

Public Communication & Engagement in the Cosumnes Subbasin

Planning for the Next Round of Public Workshops

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What We Heard During Last Round of Workshops



- Public workshops are important – we want to be kept informed
- Focus next set of workshops around substantive technical milestones
 - Report back on basin conditions
 - Value direct engagement from GSAs
 - Strong interest in recharge

What We Committed to in Our Prop. 1 Workplan



- Two sets of workshops
 - Workshop 1 – Tech Focus
 - Present and receive feedback on preliminary HCM, water budget, and definition of groundwater conditions
 - Target tech stakeholders, especially neighboring basins
 - Workshop 2 – Public Focus
 - Focus on on HCM, water budget, groundwater conditions definition + data gaps evaluation; seek initial input on key Sustainability Planning tasks
 - Target all Basin stakeholders; hold in three locations

What We'd Like You to Talk About Today



- What should be the focus of our next round of public workshops?
- What should be the timing?
- Any initial thoughts on improving our outreach strategy?

Cosumnes Working Group Framework Agreement

Working Group Governance for Phases 3 & 4 of GSP Development

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What We Heard from GSAs



- Framework Agreement is working well.
 - GSAs build consensus and continue to move forward
 - Pathway to move forward if there isn't consensus
 - One vote per GSA works well
 - Informal agreement re: how GSAs work together
- One GSA expressed concern that agreement is nonbinding, given potentially hard decisions to come.
 - Yet others say nonbinding makes agreement tenable

What We Heard from GSAs



- Focus time and effort on GSP development (not on rewriting Framework Agreement)
- Interest in beginning governance discussion for *GSP implementation*
 - Consider forming subgroup to hold parallel conversations *outside of* the Working Group

Questions for Working Group



1. Stay the course with Framework Agreement?
 - Update appendix of near-term decision points
 - Come back in Jan. to confirm Framework Agreement

2. Launch parallel discussion of implementation governance?
 - Discuss this concept further in Jan.