

Cosumnes Subbasin Working Group
*****Monthly Updates – November 2021*****

Below are brief updates related to SGMA implementation in the Cosumnes Subbasin. To keep Working Group conversations focused on GSP development, we are not planning to cover all this material during the November 17, 2021, Working Group meeting. However, if there is a topic below that you believe merits discussion with the full Working Group, please let us know and we will do our best to work it into the agenda.

- ***Cosumnes Groundwater Authority JPA.*** At the October 20 Working Group meeting, the Working Group approved sharing the [Joint Powers Authority \(JPA\) agreement](#) to form the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority for GSP implementation and an [initial funding agreement](#) with respective governing boards to consider formal adoption (expected to occur throughout November). The newly formed CGA may hold an initial meeting in late November (more information forthcoming).
- ***Cosumnes Subbasin Draft GSP.*** Draft GSP released in August; comment period ended October 20. Received comments have been shared at the Working Group meetings on a rolling basis. At the November 4 Working Group special meeting, the Working Group supported the [response approaches presented by EKI and committees](#) (with modifications to include language that emphasizes that GSAs recognize the importance of groundwater dependent ecosystems [GDEs] and intention to maintain focus on GDEs going forward). Full compilation of comments and proposed responses/revisions to the GSP will be shared at the November 17 meeting.
- ***Funding.*** Revised revenue estimates have been developed based on updates to the irrigated acres database. More updates will be shared at the Working Group meeting.
- ***Tribal outreach.*** Several GSA representatives are continuing efforts to strengthen outreach to tribal representatives. Specific updates will be shared at the Working Group meeting.

ESJ / South American updates. South American Subbasin GSP Public Draft comment period ended August 18.

- ***Existing Grants.*** Compiling invoices from all contributing agencies for cost share to submit DWR invoice #12 for third quarter 2021. Projected overage of about \$6,000 will be met by GEI submitting the GSP and assisting with response to comments along with the Interim Plan Manager and Watershed Coordinator, moving \$20k in funding from Prop 68 grant administration to monitoring well installation, and relying on County resources for the Quarterly and grant Completion Reports submittal to DWR.
- ***GSAs.*** Notices to cities and counties regarding the Cosumnes GSAs intent to adopt the GSP were sent in September.

Expected GSA Boards' hearing dates to adopt the final GSP (dates subject to change; hearing cannot occur within 90 days of notice to cities/counties):

1. Amador County AWA – TBD
2. Clay Water District - TBD
3. City of Galt – Dec 21
4. Galt ID – Dec 14
5. OHWD – Dec 22 (tentative)
6. Sac County – Dec 14
7. SRCD – Jan 12

- **Monitoring.** A full monitoring network has been established with access agreements and alternatives wells in place. The monitoring network currently satisfies SGMA requirements but will be reevaluated as necessary to address any data gaps. The Watershed Coordinator has been working to create SOPs regarding pre/post monitoring and data storage. A monitoring effort took place in October.
- **Tracking Logs.** A reminder to GSAs to closely track all outreach efforts within your jurisdiction as this is a key requirement under SGMA. This includes SGMA-focused public meetings being led by your GSA, email updates out to constituents, survey efforts, etc. Please use the tracking log CBI distributed to all GSAs following the November 2020 Working Group meeting.
- **DWR Updates.** Please see the additional handout for updates from the Department of Water Resources