

Long-Term Governance Committee

Cosumnes Working Group
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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