



Cosumnes Groundwater Subbasin

Potential GSA Costs During Groundwater Sustainability Planning

Communication and Outreach

- Some future cash costs for postage and mailing prep- Many stakeholder survey responses asked that they be regularly informed of GSP progress through “paper mail”. Recommendation: GSAs budget for 2-3 mailings (newsletters or announcements) for the current (2019) year.
- Significant time commitment on part of GSAs for public workshops, working group meetings, sub-committee participation. Three workshops have been scheduled for Mar-Apr 2019. GSAs are expected to have a representative at one or in some cases two of these spring workshops.

Plan Development

- Monitoring, (potential project development or operation costs) for compliant well monitoring infrastructure. Even with DWR TSS program assistance, the development of SGMA compliant monitoring well projects will have local costs. The short term (2019) costs for this activity will become more obvious when DWR provides Amador GSA with more specific guidance and requirements for TSS program assistance.
- Special Studies, GSAs have agreed that should special studies be needed, particularly associated with issues related to a specific GSA, that the additional costs would be borne out by the affected GSA. Identifying the need for special studies will likely occur during the development of the HCM, with the data collection component currently underway. Recommendation: If GSAs choose to commission special studies they will likely need to anticipate costs for these studies during FY 2020 & 2021.
- Review of interim planning products by legal counsel- GSAs may opt to have their legal counsel review consultant or Working Group products or decisions; associated legal costs would be borne by the applicable GSA.
- Review of interim planning products by independent technical experts- GSAs may choose to have interim technical products developed by EKI, reviewed by in house or external technical experts; associated review costs would be borne by the applicable GSA.

Management Project Development-

- Any specific management projects called out or included in the GSP will need to be adequately scoped with a cost estimate and projected schedule (see DWR regulations- subsection 354.44.).

Public Process for Plan Adoption

- Miscellaneous costs to meet the public notification and comment processing requirements associated with GSP adoption by a GSA. Anticipate this cost for FY 21-22, with expenditure early in that fiscal year.

Plan Implementation (this is a partial list)

- GSA specific costs for development, and adoption of necessary policies, codes and regulations.
- Funding of necessary processes (Prop 218, local bonds) to establish any assessments or revenue streams needed by GSAs to meet implementation responsibilities or project implementation.
- Maintaining data mgt system and groundwater model.