



Meeting Summary: ECC GSP

East Contra Costa Working Group Meeting

When: Wednesday August 10, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Zoom call

Attendees:

X	Byron Bethany Irrigation District Greg Young	X	City of Antioch Scott Buenting	X	City of Brentwood James Wolfe
X	Contra Costa County Ryan Hernandez	X	Contra Costa Water District Jill Mosley	X	Diablo Water District Dan Muelrath Nacho Mendoza
X	East Contra Costa Irrigation District Aaron Trott	X	Town of Discovery Bay Dina Breitstein	X	LSCE Faithe Lovelace Jeanette Lovelis-Kinzie Vicki Kretsinger Will Halligan
X	Guests Jackson Cook				

ACTION ITEMS August 2022

ITEM	OWNER	DUE
1. Confirm if the updated Well Permit Application pertains to replacement wells	Ryan	Aug 2022
2. Send the public comment letter on ECC GSP and the proposed level of effort to respond	LSCE	Aug 2022
3. Provide BBID policy on EO	Greg	Complete
4. Provide a list of PMAs and data gaps in ECC	LSCE	Aug 2022
5. Provide a preliminary list of applicable projects for Prop 68 GSP Implementation grant funding	LSCE	Sept 2022
6. Check with how Solano Subbasin is responding to the Delta Tunnels EIR	LSCE	Aug 2022

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Faithe provided an update on the RMS upload to SGMA Portal
2. Faithe informed the group that several wells have been added to the Water Level Supplemental Monitoring Network that historically BBID monitors
3. Faithe informed the group there is funding available for additional wells to be installed in the Subbasin. Alternatively, there are several remote monitoring devices (transducers) that can be installed at other locations with existing wells.
 - a. Ryan asked for clarification on how transducers work and why the Subbasin should be installing transducers
 - i. Will provided an overview of how the devices operate and informed the group transducers provide valuable information on seasonal trends, can be programed to monitor at a variety of time intervals.

- b. Dan has reached out to Ironhouse Sanitary District to discuss including their wells into the Subbasin's monitoring program.
 - c. DWD has expressed interest in installing a remote monitoring device at their wells. If other agencies are also interested, they can inform LSCE.
- 4. The ECC GSP has received one comment letter, the comment period is now closed however people/organizations can still submit comments on the DWR Website. At the request of the GSAs during the last meeting LSCE outlined the comments and estimated the time to respond to the comments varying from low to high level of detail
 - a. Ryan asked what is DWR looking for in regard to a response?
 - i. Vicki informed that DWR reviews the letter and takes the comments into considerations and is looking for the Subbasin to respond to the comments.
 - i. Jackson stated that Vicki was correct in summary
 - b. Ryan requested LSCE send the spreadsheet that summarizes the level of effort, and the proposed actions to address the comments along with the original comment letter so each GSA could review and make a recommendation for how LSCE should proceed in the response effort
 - i. James reminded the group that they had received these comments before and recommended we respond thoughtfully and do more than just acknowledge the comments
- 5. Will provided a broad overview of the subcommittee that was formed in ECC in response to the Governors Executive Order (EO) regarding the drought
 - a. Ryan informed the group that the County Environmental Health Department has made changes to their permit application in response to the EO, GSAs will now be notified when a well application is filed in the Subbasin
 - i. Vicki asked if the updated application also considers replacement wells
 - i. Ryan will look into this question
 - ii. Greg Young (BBID) informed the group that BBID board adopted policy in their boundaries that reviews well permits and does not allow for an increase in water use, and violators will be fined. He will provide the policy to the group.
 - i. Aaron asked if this policy includes de minimis users?
 - a. Vicki informed him that this is not in the EO or current legislation but its up to the local permitting agency
 - b. Greg brought up the point that the County and the GSAs need to work together and come to agreement regarding well spacing
 - ii. Aaron stated that de minimis users have always been thought of as not having a large impact on water use. He raised the question of what about when a domestic well user starts using the well for agricultural purposes.

- a. Greg responded that for new wells we could put in a clause that said if the domestic well is going to be used non-domestic purposes that restrictions may apply. Greg reminded the group that the region is very fortunate that they are not an over drafted basin
 - b. Aaron stated it might be beneficial if new well applicants be required to put a meter on wells
6. Faithe provided an update on various grant activities
 - a. PR 15 submitted to DWR in August
 - b. Grant close out report in progress, the subbasin will receive the 10% retentions after the submittal of the report
7. Jackson provided an update on various DWR topics
 - a. DWR had a new web map tool related to the various statewide mapping GSP Implementation Projects
 - i. [DWR Launches New Web-Based Mapping Tool Showing Nearly 3,000 Groundwater Sustainability Projects \(ca.gov\)](#)
 - b. Statewide Crop Mapping data for 2019 is available online
 - i. [Statewide Crop Mapping - Datasets - California Natural Resources Agency Open Data](#)
8. Will informed the group that tentatively in October DWR will be releasing the requirements for grant funding opportunities for GSP Implementation
 - a. LSCE will provide the group with a preliminary list of PMAs and Data Gaps that were identified in the GSP
 - b. LSCE is internally developing a matrix for GSP relevant projects that would be eligible for grant funding. The GSAs can populate, and this will provide the Subbasin a head start on the application.
9. Ryan informed the group that on July 27th the EIR for the Delta Tunnels was released. He informed the group that the County will be commenting on the report. Comments are due by Oct 27th.
 - a. Aaron asked what the nature of the comments will be from the County
 - i. Ryan responded that they are mostly regarding water quality concerns
 - ii. Aaron asked if the other agencies could work together on a response or submit a letter of support regarding the County's comments
 - i. Ryan responded that yes, other agencies should work together on a response. He asked what LSCE has heard from other nearby Subbasins
 - a. LSCE will check in with other clients about their response to the EIR
10. Next meetings:
 - a. TBD, Working Group EO Subcommittee
 - b. TBD, Working Group Discussion on how to respond to GSP Comments
 - c. November 9th, Working Group meeting.

- i. Possible that a future meeting pertaining to the EO may be needed