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Communication + Engagement Plan for the South American Subbasin  
(SASb) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (July 2020)

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# South American **SUBBASIN**

## **COMMUNICATION + ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

FOR THE SOUTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN (SASb)  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

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### **SASb Groundwater Sustainability Agencies**

- *Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority*
- *Northern Delta GSA*
- *Omochumne-Hartnell Water District*
- *Sacramento County*
- *Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District*
- *Reclamation District No. 551*



Abbreviations	Description
Ag-Res	Agricultural Residential
Board	GSA board of directors or other form of governing body (e.g. city council, board of supervisors)
C&E Plan	South American Subbasin (SASb), Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Working Draft Communication and Engagement Plan
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
GSA	Groundwater Sustainability Agency
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
GSPWG	Groundwater Sustainability Plan Working Group
PDF	Portable Document Format
SCGA	Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
State Board	State Water Resources Control Board
SASb	South American Subbasin

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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This Communication and Engagement Plan (C&E Plan) was created in response to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The purpose of this C&E Plan is to assist the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) of the South American Subbasin (SASb) with stakeholder outreach and other related actions as required by SGMA. Its chapters identify key stakeholders and provide a high-level overview of near and long-term outreach and engagement strategies, tactics, and tools. The content of this C&E Plan was developed through discussions with GSA representatives and stakeholders during an interview process. See **Appendix A** for a list of the interviewees.

The Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) serves as the fiscal and administering entity that is developing the SASb Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) under the guidance of a Working Group (WG). The GSPWG is governed by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (**Appendix B**) adopted by the participating SASb GSAs.

### SGMA Basics<sup>1</sup>

After decades of debate about groundwater management, California lawmakers adopted SGMA in 2014. This far-reaching law seeks to bring the state's critically important groundwater basins into a sustainable condition. The new regulatory landscape for groundwater management has created new obligations for groundwater users including municipal and agricultural water managers in the SASb. SGMA identifies six sustainability indicators, as shown below:

- Lowering Groundwater Levels
- Reduction of Storage
- Seawater Intrusion
- Degraded Quality
- Land Subsidence
- Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water

SGMA required by June 30, 2017, the formation of locally controlled GSAs in many of the state's groundwater basins, including the SASb. A GSA is responsible for developing and implementing a GSP. These plans assist the basins in meeting sustainability goals. The primary goal is to maintain sustainable yields without causing undesirable results.

### GSAs & GSPs

Any local public agency that has water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities in a basin can decide to become a GSA. A single local agency can decide to become a GSA, or a combination of local agencies can decide to form a GSA by using either a Joint Power Authority, a memorandum of agreement, or another legal agreement. If no agency assumes the GSA role, the responsibility defaults to the County; however, the County may decline.

A GSP may be any of the following (California Water Code Section 10727[b]):

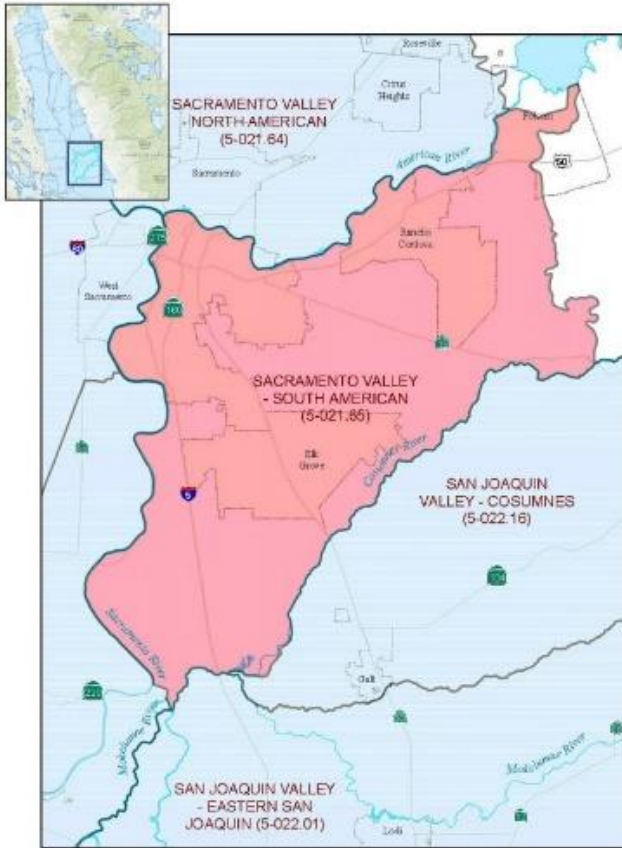
- A single plan covering the entire basin developed and implemented by one GSA
- A single plan covering the entire basin developed and implemented by multiple GSAs

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<sup>1</sup> The text from this section of the C&E Plan was drawn directly from multiple DWR publications. See <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management>

- Multiple plans developed and implemented by multiple GSAs that collectively cover the entire basin

Subject to California Water Code Section 10727.6, multiple plans implemented by multiple GSAs must be coordinated pursuant to a single coordination agreement that covers the entire basin.



**Figure 1. South American Subbasin is located within the larger Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin**

If local agencies are unable to form an approved GSA and/or prepare an approvable GSP in the required timeframe, then the basin or subbasin would be considered unmanaged. Unmanaged groundwater basins and subbasins are subject to State Water Resources Control Board oversight. This is true even if the vast majority of the basin or subbasin is covered by a plan. Should intervention occur, the State Water Resources Control Board is authorized to recover its costs.

### SGMA and the SASb

The South American Subbasin is a high priority subbasin within the larger Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin (**Figure 1**). A majority of the SASb is surrounded by rivers including the American River on the northern boundary, the Cosumnes and Mokelumne Rivers on the south, and the Sacramento River forming the western boundary. The eastern boundary is the only area not bounded by a river, located where the alluvial sediments of the groundwater basin give way to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. The SASb shares boundaries with five adjacent subbasins, the Yolo Subbasin to the northwest, Solano Subbasin to the west, North American Subbasin to the north, and the Eastern San Joaquin and Cosumnes Subbasins to the south.

