

# Surface Water Advisory Group (SWAG)

Cosumnes Working Group  
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# SWAG Approach Outline



## Purpose – Consistent with Prop. 68 application

- Develop **mutual understanding** of technical basis for sustainable management criteria related to groundwater / surface water interactions
  - **Review available data** regarding groundwater and Cosumnes River conditions; deepen collective understanding
  - **Solicit feedback on GSA discussions and technical work** related to the monitoring network, Undesirable Results and Sustainable Management Criteria
  - **Identify future information needs**
- Feedback from SWAG **informs Working Group** discussions; **advisory only**
- **Coordinate** effort and discussions **with South American** subbasin

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## Overall Approach

- EKI works with GSAs to share draft materials from GSP development and Prop 68 studies with the SWAG
  - All materials informed by Working Group discussions
- SWAG members review and discuss draft materials; generate feedback to be shared with the Working Group
- Consistent with SGMA, Working Group considers whether and how to incorporate SWAG feedback

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## Discussion Focus

- Envision series of 4 meetings focused generally on the following:
  - *Meeting 1: Basin Setting*
  - *Meeting 2: Monitoring Network and Proposed Approach to Developing Sustainable Management Criteria*
  - *Meeting 3: Sustainable Management Criteria*
  - *Meeting 4: Projects and Management Actions*
- May be need for additional meetings and / or flexibility on topics

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## SWAG Composition – Our current thinking

- Working Group Representatives – focus on GSAs bordering Cosumnes River
  - 3 total - 1 each from SRCD, O-H, Sac County (cover both sides)
  - 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

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## Meeting Timing, Frequency and Staffing

- Currently **planning on 4 SWAG meetings**
  - Additional meetings or targeted outreach may be needed
- Timing dependent on Prop. 68 funding; **anticipate April /May 2020 through April 2021**
- Discussions supported by EKI, Water Forum and CBI
- Can be conducted by webinar, if needed
- Consider **combining process with South American**

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## Ground Rules

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

- Emphasize **advisory** nature of SWAG
- 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** (e.g., consistency with SGMA)

# SWAG Anticipated Work Product



Anticipate **series of presentations** to Working Group summarizing key perspectives, recommendations and areas of agreement and divergence on each of main topics discussed

Feedback **informs Working Group development of GSP**; fosters consistency with key SGMA requirements; **advisory only**

**Final decision to be made by Working Group** as reflected in the Basin's GSP

# Immediate Next Step



Our hope is to use the next month or two to solicit and firm up interest and participation in the SWAG

Guidance we need from you today:

- Big-picture feedback on purpose and approach
- Refinements and input on proposed outreach and SWAG composition