

# Long-Term Governance Committee

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# Long Term Governance Committee: Operating Guidelines



**Ultimately:** Full Working Group will recommend an approach to long-term governance, and the boards of directors of the seven GSAs in the Subbasin will vote to approve the governance approach.

**To this end:** Governance Committee's role is to identify and consider options and develop recommendations for the Working Group's consideration.

**Should the Committee not arrive at a consensus recommendation,** it will document the range of options and perspectives to inform the Working Group's decision-making.

**Committee meetings** will engage in informed deliberations, held in a roundtable format. This will encourage a clear understanding among committee members of the varying perspectives and tradeoffs associated with different alternatives.

The committee is expected to meet regularly from May 2020 through roughly April 2021.

# Long-Term Governance Committee: Purpose



- Work in service of the full Working Group
- Develop recommendations for long-term governance and funding for implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin's GSP;
- Identify issues that will require advice from legal counsel;
- Discuss decision-making protocols for SGMA implementation.

# Long Term Governance Committee: Guiding Principles



- Develop recommendations through **open and transparent process of deliberation**.
- Framework Agreement outlines eight **guiding principles** for how groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) work together within the Working Group:
  - Craft a GSP that respects local jurisdictions while building a subbasin-wide approach.
  - Recognize mutual interdependence.
  - Commitment to collaborate.
  - Strive for consensus.
  - Rely on credible process.
  - Build progress through incremental agreements.
  - Support effective and efficient processes.
  - Accommodate uncertainties.

# Committee Composition (for WG input!)



**Membership:** To support **focused deliberations**, each Working Group GSA will appoint [*Single? Up to two?*] representative to the Committee.

## **Representatives are tasked with:**

- Identifying issues of concern
- Providing expertise and perspectives on issues under discussion
- Jointly exploring options to address participant concerns and interests
- Signal degree of support for ideas under discussion (“can you live with it” standard).
- Regularly transmitting information between their respective agencies/boards and the Committee, so as to keep their agency apprised of the Committee’s current thinking and vice versa.

**Participants commit to making Committee meetings a priority** and will strive to attend all meetings. Participants will **review relevant meeting materials in advance** of the meetings and come prepared to address the meeting objectives.

# Immediate Next Step



Our hope is to use the next month or two to firm up representation.

Guidance we need from you today:

- Big-picture feedback on purpose and approach
- Refinements and input on proposed Governance Committee composition