

Cosumnes Subbasin Working Group
*****Monthly Updates – December 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 December 8, 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.*** Per WG recommendation, GSA boards adopted the [Joint Powers Authority \(JPA\) agreement](#) to form the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority for GSP implementation and an [initial funding agreement](#). The newly formed Cosumnes Groundwater Authority for GSP implementation held an initial meeting November 29. The next meeting will be Dec 20 at 9:00a. Until the CGA has an independent website, meeting notices and materials will be posted on the Working Group website.
- ***Cosumnes Subbasin Draft GSP.*** Full compilation of public comments on the Draft GSP and proposed responses/revisions to the GSP were shared at the November 17 meeting. The Working Group confirmed EKI could move forward per edits discussed at the November 17 meeting and language the PMA subcommittee provided and received approval from GSAs.
- ***Outreach & Engagement.*** The Cosumnes Communications & Engagement Plan was updated to capture recent O&E activities and provide additional information to support GSP implementation.
- ***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. The ESJ Subbasin 2020 GSP received an initial review from DWR. The South American Subbasin GSAs are holding GSA Board meetings to consider approving the final SaSB GSP (OHWD approved in November; other GSA Boards are meeting in December).

- ***Existing Grants.*** Sacramento County is working with the CA DWR on an Encroachment Permit for installing a Prop 68 monitoring well
- ***GSAs.*** 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 – Jan 13?
 2. Clay Water District – Jan 11?

3. City of Galt – Dec 21
4. Galt ID – Dec 14
5. OHWD – Dec 21 (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