

2021 Year in Review and 2022 Look-Ahead: Fourth Quarter 2021 Newsletter

Subbasin Announcements

2021 was an eventful year for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. The Subbasin continues to meet regular monitoring and reporting requirements, including preparation for the Water Year 2021 (Oct 1, 2020-Sept 30, 2021) Annual Report, which will be submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by April 1, 2022. This report will summarize recent monitoring data, implementation activities, and ongoing Subbasin-wide coordination efforts.

Representatives began preparations for the upcoming SGMA Round 1 Implementation funding opportunity offered through DWR. The Delta-Mendota Subbasin could receive up to \$7.6 million to fund projects and program implementation. Representatives will continue to meet in early 2022 to finalize the application for submission by mid-February.

Looking ahead to 2022, the Subbasin is anticipating receiving an official evaluation from DWR on the six groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) submitted in January 2020. This evaluation will kick-start a sixmonth window in which Subbasin representatives will coordinate a response to these comments to address any identified deficiencies. The Subbasin's Coordination Committee will meet monthly at the start of 2022 to focus on Annual Report preparation and responses to the anticipated DWR comments.

Inter-basin coordination efforts will continue in 2022 with an extension of the Subbasin's Facilitation Support Services (FSS) program with DWR confirmed through June. These meetings have allowed for information and data-sharing with neighboring representatives as SGMA implementation efforts continue throughout the region. Subbasin representatives will continue to meet with other neighboring agencies to discuss best practices and support ongoing coordination.

Results from each GSP Group's well census and inventory will be compiled for submission to DWR and for use in the Subbasin's subsidence characterization study. This study seeks to identify critical infrastructure locations and compile subsidence and water level data to locate areas of concern for future subsidence impacts. The well census and subsidence projects are supported by funding from the Subbasin's Proposition 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) grant.





Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

January 2022 Coordination Committee Meeting Tuesday, Jan 18th: 10:00 AM

February 2022 Coordination Committee Meeting Tuesday, Feb 8th: 10:00 AM March 2022 Coordination Committee Meeting Tuesday, Mar 8th: 10:00 AM

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

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