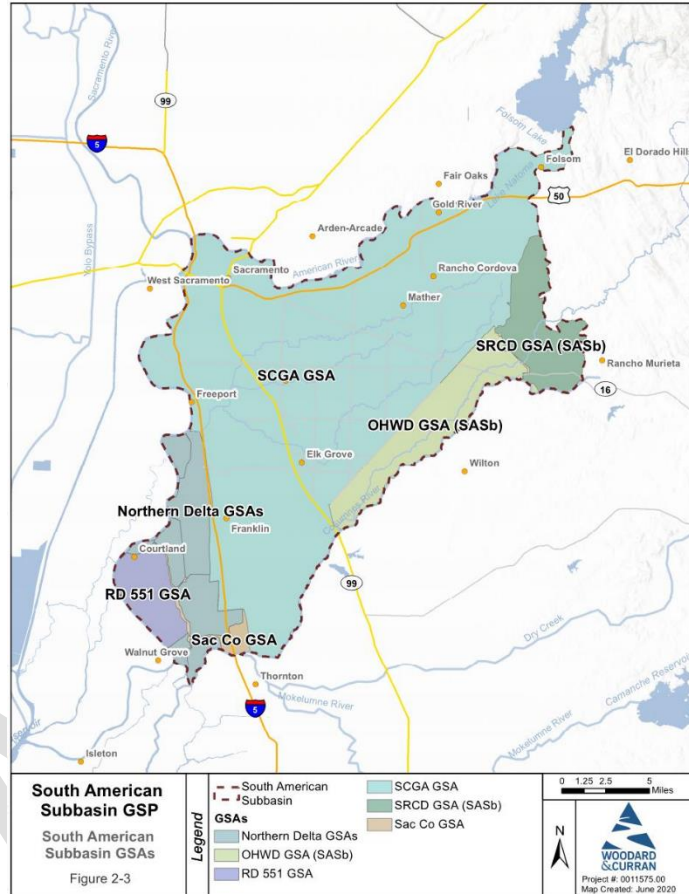
In 2014, California enacted SGMA requiring high and medium priority groundwater basins to develop a GSP to achieve a sustainable regime that balances pumping and recharge and considers the needs of all water users. The change in water management laws has created new obligations for groundwater users and water managers in the SASb. In accordance with SGMA, six GSAs were formed and under a collective Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Attachment B) in Spring of 2020, five of six of the GSAs agreed to develop one GSP for the SASb. While RD551 is currently not one of the MOU signatories, they are considering the option of merging their governance into one of the five GSAs listed below for the SASb GSP.

Following is a list of GSAs in the SASb as also depicted in **Figure 2** SASb GSP Map:

- County of Sacramento
- Northern Delta
- Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
- Reclamation District No. 551
- Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
- Sloughouse Resource Conservation District

### C+E Plan as a Roadmap

This C&E Plan serves as a roadmap to meet one of the statutory requirements of SGMA and the GSP Regulations as outlined in **Appendix C** and, more importantly, serves to facilitate common understanding and transparency of the GSP development process among the GSAs and interested parties throughout the GSP process. The GSAs will follow this plan to engage with and gather input from various Interested Parties to support GSP development. GSP information, meeting schedules, and useful links can be found at the SASb Groundwater Website at: [www.sasbgroundwater.org](http://www.sasbgroundwater.org). Anyone may register as an Interested Party to be notified of upcoming events and activities regarding GSP development. For more information on SASb Website, refer to **Appendix D**. **Figure 3** shows how GSP development will lead to a sustainable groundwater basin.



**Figure 2. SASb GSA Boundaries**



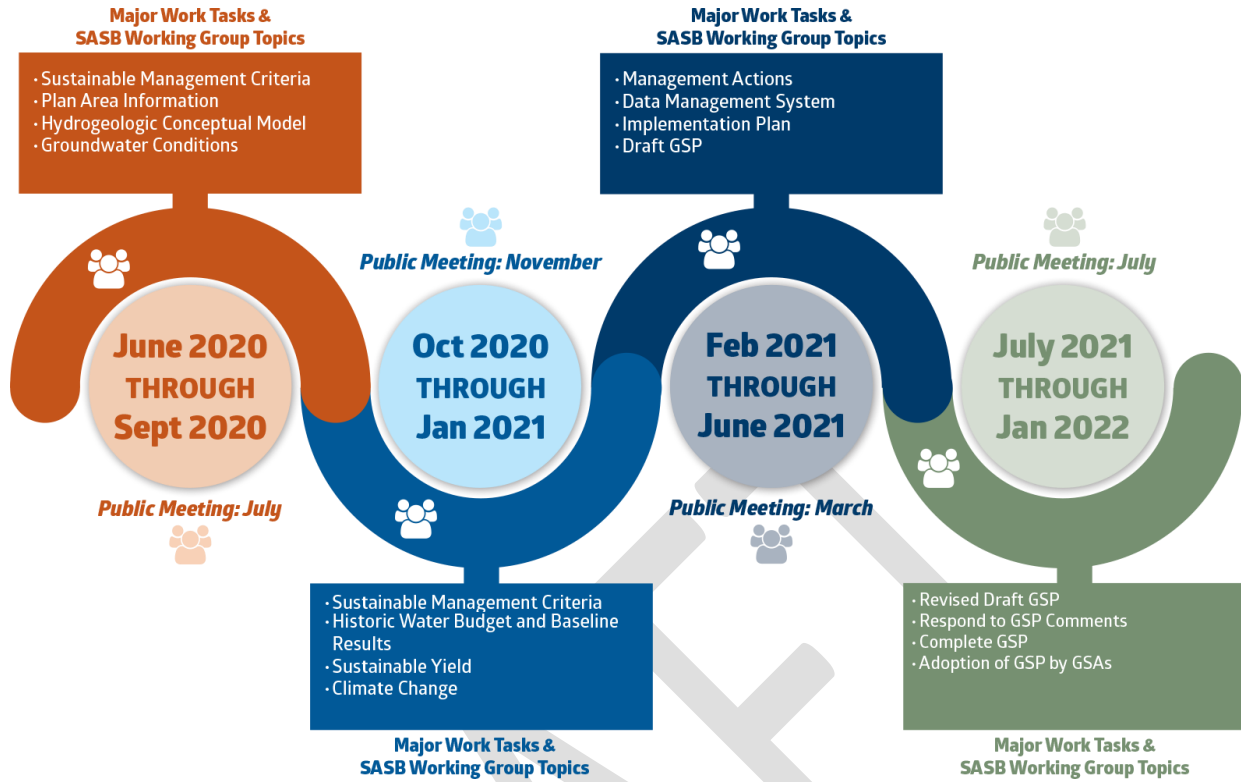


Figure 3. Role of SGMA in GSP Process

## 2.0 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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The goal of the SASb communication and engagement efforts is to involve broad and diverse Interested Parties, including stakeholders, the public, and beneficial uses and users of groundwater throughout the GSP development process to ensure Interested Parties' concerns, issues, and aspirations are consistently understood and considered in the GSAs' decision-making process.

Under the umbrella of meeting the statutory requirements of SGMA and the GSP Regulations (**Table 1** below and **Appendix C**), the objectives of the SASb's engagement efforts are to:

- Educate Interested Parties about the importance of the GSP, what is and is not feasible, what must be accomplished, and how success will be measured.
- Ensure Interested Parties and beneficial users of water are able to contribute meaningful input, which is then considered in the decision-making process.
- Involve a diverse group of Interested Parties in the GSP process.
- Make public participation easy and accessible.

The GSAs represented by the GSPWG, are working together to develop a GSP, committed to safeguard our local groundwater resources through sustainable management and to preserve this invaluable water supply source for future generations. The GSAs are committed to work with Interested Parties to ensure that their concerns and inputs are considered in GSP development as outlined in the Partnership Agreement (**Appendix E**) including:

“To foster the consideration of the beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the SASb, the GSPWG members (Parties) agree to the following:

- Parties are committed to an inclusive and transparent process that proactively seeks the engagement and input of potentially impacted groups as identified in SGMA. Parties will work to develop protocols for public engagement, both at public workshops and during regular Working Group meetings.
- Parties will work collectively to develop an agreed-upon outreach plan, but each GSA is responsible for helping to guide and implement efforts within their respective jurisdictions.
- Parties recognize the value in developing shared messages to ensure consistency; joint participation in outreach efforts is encouraged to foster consistency in message and concretely demonstrate the Parties' coordinated effort.
- Parties recognize the need to conduct outreach in the near-term to better understand additional representation needs (e.g., environmental, tribal, riparian water users, overlying water users, disadvantaged communities (DACs) etc.) beyond the signatories to this agreement.”

*Table 1. Communication and Engagement Plan SGMA Requirements*

Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) SASb ranked as a high priority basin<sup>2</sup>, required to do the following per section (23 Cal. Code Regs. §354.10):

“Each Plan shall include a summary of information relating to notification and communication by the Agency with other agencies and Interested Parties, including:

- (a) A description of the beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the basin, including the land uses and property interests potentially affected by the use of groundwater in the basin, the types of parties representing those interests, and the nature of consultation with those parties.
- (b) A list of public meetings at which the Plan was discussed or considered by the Agency.
- (c) Comments regarding the Plan received by the Agency and a summary of any responses by the Agency.
- (d) A communication section of the Plan that includes the following:
  - (1) An explanation of the Agency’s decision-making process.
  - (2) Identification of opportunities for public engagement and a discussion of how public input and response will be used.
  - (3) A description of how the Agency encourages the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of population within the basin. An explanation of the Agency’s decision-making process.
  - (4) The method the Agency shall follow to inform the public about progress implementing the Plan, including the status of projects and actions.”

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<sup>2</sup> Basin Prioritization is a technical process that utilizes the best available data and information to classify California’s 515 groundwater basins into one of four categories high-, medium-, low-, or very low-priority. The technical process is based on eight components that are identified in the California Water Code Section 10933(b).

### 3.0 BENEFICIAL USES AND STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

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SGMA stresses the importance of local groups to create local plans and ultimately to locally manage sustainable solutions. To achieve this, stakeholder input to consider beneficial groundwater uses and users of groundwater is imperative to support the GSP process and implementation. The SASb supports various agricultural activities (including but not limited to grazing, vineyards, and orchards); rural residential wells; municipal and industrial supply; aquatic ecosystems associated with rivers and streams, some of which provide habitat for threatened or endangered species, and groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems. While a more extensive list of Interested Parties is included in **Appendix F**, a summary of stakeholder groups is listed below.

- Cities
- County
- Large rural residential enclaves
- Agricultural Water Users
- Municipal Water Suppliers in Urban areas
- Industrial users
- Commercial users
- Remediation pumpers
- Natural ecosystems
- General public
- Land use authorities
- Private well owners
- Public agencies
- Environmental interests
- Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) (**Appendix G**)
- Native American Tribal interests (**Appendix H**)

California Water Code (CWC) §10723.4 requires GSAs to establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents. Any person may request, in writing, to be placed on the list of Interested Parties. Additionally, the GSAs developed the [www.sasbgroundwater.org](http://www.sasbgroundwater.org) where any person may sign up to be added to the list of Interested Parties. **Appendix F** includes a list of Interested Parties identified at the time of GSA formation. The updated Interested Parties list, with individual registrants, is stored in the portal of the SASb website (**Appendix D**) will be available to DWR at the time of GSP submittal.

#### Diverse Outreach Practices

The GSPWG is committed to encouraging the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the groundwater basin. As such, outreach practices will be diverse as well, as outlined in **Section 7.0**.

## 4.0 GSAs' DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

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The SASb GSAs are working together to meet SGMA requirements and will collaboratively prepare a single GSP by January 31, 2022. A GSP Working Group (WG) was established per the MOU (**Appendix A**) to provide recommendations related to development of the SASb GSP. GSP decision making and input is represented by the roles of the GSP Working Group, GSA Boards and Stakeholders as depicted in **Figure 4**.

### GSP Working Group

The SASb GSAs have formed a GSPWG of senior staff and governing board members to coordinate day-to-day planning activities and public outreach. This GSPWG comprises representatives from five of the six GSAs (See



*Figure 4. Participants in the GSP Development Process*

**Table 2).** within the Subbasin and follows a consensus-based decision-making structure, where each member receives an equal voice. The GSPWG will hold two types of meetings, regularly scheduled working sessions to focus on the technical content and guidance to consultants working on the GSP as well as publicly noticed public meetings to allow stakeholders to engage and provide input prior to key GSP milestones throughout the process. GSA Board and Public meetings information can be found at <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/meetings.html>.

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**Table 2. SASb GSA Working Group Members**

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies	GSPWG Members	Date GSA Formed*
County of Sacramento <a href="https://waterresources.saccounty.net/Pages/SGMA.aspx">https://waterresources.saccounty.net/Pages/SGMA.aspx</a>	Linda Dorn Kerry Schmitz (Alternate)	April 11, 2017
Northern Delta GSA <a href="http://www.ndgsa.org">http://www.ndgsa.org</a>	Erik Ringelberg Chris Thomas (Alternate)	Various
Omochumne-Hartnell Water District <a href="http://www.ohwd.org">http://www.ohwd.org</a>	Mike Wackman Mark Stretars Mark Wilson (Alternate)	April 24, 2016
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority <a href="https://scgah2o.saccounty.net/Pages/default.aspx">https://scgah2o.saccounty.net/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Todd Eising Paul Schubert Mark Madison Evan Jacobs Dave Ocenosak Ted Rauh Christine Thompson	July 21, 2016
Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District <a href="http://sloughousercd.org">http://sloughousercd.org</a>	Austin Miller Herb Garms (Alternate)	April 25, 2016

\*Please see [www.sasbgroundwater.org/home](http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/home) for links to GSA formation information.

The GSPWG signed a Partnership Commitment (**Appendix E**) including principles for engagement and operation that are intended to provide a framework of commitments among the members to work collaboratively, efficiently, and with the necessary dedication to promote the development, adoption and submission of a SMGA compliant GSP by the statutory deadline of January 31, 2022.

The GSPWG is responsible for:

- Sharing feedback from their respective GSA’s related to the GSP development
- Making recommendations to their respective GSA regarding the consideration and adoption of the GSP
- Providing or ensuring the provision of timely responses and supporting information related to GSP development to the Consultants upon request in order to meet the state mandated GSP deadline
- Performing and supporting appropriate and coordinated outreach to stakeholders within the Subbasin
- Ultimately delivering an acceptable GSP to all GSA Boards for adoption

**The GSA Boards:** The respective GSA’s Boards assigned their GSPWG members to work on the day to day development of the GSP and stakeholder communication and engagement. The GSA Boards are responsible for:

- Ensuring appropriate communication and engagement is executed per the approved C&E Plan on behalf of their GSA
- Accepting interim milestone approvals to meet the mandated schedule the Final GSP
- Being informed about the GSP development by their designated GSPWG Members
- Informing their respective GSPWG Members with their insights, perspectives, and opinions

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- Ultimately adopting an acceptable final GSP to deliver for DWR review by January 2022

As part of developing the GSP, the SASb GSAs will inform and involve stakeholders and Interested Parties within their own jurisdictions through their respective Board meetings and on their individual websites listed in

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**Table 2.** The typical meeting frequency and locations for meetings of each GSA Board can be found at <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/meetings.html>.

## Additional Contributors to GSP Development

### Interested Parties

Interested Parties can participate in public meetings and hearings, which are posted on the SASb Website, and communicate with GSPWG members to provide input, obtain information, and review and comment on GSP documents. An initial list of Interested Parties identified for the SASb at the time of GSA formation is provided in Error! Reference source not found.. Anyone may register as an Interested Party via the SASb Website at <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/contact-us.html>. Once registered, Interested Parties will receive invitations to meetings and workshops related the SASb GSP development. The Interested Party list is stored and maintained in the website portal database. Interested Parties are encouraged to sign up for information at <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/contact-us.html>, and attend Public and GSA Board Meetings to learn more and provide input (see <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/meetings.html>).

### GSP Administrating Agency (Staff)

SCGA Staff will be responsible for:

- Being the point of contact for the Working Group to coordinate with the Consultants
- Overseeing the Consultants in the delivery of the GSP scope of work and budget per the contract
- Ensuring grant obligations are met and reimbursements received
- Delivering GSP priorities within the state mandated GSP schedule

### GSP Consultants

A team of consultants will conduct technical studies and investigations, including groundwater modeling, and draft the GSP documents. GSP Staff will oversee the consultant work and provide direction to the consultants regarding GSP development. The consulting firms assisting with GSP development for the SASb are listed below.

- Larry Walker Associates including Kennedy Jenks, and Stockholm Environmental Institute
- Woodard & Curran including Strategy Driver, Inc., and HDR Engineering

### Decision-Making Steps

The GSP must be developed under a compressed schedule, as the final GSP is due to DWR by January 31, 2022. To ensure the GSP is delivered on time, decision-making during chapter development as well as for final approval must follow a streamlined process. A summary of the SASb roles and example actions for GSP development is depicted in **Figure 5**. The chapter and final approval processes are outlined in **Figure 6**.






