individual well problems (e.g., mechanical, electrical, design) are not sustainability issues.
 - d. Stantec will establish a FAQ and seek Marilyn's input.
 - e. BBID will provide an infographic of the GSP process.
 - f. DWD will send postcards to small water systems as was done for the basin boundary modification.
 - g. A way to reach small well owners is through rural homeowner's associations and the Farm Bureau.
 - h. Lisa mentioned that Stantec is actively looking to reach more people in the subbasin who would have an interest in the GSP.
 - i. Ryan let her know he has a contact list for the Municipal Advisory Councils located in East Contra Costa (Bethel Island, Knightsen, and Byron)
 - ii. Paul Seger suggested a presentation to these groups would be helpful and Ryan agreed that he will try to coordinate.

3. Ryan updated the group on his presentation to the CCC Transportation, Water, Infrastructure Committee on August 9th. He focused on details of how the GSP will keep the Subbasin Sustainable.
4. Jackson Cook provided an update on DWR outreach DWR.
 - a. To guide the next rounds of the SGMA Grant Program, DWR is requesting input from the ECC Subbasin on its greatest funding needs.
 - b. DWR is conducting outreach to see how various agencies are responding to the drought. The purpose of the outreach is to assess how the state might enact emergency drought response measures to help meet short- and long-term needs.
 - i. DWR has provided an update to the first assessments of the GSPs which included High Priority and critically overdrafted basins; [Groundwater Sustainability Plans \(ca.gov\)](#).
 - ii. The Drinking Water Well Principles is open for public comments; [Drinking Water Well Principles \(ca.gov\)](#).
5. Next meetings:
 - a. Week of August 30th before Labor Day, Communications Meeting to cover logistics for September 14th public meeting
 - b. Wednesday September 8th, 10 am to 11:30 am, ECC GSP Working Group
 - c. Tuesday September 14th, 5pm to 7pm, Public Meeting

Attachment 1 Summary Table of ECC Outreach for Section 10 ECC GSP

ECC Working Group Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Format	Date	Detail	Participation	Purpose
Public Meetings	July 9, 2020 June 23, 2021 September [redacted], 2021	Online/Virtual Online/Virtual (recorded) Online/Virtual	33 47 ???	Review SGMA and Sections 1&2 Review Secs 3-9 Review entire GSP
Postcard Mailings	September 2018	Postcard to public water systems and local agencies	120 of 153	Basin Boundary Modification Support & SGMA
Surveys on ECC GSP Website	Dec. 7, 2018 May 2020 to September 2021	Email Individual Sections and entire GSP	21 Secs 1&2: 5 Sec 3: 2 Sec 4: 1 Sec 6: 2 Sec 7: 13 Sec 8: Sec 9: Sec 10:	Learn about GSPs Provided for public comment
Email Listserv	[redacted] Megan add dates sent emails out [redacted]	Notifications to interested parties list	Add number on list	Notification of Sections available for review and comment and for public meeting announcements.
Public Board Meetings	January 2015 to January 2022	[redacted] GSA public Board meetings	???	ECC-GSP updates
ECC GSP Working Group Meetings	June 2017 to July 2021 [redacted]	Total of 44 monthly meetings and 14 communications committee m	Varied	Plan GSP Development
ECC GSP Communications Committee Meetings	2019 to 2021	Total of 15 separate meetings	varied	Plan public outreach
Website	August 2019 to present	https://www.eccc-irwm.org/about-sgma	2019:205 views 2020: 506 views 2021: 620 views (to 8/3/21)	Update on GSP Development
Monthly Newsletter	September 2020 to January 2022	1 page pdf posted on ECC GSP Website and distributed to GSAs	To GSAs and posted on Website	Update on GSP Development
Miscellaneous		Newspaper articles		

Commented [DC1]: Will need a total for this.

Commented [DC2]: Lisa/Megan to update? These numbers are as of May 11, 2021 (Lisa's email)

Commented [DC3]: Lisa/Megan to update? As of April 9, 2021 (Lisa's SMC survey results)

Commented [DC4]: Lisa/Megan-have a number for this?

Commented [DC5]: Megan can you provide the dates these were sent out?

Commented [DC6]: Megan add # of emails on list

Commented [DC7]: Lisa/Megan-can you come up with this number from the info the GSAs have provided?

Commented [DC8]: Update as of October 15th. Add footnote with dates?

Attachment 2 Summary Notes, Communications Meeting ECC GSP, August 10, 2021

OUTREACH

1. Key Messages
 - a. Basin Viability / small/ domestic (well info is specific – unique location w/water quality, age, mechanics, depth, etc., - this is a macro message about the overall basin if managed properly)
 - b. Water Quality
 - c. Development
 - d. Delta
 - e. Clarity about the ask
2. Getting to people we haven't talked to yet
3. FAQs
4. Infographic
5. Social Media
6. Supervisor Burgess
 - a. Municipal Councils/ TACs – Rosters – YES!!!!!!
7. Joint Press
 - a. Releases / quotes/ media availability
8. Post Cards
9. TACs – can we get on their calendars? // Ryan to get info

FINAL PUSH – GSAS

1. Individual outreach and channels

LEGAL NOTICES - Requirements

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

1. Date – Sept. 14, 5:00-7 p.m.
2. GP Focus to start / monitoring - budget
3. Lighter touch on actual chapter content – more Cliff's notes versions and guidance for how to read and respond to the GSP (Executive Summary good tool)

INTERBASIN - Tracy

<https://tracysubbasin.org/gsp-chapters>