

Cosumnes Subbasin Surface Water Working Group (SWAG)

Fact Sheet

Purpose: Serve an *advisory* role to the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Working Group, to inform the Working Group's development of the Cosumnes Subbasin groundwater sustainability plan (GSP).

Objective: Develop mutual understanding of the technical basis for sustainable management criteria related to groundwater/surface water interactions.

Anticipated activities

- Four meetings (held virtually)
- Review available data regarding groundwater and Cosumnes River conditions
- Provide feedback on discussions and technical work related to the Cosumnes Subbasin's monitoring network, Undesirable Results and Sustainable Management Criteria
- Identify future information needs
- Coordinate effort and discussions with the South American Subbasin

Approach

- Technical consultant EKI (in consultation with the Cosumnes Subbasin Working Group) will share draft materials from GSP development and Prop. 68 studies with the SWAG. All draft materials will be informed by Working Group discussions.
- SWAG members will review and discuss draft materials and generate feedback to be shared with the Working Group.
- Consistent with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the Working Group will consider whether and how to incorporate SWAG feedback.

Discussion Focus: Each of the four meetings will focus on a topic described below. There may be need for additional meetings and/or flexibility on topics.

- Meeting 1: Basin Setting
- Meeting 2: Monitoring Network and Proposed Approach to Developing Sustainable Management Criteria
- Meeting 3: Sustainable Management Criteria
- Meeting 4: Projects and Management Actions

SWAG composition: The SWAG will reflect a range of interests and perspectives, with invited representation from the groups listed below. Discussions will be supported by technical consultant EKI, the Sacramento Water Forum, and a facilitation team from the Consensus Building Institute.

- The Cosumnes Working Group (with a focus on groundwater sustainability agencies bordering the Cosumnes River)
- NGOs including the Cosumnes Coalition, The Nature Conservancy, Environmental Defense Fund, ECOS, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
- Agency representatives from California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Bureau of Land Management (Cosumnes Preserve)
- Representatives from the South American and Eastern San Joaquin Subbasins
- Wilton Rancheria, Ione Band of Miwok Indians, and Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwok Indians

- Sacramento-Amador Water Quality Alliance, RD-800, Sheldon Community Association, Sacramento County Farm Bureau, Sacramento County Cattleman's Association,

Ground rules: The SWAG will generally rely on the ground rules outlined in Cosumnes Working Group's Framework Agreement, with emphasis on the points described below.

- The SWAG is an advisory body. All final decisions will be made by the Working Group as reflected in the Basin's GSP.
- Focus on developing credible and timely information and understanding
- Foster thoughtful exchange of information and perspectives
- Identify areas of common interests and approach
- To the extent the SWAG can identify shared perspectives, it will be of great benefit to the Working Group

Anticipated work product: We anticipate a series of presentations to the Working Group summarizing the SWAG's key perspectives, recommendations, and areas of agreement and divergence on each of main topics discussed.