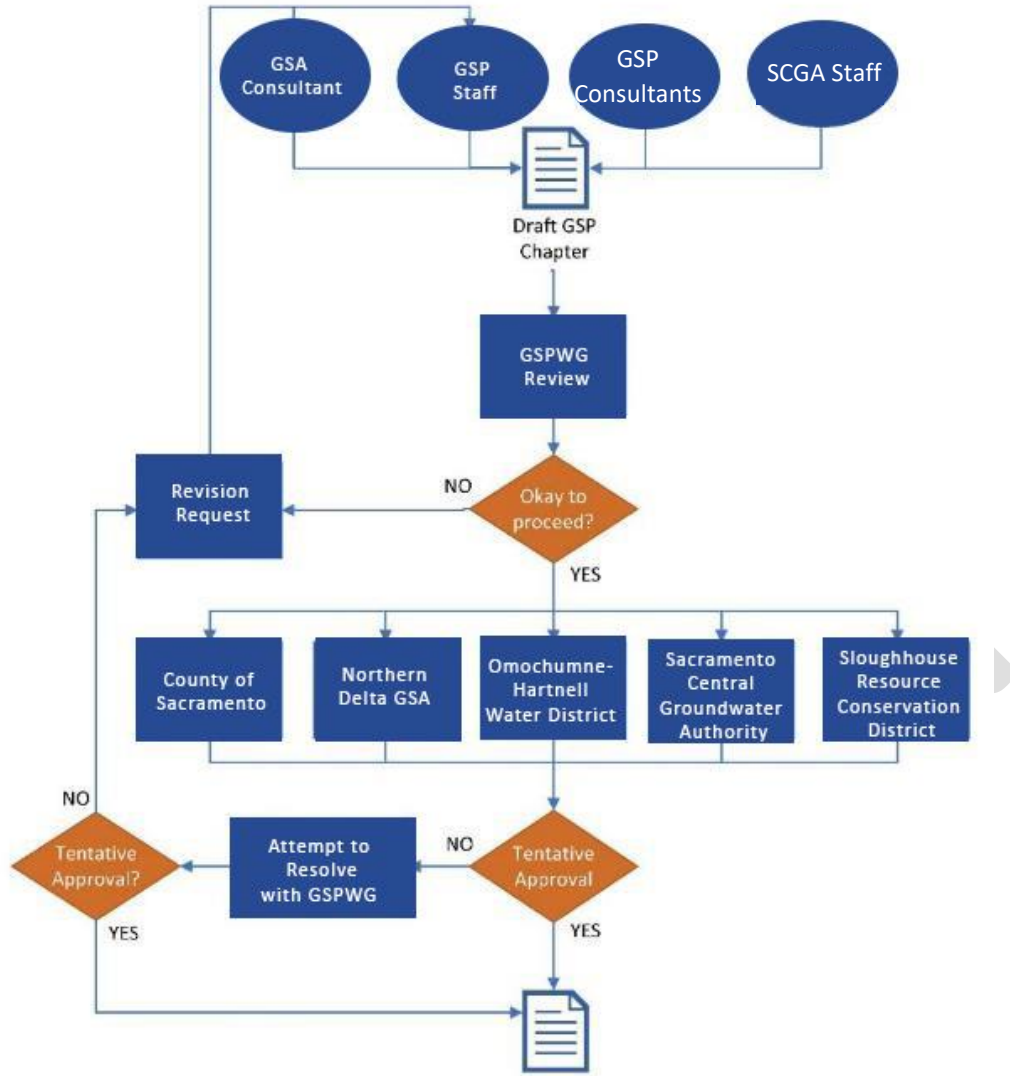
Roles in South American Subbasin	Example Actions for GSP Development
<p><b>Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Boards</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring execution of Communication and Engagement (C&amp;E) Plan</li> <li>• Accepting interim milestone approvals</li> <li>• Being informed by Working Group</li> <li>• Informing Working Group on insights, perspectives, and opinions</li> <li>• Adopting and acceptable final GSP to deliver to DWR by January 2022</li> </ul>
<p><b>GSP Working Group (GSPWG)</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing feedback from respective GSAs</li> <li>• Making recommendations to respective GSAs</li> <li>• Ensuring timely responses to consultants, GSPWG, and Administrating Agency</li> <li>• Performing coordinated outreach to stakeholders</li> <li>• Delivering and acceptable GSP to all GSAs for adoption</li> </ul>
<p><b>GSP Administrating Agency</b></p>  <p>SCGA Staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being the point of contact for Working Group to coordinate with consultants</li> <li>• Overseeing the consultants per the contact</li> <li>• Ensuring grant obligations are met and reimbursements received</li> </ul>
 <p>Interested Parties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend stakeholder workshops</li> <li>• Provide input regarding sustainable management criteria, projects, and programs</li> <li>• Participate in stakeholder surveys</li> </ul>
 <p>GSP Consultants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring the delivery of the GSP per the contract</li> </ul>

Figure 5. Roles in the South American Subbasin



GSP Chapter ready for Draft GSP, will be reviewed again at Draft GSP CC Review (see GSP Approval Process flowchart)

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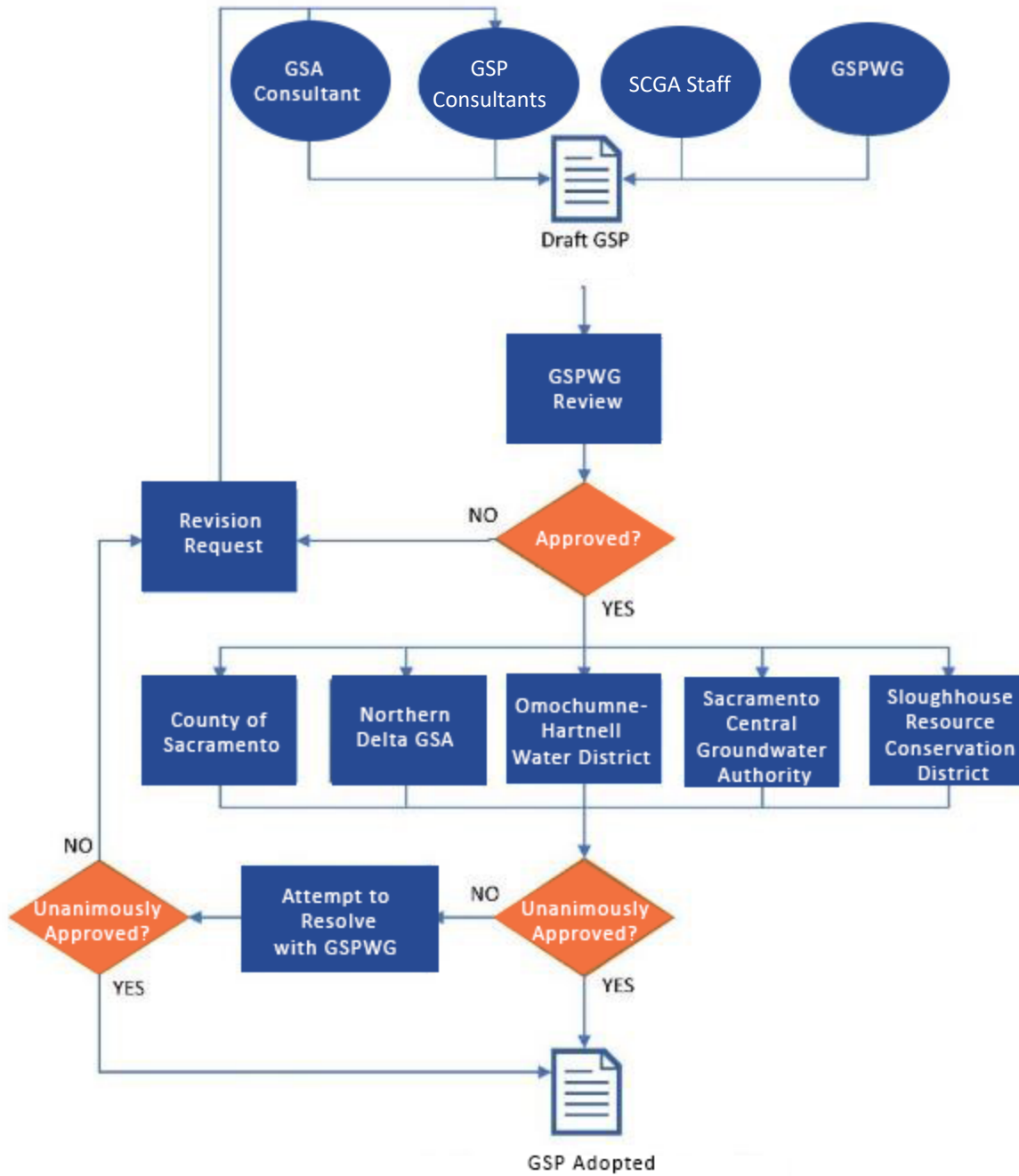


