

**GSPWG MEETING #18
MEETING SUMMARY
South American Subbasin (SASb)
Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)
August 20, 2021 (9:00 am to 12:30 pm)**

PARTICIPANTS:

Name	Organization	Status	Sign in
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Brian Van Lienden	Woodard & Curran	BVL
Rich Pauloo	Larry Walker Associates	RP
Jeanna Long	Woodard & Curran	JL
Lisa Beutler	Stantec	LB
Jillian Young	Stantec	--

Public Attendees (this may be a partial list based on participants on ZOOM poll and meeting notes – a total of 14 additional stakeholders were estimated to be on the call):

Suzanne Pecci
 Dominic Gutierrez (DWR)
 Ian MacLeod (CDFW)
 Tom Nelson (Florin RCD/Elk Grove Water District)
 Dalia Fadl (City of Rancho Cordova)
 Tom Shine
 Dave Trask
 Lynn Wheat
 Amelia Van Keuren
 Bill Myers
 Nancy Myers
 George Murphy
 Eileen Lacy
 Bridgette Gibbons

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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.
- The Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development process was continued through presentations and discussions under three topical areas: Management/Governance, Technical, and Communication and Engagement (C&E), as follows:
 - Management / Governance
 - Reminder that the SASb GSP Master Meeting Schedule (reflecting topics to be covered in upcoming GSPWG and public meetings) is posted on the sasbgroundwater.org website. No changes since last GSPWG meeting. Tentative meeting dates for GSA Boards were discussed, as follows: SCGA (Dec 8), OHWD (Nov 16), SRCD (Dec 8), Sacramento County Board of Supervisors (Dec 14)
 - An update on key remaining GSP decisions to be made. For this meeting, GSP implementation decisions and Inter-basin coordination items were again

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highlighted. As noted in prior meetings, the GSPWG input on these topics will be used to inform key decisions for the revised version of the GSP.

- GSPWG members were reminded that the draft GSP was released for public and GSPWG comment on June 18. Comment deadline was August 18.
 - SCGA staff and Stantec facilitators reported that they are continuing to work with SASb GSA representatives to develop an MOU describing a governance structure and cost sharing plan for GSP implementation.
- Technical
- A brief presentation was provided by the consultant team (Tom Grovhoug and Rich Pauloo of LWA) to go over the revised Section 4.7.1 in the draft GSP which describes the elements of a Shallow/Vulnerable Well Protection Program as a SASb GSP management action. The new text provides greater detail regarding the phasing and the schedule for development of the program than the previous version. The new text describes an approach to proceed incrementally, with focus in the first couple years on improved data collection regarding the depth, age and groundwater levels in shallow wells, the location of wells, the formation of an advisory committee and continuation of outreach and education to landowners. The management action will include a commitment to develop the details of the Well Protection Program. The DWR representative again stated that SGMA implementation and/or drought relief grant funding may be available to support the proposed program, at least in part.
 - Rich Pauloo and Tom Grovhoug summarized the major comments received to date on the draft GSP. The GSPWG and public participants participated in a discussion of the comments, as follows. Some commenters on the draft GSP asked that a management action be added to fill identified data gaps, e.g. depth and screened interval information on wells in the Monitoring Network – this concept received general support. Some commenters asked for more detail in the GSP for the response by the GSAs to groundwater levels below minimum thresholds – it was agreed that additional text should be added to address this issue. Commenters asked that a project management action be added to specifically require urban and/or agricultural demand reduction – this comment will be answered, but a new management action was not supported. A management action to continue to look at future climate change conditions was suggested – this concept will be addressed in the GSP. Some commenters asked for SMC for additional water quality parameters: arsenic, iron and manganese. This concept was not generally supported by the GSPWG. Commenters raised issues regarding setting minimum thresholds below 2015 levels – this comment will be answered. A question was raised regarding the need for, and cost of land fallowing – it was pointed out that land fallowing is not being suggested in the SASb GSP, based on the results of the technical evaluation of future scenarios that have been performed. A question was raised regarding the

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reporting of changes in basin storage volumes – it was noted that this will be calculated annually using CoSANA and reported in the annual reports to DWR.

- A presentation was provided by Jeanna Long of W&C regarding the development of the data management system for use in implementation of the GSP for the SASb. The GSPWG asked questions and was supportive of the system described.
 - Tom Grovhoug provided an update on the topics being discussed in the ongoing inter-basin coordination meetings. Recent meetings were held in August with Cosumnes, Solano and Yolo representatives. Each group has endorsed use of a coordination letter to document the discussions that have occurred, rather than a formal agreement. The consultant team will work with NASb and Yolo to initially draft this letter.
- Communication & Engagement (C&E)
- GSA representatives were reminded by Lisa Beutler to be documenting all GSP communication and engagement activities that are occurring at their GSAs, including Board meetings.
 - The consultant team reported that, due to recent COVID issues, an additional in-person public meeting/workshop which has been contemplated will not be held in September.
 - Participants were reminded regarding the timing for the next GSPWG meeting, which will be held on September 17th from 9 am to 12:30 pm; the meeting will again be a virtual meeting. The proposed agenda for the meeting will include review of major comments received on the draft GSP and proposed changes to management actions resulting from those comments.
- Supporting Materials
- PowerPoint presentation on the estimated Data Management System for the SASb GSP.
 - PowerPoint presentation on the shallow/vulnerable well protection program and a general summary of comments received on the draft GSP.
 - PowerPoint on the topics being discussed in the ongoing inter-basin coordination meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm