

**GSPWG MEETING #13
MEETING SUMMARY
South American Subbasin (SASb)
Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)
March 19, 2021 (9:00 am to 12:30 pm)**

PARTICIPANTS:

Name	Organization	Status	Sign in
GSP Working Group			
Todd Eising, City of Folsom	Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority		TE
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Brian Van Lienden	Woodard & Curran	BVL
Rich Pauloo	Larry Walker Associates	RP
Chuck Young	Stockholm Environmental	CY
Brian Joyce	Institute	BJ

Public Attendees (this is a partial list based on participants on ZOOM poll and meeting notes – a total of approximately 10 members of the public were estimated to be on the call):

Suzanne Pecci
 Bob Abrams
 Jose Ramirez (Regional San)
 Dave Richardson (W&C)
 Tom Nelson
 Bill Myers
 Jillian Young (Stantec)

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- Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. John Woodling opened the meeting as the facilitator.
- Roll Call was conducted. Ted Rauh announced that he has posted information regarding the SASb GSP effort to the ECOS website.
- Furthered Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development process through presentations and discussions under three topical areas: Management/Governance, Technical, and Communication and Engagement (C&E), as follows:
 - Management / Governance
 - Revisions to the Master Meeting Schedule (reflecting changes in the material to be covered in upcoming GSPWG meetings) were discussed and are posted on the sasbgroundwater.org website.
 - An update on the status of information delivery and GSPWG discussions regarding key decisions to be made during the development of the GSP was provided. As noted in prior meetings, the GSPWG will provide input to inform these decisions, which the Consultant Team will use in crafting the draft GSP sections.
 - It was noted that the consultant team had received comments on Section 1 and Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of the draft GSP that were circulated in January, 2021. The consultant team will distribute a response to those comments in EXCEL spreadsheet form prior to the next GSPWG meeting. GSPWG members received a draft of Section 2.3 (Groundwater Conditions) prior to this meeting and were asked to provide comments on this draft section prior to the next GSPWG meeting on April 16, again using the comment form provided.

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- It was noted that SCGA staff and facilitators from Stantec have been working with members from the GSAs to begin developing a governance structure and cost sharing plan for GSP implementation.
- Technical
 - A presentation was provided to show the work that has been performed on Projects and Management Actions (PMA) by the Consultant team and GSPWG members. The presentation focused on the modeling scenarios that have been assembled using the PMA information. A total of four scenarios were identified and discussed. These include (1) a combination of Harvest Water plus the OHWD recharge project, (2) and (3) different conjunctive use projects, and (4) an aggregated scenario which includes Harvest Water, OHWD recharge, SAFCA recharge, and the two conjunctive use projects. Several questions were raised regarding the specifics of the conjunctive use projects. The consultant team responded that these scenarios are still under development in coordination with GSPWG members. It was noted that conjunctive use projects should have a positive impact on SASb storage if properly operated. It was also noted that conjunctive use is already happening in the SASb as a result of the Freeport diversion project and other projects. Regarding the SAFCA project, it was mentioned that flow requirements in the American River to protect fish is an important constraint. It was also mentioned that the use of the Folsom South Canal is not limited to the SAFCA project concepts. The GSPWG and public participants responded favorably to the suggested scenarios in polling done during the meeting. Other possible combinations of projects were suggested to be considered for the “aggregate” scenario.
 - A brief discussion was held regarding the evaluation of different options for setting Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) for groundwater (GW) levels, which incorporates considerations of impacts on shallow wells, GW storage and stream depletion from inter-connected surface waters (ISWs). It was stated that the option of relying on historical data and setting Minimum Thresholds based on post-2015 Fall low GW levels is one alternative that will be considered and written up; additionally, other options will be considered to setting Minimum Thresholds at different levels. These options will be informed by the results of the modeling scenarios that will be run which will provide information regarding groundwater levels at different locations in the SASb under different future conditions. This will be a topic of discussion at a future GSPWG meeting.
 - A brief discussion was held regarding the status of inter-basin coordination meetings with the groups that are now preparing GSPs for the Yolo, Solano, Cosumnes and North American subbasins on essentially the same schedule that the SASb effort is operating under. Several coordination calls have been scheduled, others are in the process of being scheduled. Results of those discussions will be reported back to the GSPWG.

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- Communication & Engagement (C&E)
 - GSA representatives were reminded to be documenting all communication and engagement activities that are occurring at their GSAs, including Board meetings.
 - Public participants were asked to provide input regarding the content of the next public meeting on March 25th at 6 pm. Comments received included the need for presentations to be in “plain English”, i.e. understandable to non-technical public participants. It was also suggested that a clear discussion of the boundaries of the SASb be included in the materials presented, since some members of the public that attend the meeting may actually reside in the Cosumnes subbasin. A suggestion was also made to consider the use of a survey of Ag-Res users regarding their well information as a means of engagement with more people.
 - Participants were reminded regarding the timing for the next Public Meeting, which will be held on March 25 from 6 pm to 8 pm, and the timing for the next GSPWG meeting, which will be held on April 16th from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Both meetings will be held as virtual meetings.

- Supporting Materials
 - PowerPoint presentation on the status of discussions and GSPWG input on key topics for future GSP decisions
 - PowerPoint presentation on proposed modeling scenarios and PMAs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am