

August 2019 Newsletter

Subbasin Announcements

The Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin continued their ongoing coordination in development of the groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) during the month of July. Multiple Coordination Committee, Technical Working Group, and Data Management System Working Group meetings were held during the month. In addition, two in-person meetings were held this month with GSA representatives to review comments on the Common Chapter. The Committees and working groups focused on the development of a Subbasin-wide data management system and incorporation of edits and comments to the eight Technical Memoranda and Subbasin Common Chapter that will accompany the six individual GSPs and Subbasin Coordination Agreement.

An in-person meeting with Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Program staff was conducted in early July to address various questions from the six GSPs in the Subbasin. The questions were regarding the development and implementation of the sustainability plans. The topics for discussion included change in storage and hydrographs required for annual reporting, water use sector and extraction reporting, and SGMA monitoring on State owned lands (wildlife refuges). A follow-up call was held later in the month where DWR Staff provided some direction, and they continue to work internally to resolve outstanding questions. Agencies in the Subbasin continued to work with DWR to identify funding through available Technical Support Services for groundwater monitoring wells and subsidence monitoring locations.

Our Timeline



Upcoming Meetings

Technical Working Group Tuesday, August 20 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM 842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA Coordination Committee Monday, September 9 9:30 AM- 12:00 PM 842 6th St, Los Banos, CA

Technical Working Group Tuesday, September 17 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM 842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA



Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Group Updates



In July, the North-Central GSP Group:

- Compiled References and Technical Studies used to develop the North-Central GSP
- Approved Common Chapter and Technical Memorandum
- Continued development of the following GSP sections
 - Introduction
 - Groundwater Conditions
 - Water Budgets
 - o Management Areas
 - o Projects & Management Actions
 - o Monitoring Networks
 - o Plan Implementation
 - o Outreach

In August, the North-Central GSP Group will:

- Post the admin drafts of all GSP chapters yet to be posted for review
- Continue compiling References and Technical Studies used to develop the North-Central Delta-Mendota GSP



FARMERS

WATER DISTRICT

Farmers Water District GSP Group completed the following activities in July:

- Edits to Basin Setting Chapters
- Completed first draft of Sustainable Management Criteria and Monitoring Network Chapters
- Review of basin wide Common Chapters
- · Provide feedback on basin wide DMS
- Update to internal DMS

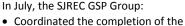
Farmers Water District GSP Group's current and upcoming activities include:

- Completing internal review of Draft GSP
- 90-day notice of intent to adopt GSP

In July, the Grassland GSP Group completed the following activities:

- Merced County and Grassland GSA reviewed draft Chapters 2, 6, and 7
- Internal Review of Chapters 1 and 3
- Updated Sustainable Management Criteria and associated draft Chapter 4
- Updated Representative Monitoring Network and associated draft Chapter 5
- Continued engagement with Merced County regarding GSP development
- Ongoing coordination with Delta-Mendota Subbasin Data Management System Subcommittee
- Provide input on the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Technical Memoranda and Common Chapter

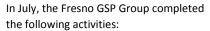




 Coordinated the completion of the Subbasin Common Chapter and Technical Memorandum

In August, the SJREC GSP Group plans to:

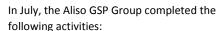
- Send the notice of public hearing to adopt the GSP to the Cities and Counties
- Prepare Annual Reporting requirements
- Support the development of the Data Management System for the Subbasin



- Edits to Basin Setting Chapters
- Completed first draft of Sustainable Management Criteria and Monitoring Network Chapters
- Review of basin wide Common Chapters
- Provide feedback on basin wide Data Management System
- Updates to internal Data Management System

The Fresno GSP Group's current and upcoming activities include:

- Complete internal review of Draft GSP
- 90-day notice of intent to adopt GSP



- Review Monitoring Network Chapter
- Ongoing coordination with the Delta-Mendota Subbasin for development of the Common Chapter and Data Management System

The Aliso GSP Group's current and upcoming activities include:

 Review of Sustainable Management Criteria Chapter







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