Figure 6. GSP Development Process

## 5.0 HOW CAN INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC GET INVOLVED?

Water is vital to the economy, the environment, and the quality of life in Sacramento County. While this precious resource is visible every day in the American, Sacramento and Cosumnes Rivers, water underground is no less important, providing about half of the region’s water supply. Groundwater serves the needs of cities, farms and businesses and provides high quality drinking water to urban and rural residents, all while helping to sustain vital ecosystems. It is important that the SASb Interested Parties, public and beneficial users learn more about the SASb, how the GSAs in the SASb are responding to SGMA to develop a GSP, and how they can participate to promote the health and longevity of our shared and valued resource. Public and Interested Party participation is vital to the success of the GSP. A first step for Interested Parties to get involved is to sign up through the SASb website portal: <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/contact-us.html>, and review the content on the GSA websites and attend GSA Board meetings listed on **Table 3** below. Meetings providing updates on the SASb GSP development are scheduled on a regular basis to inform the public and Interested Parties and provide opportunities to ask questions and make suggestions. These meetings are posted at <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/meetings.html> and announced via email. See **Section 7.0** to learn more ways the GSAs are engaging Interested Parties and inviting participation.

**Table 3. GSA Board Meetings**

GSA	Meeting Frequency	Location
County of Sacramento	Meets on various Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the month	Sacramento County Board chambers, 700 H St, Sacramento, CA
Northern Delta	June & December each year	Walnut Grove Library, 14177 Market St., Walnut Grove, CA
Omochumne-Hartnell Water District	3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am	Sacramento County Farm Bureau, 8970 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority	2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am	Elk Grove City Council chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA
Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District	2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm	Rancho Murieta CSD, 15160 Jackson Rd, Rancho Murieta, CA

The Department of Water Resources also provides information regarding the SGMA GSP process and can be accessed at the DWR SGMA Portal – <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/>.

### GSP Development Process

The GSP development process for the SASb shown in **Figure 7** outlines key tasks and their relationship in developing the GSP. These main tasks roughly follow what will ultimately be the GSP’s chapters. GSP development will also include listing data gaps and how they will be filled during plan implementation, conducting technical studies, defining the subbasin’s characteristics, accounting for current and planned groundwater uses, considering groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs), incorporating land use planning, and developing sustainable management criteria. **Appendix I** includes a preliminary schedule showing milestones and Interested Party engagement activities. As shown on the schedule, Public meetings will be held at regular intervals. GSA Board meetings are open to the public. Focused workshops will be held as needed with four scheduled on July 23, 2020; November 12, 2020; March 25, 2021 and July 15, 2021. Please consult <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/meetings.html> for updates to the meeting schedule. In addition, GSP Staff will be available throughout the process to communicate

and engage with Interested Parties and the public. Interested Parties can be involved in GSP development by providing input throughout the process. Periodic updates and materials will be posted on the [www.sasbgroundwater.org](http://www.sasbgroundwater.org) and presented at GSA Board meetings for Interested Parties review and comment.

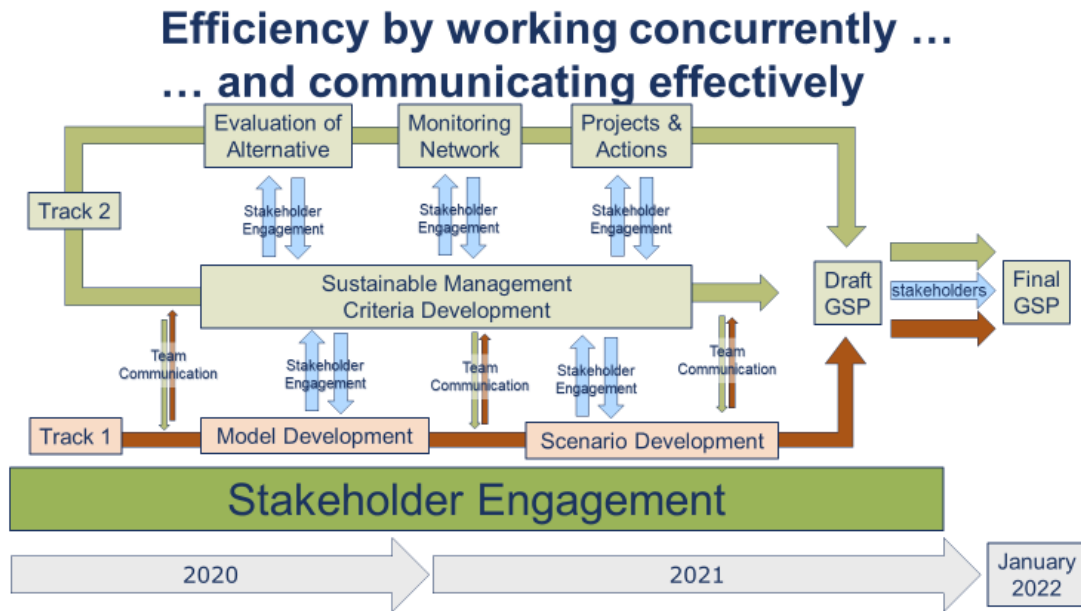


Figure 7. Effective Communication

## 6.0 DESIRED OUTCOMES

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DWR suggests answering a series of questions when setting desired outcomes for GSP Interested Party outreach (<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>). The questions and responses for the SASb are listed below.

