



Minutes

East Contra Costa GSP Working Group and Communications Committee Meeting

When: Wednesday January 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Zoom Call

Attendees: Bill Brewster, Dan Muelrath, Eric Brennan, Jill Mosley, Mike Davies, Paul Seger, Tracy Shearer, Vicki Kretsinger, Tom Elson, Faithe Lovelace, Aaron Trott, Nacho Mendoza

ACTION ITEMS January 2021

ITEM	OWNER	DUE
1. LSCE to send draft of Section 6 for review and comment by work group.	Tom, Debbie, Faithe	January 22
2. Prepare an announcement that Sections 3 and 4 are available for public comment. This will be run in the newspaper, send to 100 on the interested parties list, GSAs will post on their websites.	Ryan	Continuation from November
3. Contact Stantec re: public Survey Monkey statistics	LSCE	February 10
4. Investigate status of Byron Airport development status and email the group with the information.	Ryan	Continuation from November
5. Respond to request for cost sharing information (ref. January 6, 2021 email to Work Group re: Cost Share for ECC Grant Invoice).	Work Group members	January 22
6. Respond to monitoring questionnaire (ref. November 17, 2020 email to Work Group re: Monitoring Network).	Work Group members	Completed

Meeting Summary

1. Jill and her team have GSP Section 4 posted on the ECC website.
2. Still no comments from the public on Sections 1 - 3
 - a. Jill is going to check to see how many views the sections have on the website.
 - i. Stantec would have to provide the viewer statistics for the survey.
 - b. Dan and Eric informed the group that on 1/15 an article regarding the GSP will be published letting the public know the group is looking for comments.
3. CCWD had comments for production amounts and will provided the group with updated numbers.
4. Eric reported that Brentwood had not yet received payment for Progress Report 8 but TODB and ECCID have received payments.
 - a. Jill informed the group that CCWD has not received payment since Progress Report 5.
5. As a preview to Section 6, Tom gave a presentation on Monitoring Networks for water quality and water levels and provided information on representative sites to monitor for sustainability.
6. DWD (Dan and Paul) posed the question of ensuring that GSAs comply with sustainability. The hypothetical raised was a local project implemented by a GSA (e.g., expanded non-potable pumping by DWD) that induces undesirable results (say, declining water levels). In response, as signatories to the GSP and in accordance with the responsibilities of each GSA to sustainably manage groundwater, the

undesirable effects arising from a project would be evident through monitoring of sustainability indicators. Mitigation would be required under SGMA regulations. However, to the extent that more explicit means to regulate GSAs within the subbasins (i.e., to prevent a GSA from inducing undesirable results), Dan asked whether the MOU among GSAs would be invoked. This topic is fundamental to SGMA regulations and will be part of GSP implementation (Section 9).

7. Bill with DWR provided updates on the following topics:
 - a. Bulletin 118, California's Groundwater 2020 continues to be delayed. The Fact Sheet for this publication can be found at: <https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Bulletin-118/Files/California-GW-FactSheet.pdf>
 - b. In light of a dry winter, the Work Group might wish to be aware of a reporting system on household water shortages. This resource serves individual well owners not served by a public and provides a means to report a shortage. This resource is intended to inform state and local agencies on drought impacts on household water supplies and statistics are provided on a county basis. The site can be found at: <https://mydrywatersupply.water.ca.gov/report>.
 - c. DWR is in the process of updating outreach and landowner access agreements involving groundwater monitoring in order to maintain networks and fill data gaps. There are not a significant number of such wells in the ECC Subbasin, but Vicki indicated that it would be desirable to be aware of the scope and timing of the project within the subbasin.
 - d. DWR's Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) surveys are being planned in 2021. The project is funded by Prop 68 program to survey California's groundwater basins. Information from the surveys will provide aquifer data to GSAs on subsurface hydrogeologic characteristics intended to reduce uncertainty and aid in successful development and implementation of GSPs and groundwater recharge projects. A Fact Sheet can be found at: <https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools/Files/Prop68/P1-2020-AEM-Fact-Sheet.pdf?la=en&hash=A4189F4F13195F5620D0795CE3655E12B4DBDDF0>.
8. The next meeting is Wed. February 10th 10 to 11:30 am.

Attachments

Agenda for January 13, 2021

Slide Presentation for Monitoring Networks, GSP Section 6