

List of Major Decisions to be made during GSP Development (by Phase and Scale)

Phase 1: GSP Foundation

Basin

- Governance/Coordination
 - Decide whether to designate jurisdictional management areas on the basis of jurisdictional (i.e., GSA) boundaries or wait and determine management areas on a scientific basis (Phase 3)
 - Potentially determine GSP structure
 - Formalize Basin-wide coordination structure (e.g., development of JPA, etc.) and governance approach (i.e., voting and cost-share structure)
- Stakeholder Engagement
 - Decide on a Basin-wide approach for stakeholder outreach/ engagement
- Technical
 - Hire a technical consultant
 - Choose a DMS
 - Choose a numerical model and modeling approach
- Funding
 - Develop cost-sharing obligations for participants in Basin-wide GSP development efforts

Local

- Stakeholder Engagement
 - Develop local outreach plan to communicate GSA-specific activities to local stakeholders and customers
- Funding
 - Develop GSA-specific GSP development funding plan (i.e., plan to fund cost-share obligations + any individual expenses anticipated by the GSA)

Phase 2: Basin Characterization and Analysis

The Basin Characterization Phase will focus on development of scientific data and information. Consensus on key technical elements will be important.

Phase 3: Sustainability Planning

Basin

- Governance/Coordination
 - Decide whether to designate scientific management areas on the basis of local hydrogeologic/GW conditions
 - Decide whether to prepare a single GSP, a single GSP with chapters, or multiple coordinated GSPs (*if not already determined in Phase 1*)
 - Develop GSP Coordination Agreement for GSPs (*if not already done in Phase 1*)
- Technical
 - Agree upon a sustainable yield value for the Basin
 - Define undesirable results and sustainability goal for the Basin
 - Identify any Basin-wide projects and management actions
 - Develop Basin-wide GSP implementation plan
- Funding
 - Develop basin-wide GSP implementation funding plan

Local

- Governance/Coordination
 - (For each GSA) – finalize decision to be included in Basin-wide GSP or to develop individual (coordinated) GSP for GSA service area
- Technical
 - Define local (GSA-specific) sustainability criteria and metrics
 - Define local (GSA-specific) projects and management actions
 - Develop local (GSA-specific) GSP implementation plan, including plan for implementation of local projects / management actions
- Funding
 - Develop local (GSA-specific) GSP implementation funding plan

Phase 4: GSP Preparation and Submittal**Basin/Local**

- Governance/Coordination
 - If preparing multiple GSPs in the Basin, coordinate GSPs and submittal to DWR
- Stakeholder engagement
 - Determine which feedback/comments to address in the final GSP(s)