### What are we trying to accomplish?

We aim to make opportunities available for Interested Parties to provide input during development of the SASb GSP and ensure the GSP considers input from Interested Parties.

### How will we know if we are successful?

We will be successful when various Interested Parties have opportunities to provide their input, ask questions, receive up-to-date information, and comment on GSP development and draft documents.

### What are the challenges or barriers?

One of the challenges is making a complete list of Interested Parties and being able to effectively communicate with them. We will make every effort to reach a broad set of Interested Parties and expand the list. We will use several forms of communication and outreach such as: meetings, calendar updates with notification automatically sent to Interested Parties, radio and newspaper advertising, email blasts, and social media. For a list of media contacted regarding SASb events, see <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/meetings.html> Error! Reference source not found..

Another challenge is meeting during COVID-19. We will be making every consideration to accommodate the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and will be meeting via teleconference as described further in Chapter 7.0.

### What are the opportunities for communication and engagement?

Available communication and engagement opportunities for Interested Parties include public workshops and hearings, communication through individual GSA webpages, registration as an Interested Party or contact the <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/contact-us.html>, correspondence, phone calls, emails, and engagement through the GSP Working Group and GSA Boards.

### What is the timeframe?

GSP development began in Summer 2020 and will progress to adoption before January 31, 2022. During that period, Interested Party communication and engagement will be a continuous process, including the public review period for GSP approval. The Draft SASb GSP will be available for 90 days of review during Fall 2021.

### When will public input be relevant?

During GSP development, public input will be most relevant when the GSAs are framing the scope of studies, setting sustainable management criteria, developing management actions, identifying groundwater-dependent ecosystems, collecting existing and planned groundwater use information, and during public review of the draft GSP prior to DWR approval. Workshops and/or surveys will be held during for public input when it is most relevant.

### How will public input be used?

GSP Regulations (Section 355.4) require that GSAs consider the interests of the beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the subbasin. In addition, the GSAs will consider the effects on land use and property

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interests of the GSP. Public input is essential in understanding and considering these interests and effects. During the GSP review and approval process, DWR will take public comments into account when determining whether interests within the subbasin have been considered in the development and implementation of the GSP (Section 353.8).

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## 7.0 COMMUNICATION + ENGAGEMENT TOOLS AND VENUES

Interested Parties communication and engagement will take place throughout the subbasin and for GSA area-specific Interested Parties. Each GSA area may include a set of Interested Parties with specific interests relevant only to a particular GSA. Each GSA will decide required levels of communication for its own GSA area and engage with Interested Parties in its GSA area as appropriate.

For SASb-wide interests and issues, the GSP Working Group will communicate with all Interested Parties. The SASb GSAs are committed to encouraging the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the groundwater basin. Therefore, outreach will be conducted through multiple and varied venues. Descriptions of these venues follows:

### SASb Groundwater Website:

Interested Parties are invited to register using the SASb Website Portal at <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/contact-us.html>. Registrants will be invited by email to all activities regarding GSP development. Interested Parties may also register for upcoming events, and view materials from past events.

### GSA Websites:

Each GSA hosts a website which is listed below as well as linked to [www.sasbgroundwater.org](http://www.sasbgroundwater.org). The webpages are designed to provide background information, maps, documents, status updates, useful links, contact information, and a means of communicating between the GSAs and the public.

*Table 4. Groundwater Sustainability Agencies*

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies / Websites	
County of Sacramento	<a href="https://waterresources.saccounty.net/Pages/SGMA.aspx">https://waterresources.saccounty.net/Pages/SGMA.aspx</a>
Northern Delta GSA	<a href="http://www.ndgsa.org">http://www.ndgsa.org</a>
Omochumne-Hartnell Water District	<a href="http://www.ohwd.org">http://www.ohwd.org</a>
Reclamation District No. 551	<a href="https://waterresources.saccounty.net/stormready/Pages/Delta-Reclamation-Dist-551.aspx">https://waterresources.saccounty.net/stormready/Pages/Delta-Reclamation-Dist-551.aspx</a>
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority	<a href="https://scgah2o.saccounty.net/Pages/default.aspx">https://scgah2o.saccounty.net/Pages/default.aspx</a>
Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District	<a href="http://sloughousercd.org">http://sloughousercd.org</a>

### Public Meetings

Public Meetings: Four separate public meetings will be scheduled to update the public on the SASb GSP. The Public meetings are expected to be held mid-week and, in the evenings, so the public can more conveniently attend. In addition to the public, expected attendance includes: GSPWG members, SCGA Staff and Consultants. Meetings will be widely noticed (See **Appendix J** for an example) Tentatively scheduled meetings (please confirmed for meeting times and locations at <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/meetings.html>) include:

- **2020: July 23 and November**

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- **2021: March and July**

\*Special Meetings as needed to cover time sensitive GSP topics will be held at Board meetings of each GSA, tentatively scheduled for:

- **2020: September**
- **2021: January, June, September, and November (GSP Adoption Meeting)**

\*Please confirm dates and times at <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/meetings.html> and local GSA Board meeting agendas)

### COVID-19 Considerations

Please note that the SASb is following special precautions for COVID-19 pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, will be meeting via teleconference. We encourage meeting participants to join the meeting 10 minutes early. Note that we will use Zoom to share slides and other information during the meeting. Use the link below to join. If you have a microphone that you can use with your computer, it should be possible to both listen to, and participate in, the meeting through Zoom. If you do not have a microphone, or a headset with a microphone that plugs into your computer via USB port, you will need to call into the conference line to listen and comment, although you still should be able to view the meeting materials on Zoom. Please do not simultaneously use a microphone through Zoom and the telephone conference line. That combination results in audio problems for all participants. Please check the SASb Website for updates on meeting details.

