

Governance and Cost Share Approaches

Examples from Other Basins

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Areas of Inquiry

Representation
Voting Rules
Cost Share
Management Areas

Most agreements revisited at
end of GSP development

Key Takeaways

- Governance agreements focused on GSP development
- Approaches to cost share + voting vary:
Some equal, some based on area/historical water usage
- Variety of voting decision rules; fewer instances requiring full consensus
- Some inclusion of non-voting reps from non-GSAs
- Common to have management areas within GSP

Basin:	Paso Robles	Chowchilla	Turlock	Eastern San Joaquin
Agreement Type				
Overall Agreement for basin	MOA for 5 GSAs in San Luis Obispo County to develop 1 GSP w/ mgmt areas	MOU for 5 GSA to develop 1 GSP w/ mgmt areas	MOU for 2 GSAs developing 1 GSP	JPA among all 17 GSAs
# of GSAs	6	5	2	17
Nature of GSA Agreements	JPA + City + Counties + CSDs	WD (2) + Mutual Water Co + County (2)	JPA + JPA	MOU + MOA + County (2) City (4) + WD (2) + SD + ID (2) + WCD (2) + WA (2)
# of GSPs	1	1	1	1
Voting Structure				
# & type of voting parties	SLO County: 61% City: 15% SSIWD: 20% SMCSD: 3% HRCSD: 1%	Advisory Committee (with voting reps from each GSA and non-voting reps from non-GSAs) develops majority recommendations for GSA board approval	Joint TAC (comprised of the TAC for each GSA) operates by consensus to develop recommendations for both GSA governing boards At impasse, the TAC may convene an Ad Hoc committee comprised of the two GSA's governing board members	1 vote/ GSA
Decision rules	67% (100% to adopt/amend GSP or amend MOA)	Advisory Committee = majority All GSAs must approve budget	TAC = strive for consensus	Strive for Consensus but Majority rule: non-fiscal & 67% Majority: fiscal issues
Cost Sharing				
	Per above % based on multiple factors, such as land use, equity, acreage, population, etc. Many conversations to come to agreement	Allocated proportionately based on gross acreage of each Party's boundary.	Based on land: East Turlock GSA pays 49.36 percent West Turlock GSA pays 50.64 percent	San Joaquin County pays 55% due to Zone 2 property tax; Remaining 45% divided into 17 shares (+/-). Calaveras and Stanislas Counties each pay 1 share + small premium to approximate property tax

Basin:	Merced	Colusa	West Placer GSA
Agreement Type			
Overall Agreement for basin	MOU	JPA to form 1 GSA to develop 1 GSP	MOA forming 1 GSA to develop 1 GSP over portion of N. American Basin
# of GSAs	3	1 (w/ 11 seats on governing board)	1
Nature of GSA Agreements	JPA, MOU, & WD	JPA	County + City (2) + ID + WA
# of GSPs	1	1	1 (over portion of basin) – multiple GSPs in basin
Voting Structure			
# & type of voting parties	4 representatives from each GSA (12 total) for "technical and substantive Basin-wide issues"	One vote per Director.	One vote per member
Decision rules	Unanimous	Majority vote on some issues, super-majority on others.	Majority vote on some issues, unanimous vote for certain actions
Cost Sharing			
	For GSP only Merced: 59% Merced IU: 39% Turner Island WD: 2% Average of acreage & pumping		Split evenly, except lower for Cal-Am which is not a full member

Paso Robles

MOA for 5 GSAs in SLO County Single GSP

Vote + cost-share weighted by
historical water usage

GSAs: JPA + City + Counties +
CSDs

Weighted Voting - The vote of each member is weighted to reflect historical proportional use of gw in the basin and represent proportional responsibility to take care of the gw resource. These percentages represent how much cost in money, time and effort each party must proportionally expend in creating an acceptable GSP and later in implementing that Plan:

- City: 15%
- SMCSD: 3%
- HRCSD: 1%
- SSJWD: 20%
- SLO County: 61%

Voting Thresholds - Any action or recommendation requires affirmative vote of **67%**. The following requires a **100%** vote:

- Adopt the GSP or adopt an amendment to the GSP
- A recommendation that the Parties amend this MOA

Cost share - Per above.

The MOA will **automatically terminate** upon DWR's approval of the GSP for the Basin

Chowchilla

**MOU for 5 GSAs
Single GSP
with management areas**

Advisory Committee - This MOU will be administered through an Advisory Committee, consisting of one member and one alternate from each of the GSAs that are Parties to this Agreement and one non-voting member and one non-voting alternate from each of the Parties that are not a GSA.

AC develops recommendations based on an agreement of the **majority** of the committee's members; the **governing bodies** of each of the GSAs is then required to approve those recommendations prior to them becoming effective. **Budget must be approved by all parties.**

Cost share – Based on acreage.

E. San Joaquin

**JPA for 17 GSAs
Single GSP**

**GSAs: MOU + MOA + County
(2) + City (4) + WD (2) + SD +
ID (2) + WCD (2) + WA (2)**

1 vote per GSA | Strive for Consensus

Majority rule on non-fiscal issues

67% majority on fiscal + major issues

Cost share - San Joaquin County pays 55% due to Zone 2 property tax; remaining 45% divided into 17 shares. Calaveras and Stanislaus Counties each pay 1 share + small premium to approximate property tax.

Management areas in GSP

Paso Robles

Each GSA is its own management area

Modesto Subbasin

“If needed, the Modesto Subbasin will be divided into Management Areas... The HCM, groundwater conditions, water budget, water supply sources and types, and water management institutional setting and practices will be considered when evaluating the Subbasin for Management Areas. Management Areas will be discussed and delineated through a public process involving the GSA, local agencies, and stakeholders. Working together, the team will examine management strategies and impacts of defining various Management Areas.”