

Dear SWAG Members,

Thank you again for your participation in last month's kick-off Surface Water Advisory Group (SWAG) meeting and the comments several of you provided following the discussion.

We are committed to bringing forward your comments in a way that is fully transparent, helpful to the Working Group, informed by EKI's past work, and cognizant of the tasks needed to complete the initial Groundwater Sustainability Plan by January 2022. Below are some initial thoughts on approach and timing

- ***Make all SWAG comments fully and immediately available.*** We have already provided any written comments received in their entirety to the Working Group so they have the opportunity to read your thoughts directly. We will continue to do this going forward. We are also posting these comments (along with all other SWAG materials) to the Subbasins website ([cosumnes.waterforum.org/meetings](https://cosumnes.waterforum.org/meetings)) so they are available to any other interested parties.
- ***Draft and share discussion SWAG discussion summaries.*** CBI will draft summaries for each SWAG meeting. These summaries will be provided to the SWAG in draft form so you have an opportunity to flag any key errors or omissions. (You have already received the draft summary for SWAG Meeting #1.) Once finalized, they, too, will be provided to the Working Group for its consideration and posted on-line.
- ***Invite Working Group questions and comments on SWAG perspectives.*** We will be asking Working Group members to closely review all SWAG comments and identify topics they feel are important for the Working Group to consider as it continues to develop and refine its initial GSP. We hope to have this first discussion at the September 16 Working Group meeting.
- ***Seek EKI's technical perspective on SWAG comments.*** As discussed at the kick-off meeting, it is the responsibility of the GSAs to decide whether and how comments from the SWAG and other water users and uses inform its GSP. To aid the GSAs in this effort, EKI will provide a comment summary for the Working Group that outlines its understanding of the comments in relation to the Technical Memoranda and recommends possible revisions to the GSP based on the comments. It will be the responsibility of the Working Group to consider the comments and direct EKI on needed revisions. This report will also be provided to the SWAG and posted on-line. We expect to discuss comments from SWAG Meeting #1 at the Working Group's October 21 meeting.
- ***Invite SWAG attendance at Working Group meetings.*** Each Working Group includes opportunities for public comment. We encourage you attend Working Group meetings to keep apprised of the GSAs' discussions and, as appropriate, fold in your perspectives. Working Group meeting agendas are posted on-line [here](#). If you haven't already done

so, we also recommend [subscribing to the mailing list](#) to receive Working Group updates.

We look forward to our continued work with you and diving into SWAG Meeting #2 on Friday, September 25.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,  
Tom Gohring