

June 2019 Newsletter

Subbasin Announcements

The Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin held four public workshops at the end of May across the Subbasin's region. These workshops provided community members another opportunity to meet with their respective representatives, learn more about the development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), and provide input on next steps for groundwater sustainability within their communities.

The workshops were held in Patterson, Los Banos, Gustine, and Mendota, with an effort to reach as many local groundwater users as possible. Community members are encouraged to continue their involvement in this process by attending upcoming public meetings or visiting the <u>Delta-Mendota SGMA website</u>.

Leaders within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin have continued to share their insights on GSP development with others working on SGMA both locally and across the state. Andrew Garcia, a Senior Civil Engineer with the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, is guiding the coordination and development of the GSPs within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. He recently presented on a panel at a conference hosted by the Association of California Water Agencies in which he shared with other SGMA leaders the challenges and lessons learned in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin thus far.



Andrew Garcia, second from right, presenting at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference in May, 2019 on behalf of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. *Photo shared by ACWA*.

Our Timeline

Fall 2018: Public Workshop Winter 2019: Public Workshop Spring 2019: Public Workshop Summer 2019: Public Draft GSPs Released

Aug – Dec: Develop HCM and Water Budget Dec – Feb: Develop Sustainable Management Criteria Feb – Apr: Identify GSP Projects and Management Actions

Apr – Jun: Prepare Public Draft GSP Jul - Aug: Public Comment on GSP

Aug – Nov: Prepare Final GSP

Nov – Jan: Adopt GSP

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Upcoming Meetings

Technical Working Group Tuesday, June 18 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM 842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA Communications Working Group Tuesday, June 25 1:00 – 3:00 PM 842 6th St. Los Banos, CA

Coordination Committee
Tuesday, July 16
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA

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Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Group Updates



In May, the North-Central Group completed:

- Adopted Monitoring Networks for all Sustainability Indicators
- Adopted Sustainable Management Criteria
- Continued development of the following GSP sections
 - Water Budget
 - o Groundwater Conditions
 - o Projects & Management Actions
- Monitoring Networks
- o Outreach

In June, the North-Central Group will:

 Continue to post draft chapters or sections as they are completed



Farmers Water District GSP Group completed the following activities in May:

- Developed draft of Sustainable Management Criteria chapter
- Internal review of draft Basin Setting chapters

Farmers Water District GSP Group's current and upcoming activities include:

- Develop draft Monitoring Network chapter
- Continued internal review of completed draft GSP chapters
- Provide feedback on basin wide annual report format.



In May, the SJREC GSP Group:

- Drafted Projected Water Budgets for the County White Areas
- Drafted Sustainable Management Criteria for County White Areas
- Participated in Public Workshops; outreaching to beneficial users in the subbasin

In June, the SJREC GSP Group plans to:

- Have a completed draft GSP
- · Review GSP with DWR
- Coordinate to complete the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Common Chapter



In May, the Grassland GSP Group:

- Refined site-specific minimum thresholds and measurable objectives
- Continued progress on drafting the Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- Engaged in the Grassland GSA public Board Meeting on May 17th
- Presented on SGMA at the annual public Landowners Meeting on May 18th
- Coordinated with Merced County regarding GSP development
- Finalized the Wetland GDE and potential GDE vegetation maps.
- Coordinated with CDFW on language describing existing water conservation



In May, the Fresno GSP Group completed the following activities:

- Developed draft of Sustainable Management Criteria chapter
- Meeting with Fresno Co stakeholders on Sustainable Management Criteria
- Meeting with James ID on minimum thresholds and measurable objectives
 The Fresno GSP Group's current and upcoming activities include:
- Develop draft Monitoring Network chapter
- Internal review of draft GSP chapters
 Provide feedback on basin wide annual report format



In May, the Aliso GSP Group completed the following activities:

- Developed Projects and Management Actions with the GSP Group's ad-hoc committee
- Held landowner workshops to discuss projects and management actions and finalize sustainable management criteria
- Continuing to draft GSP





Questions? Contact your local groundwater sustainability agency or send an email to dmsgma@sldmwa.org

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