
SGMA UPDATES AND DECISION MAKING DURING GSP DEVELOPMENT

21 MARCH 2018
COSUMNES SUBBASIN WORKING GROUP / TAC MEETING



OUTLINE

- SGMA Updates
- Decision “tiers” in GSP Development



SGMA UPDATES – TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

- DWR Technical Support Services (TSS) application should be released sometime in “Spring 2018”
- Initial funding availability of \$2 million, with focus on installation of GW monitoring wells
- “Funding will be prioritized based on identified need”, with initial priority given to critically overdrafted basins (CODs)
 - Initial funding will “likely be exhausted” by CODs, but non-COD Basins are still encouraged to apply
 - Future funding for TSS may become available at a later date



* <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement> 3

SGMA UPDATES – EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN SUBBASIN

- EKI attended regular Board meeting of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJ GWA) on 14 March 2018
- ESJ GWA currently forming two advisory committees:
 - Technical/Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC)
 - Stakeholder Advisory Committee



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ESJ BASIN - TECHNICAL/POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Goal is to provide feedback on interim GSP components as they are developed by consultant team
- Monthly meeting to discuss GSP product-focused topics in advance of JPA Board meetings
- One representative included from each GSA (*staff vs. Board*)
- Sac County proposed at 3/14 ESJ Board meeting to have a representative from the Cosumnes Subbasin included in the ESJ TPAC
- **Recommendations for TPAC committee members due March 21**



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ESJ BASIN – STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

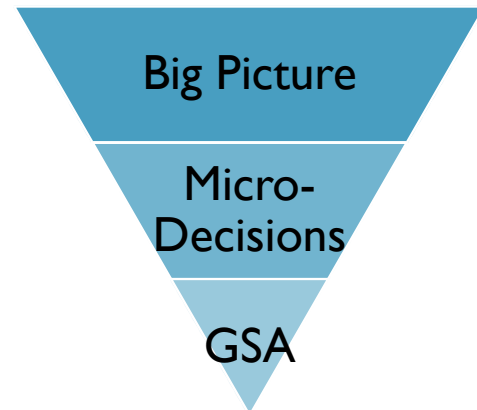
- 15 - 20 representatives from “organizations the GSP will potentially affect”
- Suggested list includes ag users, EJ groups, tribes, DACs/SDACs, fed/state land representatives, local business interests, etc.)
- Application-based selection process – anticipated first monthly meeting in late May 2018



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DECISION “TIERS” IN GSP DEVELOPMENT

1. **“Big picture” decisions** – key strategic, Basin-wide decisions that will dictate how the GSP(s) is developed, coordinated, funded and how “sustainability” will be defined within the Basin
2. **“Micro Decisions”** – feedback and direction on technical GSP components, stakeholder engagement processes, etc. (i.e., “micro-decisions”)
3. **GSA-specific decisions** – strategic internal decisions to be made by individual GSAs as part of GSP funding, adoption and implementation

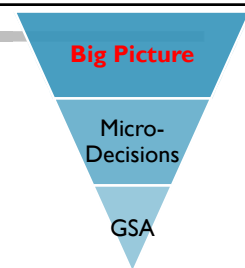


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“BIG-PICTURE” DECISIONS

- Key strategic, Basin-wide decisions that will dictate how the GSP(s) is developed, coordinated, funded, and how “sustainability” will be defined within the Basin
 - Will likely need to be decided by vote by the Working Group
- *Examples:*
 - One or multiple GSP(s)?
 - Selection of technical consultant(s)
 - Intrabasin coordination agreement(s)
 - Definition of *sustainability goal* and *undesirable results*
 - Interbasin coordination approaches
 - GSP implementation planning*



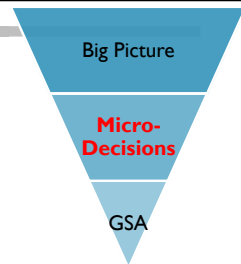
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"MICRO-DECISIONS"

- Feedback and direction on technical GSP components, stakeholder engagement processes, etc.
- GSP will be iteratively developed by technical consultants, informed by feedback from TAC, Working Group, individual GSAs and beneficial users

- Examples:*
 - Stakeholder engagement approaches
 - Data-gap filling activities
 - Water budgeting and sustainable yield estimation
 - Sustainable management criteria development
 - Monitoring network development
 - Identification of projects, management actions



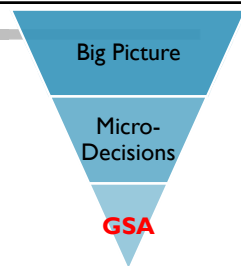
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GSA-SPECIFIC DECISIONS

- Strategic internal decisions to be made by individual GSAs
- Determined by individual GSA boards and reflected in TAC, Working Group processes and "big-picture" decisions

- Examples:*
 - Intrabasin coordination (i.e., Governance & Cost-share agreements)
 - Local stakeholder engagement
 - Staff / resource augmentation
 - Local funding mechanisms
 - GSP adoption
 - GSP implementation (i.e., projects, management actions)*



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QUESTIONS?

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