

Surface Water Advisory Group (SWAG)

Cosumnes Working Group
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CBI

CATALYZING COLLABORATION

SWAG Approach Outline



Purpose

- Develop shared perspective on the goals and objectives for managing surface water, groundwater, and groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs)
 - Review available data regarding groundwater and Cosumnes River conditions; deepen collective understanding and identify information needs
 - Explore whether the Basin currently has Undesirable Results linked to groundwater / surface water interactions
 - Identify how best to resolve Undesirable Results, and solicit ideas on Sustainable Management Criteria
- Generate recommendations (ideally consensus-driven) for consideration by Working Group

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SWAG Composition

- Our recommendation
 - Cosumnes GSAs– no more than 1 per GSA (alternate or observers okay)
 - NGOs – Cosumnes Coalition, TNC, Environmental Defense Fund, ECOS
 - Agency Reps – CDFW, USFWS, NMFS
 - South American - Two from SCGA (one urban, one ag); environmental already covered under NGO representation above
 - Tribal – Wilton Rancheria

Note: O-H and SRCD have interests that span the Cosumnes; assume their participation adequately covered through single representative each

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Meeting Timing, Frequency and Staffing

- Anticipate up to six SWAG meetings
 - May include some targeted outreach
- Timing dependent on Prop. 68 funding; anticipate April /May 2020 through April 2021
- Discussions supported by EKI, Water Forum and CBI

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Ground Rules

Generally rely on the ground rules outlined in the Framework Agreement, with emphasis on the following:

- Focused on developing credible and timely information and understanding
- Foster thoughtful exchange of information and perspectives
- Identify areas of common interests and approach
- To the extent we can identify shared perspectives, it will be a great benefit to the Working Group

SWAG Anticipated Work Product



Memo to the Working Group

- Summarize key findings and recommendations, including highlighting areas of agreement and divergence, on the following:
 - Clear and (hopefully) consensus-agreement, for WG consideration, on Undesirable Results for GDEs
 - Advice and direction to the Working Group on possible management thresholds
 - Advice and direction to the Working Group on a monitoring network that would need to be designed for GDEs