To join the meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/97062255197?pwd=dWwySGINOWMwWmU1UCsyeGtlbWpoQT09>

You can also dial in using your phone

United States: +1 669 900 6833 US

Meeting ID: 970 6225 5197 Password: 936495

### Public Surveys

Public surveys may be conducted when GSP development requires specific input from Interested Parties. One SASb Stakeholder Assessment was conducted in Spring 2020 where beneficial water users were interviewed and many of their suggestions on C&E were included as part of this C&E Plan. A list of interviewees is included as **Appendix A**.

Meeting feedback forms will be available to provide feedback about how workshops are conducted. An example of the meeting feedback form is provided in **Appendix K**.

### GSA Board of Directors/Supervisors/Council Meetings

Each of the GSAs will have individual updates at their respective Board of Directors/Supervisors meetings, as shown in **Table 5**. GSP updates will be included as noticed per their respective meeting agendas that are published in advance. Stakeholders and members of the public may choose to comment at those meetings. SCGA GSA reports regular SASb GSP updates at the SCGA Board Meeting, while the other GSAs provide GSP updates as needed. Please confirm individual GSA Board agendas for SASb GSP updates through their respective websites (**Table 4**, above).

**Table 5. SASb GSA Boards’ Regularly Scheduled Meetings**

GSA	Meeting Frequency	Location
County of Sacramento	2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am	Sacramento County Board Chambers, 700 H St, Sacramento, CA
Northern Delta	June & December each year	Walnut Grove Library, 14177 Market St., Walnut Grove, CA
Omochumne-Hartnell Water District	3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am	Sacramento County Farm Bureau, 8970 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority	2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am	Elk Grove City Council chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA
Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District	2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm	Rancho Murieta CSD, 15160 Jackson Rd, Rancho Murieta, CA

\*As of July 2020, all GSAs are holding online meetings. Details can be found at their respective websites.

**Outreach Venues**

GSA representatives have identified a list of potential outreach venues in the SASb, shown in **Table 6** below. Note that this is only an initial list of outreach venues. The GSAs will continue to expand this list and develop a full Outreach Venues Database and uploaded to the SASb Website Portal.

*Table 6. Outreach Venues*

Organization/Event Name	Type of Organization/Event	Location
Sacramento County Farm Bureau	Agricultural	City of Sacramento
Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce	Commercial	City of Sacramento
Rancho Murieta Community Service Center	Civic/Community	Community of Rancho Murieta
Wilton Community Center	Civic/Community	Community of Wilton
Earth Day	Event	Multiple locations throughout SASb
Farmers Market	Other	Sacramento County (Multiple)
Sacramento County Association of Realtors	Other	Multiple locations throughout SASb
Vineyard Community Planning Advisory Council	Civic/Community	Sacramento County
Sheldon Community Association	Civic/Community	City of Elk Grove Community of Sheldon
Greater Sheldon Road Estates Homeowners Association	Civic/Community	City of Elk Grove Community of Sheldon

*\*Outreach at many of these venues may be limited subject to COVID-19 restrictions of the State of California and County of Sacramento*

**Email**

Email blasts (emails to the entire list of Interested Parties) will be sent when there is significant information to communicate regarding GSP development. For example, email blasts are sent when Public Meetings or Special Meetings are scheduled.

Individual emails will also be sent to invite known Interested Party groups to participate. For example, letters were sent via email to local Native American Tribal governments, Ag-Res communities and small water system users inviting participation in the GSP process. Small community water systems within the SASb will also be identified and communicated with individually.

**Postal Mail**

Postal mail will be utilized to reach areas of the groundwater basin that may not otherwise be informed of GSP activities. For example, a postcard (**Appendix L**) was mailed to Interested Parties throughout the SASb to notify Interested Parties to register on the SASb Website Portal, since the existing contact lists for several of the GSAs included postal addresses, but not email addresses. The postcard invited these

known Interested Parties to register their email address online with the SASb Website. This postcard is also available through Next Door and Facebook per many of the GSPWG organizations as well as provided as inserts into water bills.

### Spanish Language Materials

The California Department of Health Care Services has identified threshold languages for which services and information should be available for the services they provide. A threshold language is defined as one that has been identified as the primary language, as indicated on the Medi-Cal Enrollment Data System of 3,000 beneficiaries or five percent of the beneficiary population, whichever is lower, in an identified geographic area. In Sacramento County those languages are Spanish, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Russian, and Hmong. Up to 13 languages are recognized by the Sacramento County Office of Education. The most recent Census information indicates 34% of the people in Sacramento County, CA speak a non-English language. In 2018, the most common non-English language spoken in Sacramento County, CA was Spanish. 14.1% of the overall population of Sacramento County, CA are native Spanish speakers. Sacramento County Voter information is provided in English, Spanish and Chinese. Through the Stakeholder Assessment and interviews with the GSPWG, it was determined that targeted communications would be provided to Spanish speakers including the following:

- Postcard in Spanish to advertise <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/meetings.html>
- Web page on in Spanish <http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/espanol.html>
- Fact Sheet on SASb GSP

If there is significant demand, additional translation services will be provided for the SASb GSP process.

### Adjacent Basin Meetings

Members of adjacent basins are welcome to participate in regularly scheduled Public or GSA Board meetings as well as special meetings. In addition, coordination between adjacent basins and individual GSAs will occur as needed. Interagency Agreements are included in **Appendix M**. The names and GSP deadlines for basins adjacent are shown in **Table 7**.

*Table 7. Basins Adjacent to the SASb*

Adjacent Basin	Basin Prioritization	GSP Due Date
North American	High	January 31, 2022
Cosumnes	High	January 31, 2022
Yolo	High	January 31, 2022
Solano	High	January 31, 2022
East San Joaquin	Critically Over drafted	January 31, 2020

### Public Hearings

Notices of public hearings are published in a variety of media, including radio and local newspapers, informing the public on meeting information, subject, and how to provide comments prior to decision-

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making. Public hearings will also be noticed through the [www.sasbgroundwater.org](http://www.sasbgroundwater.org) and media list (**Appendix N**). At a minimum, a Public Hearing will be held when adopting or amending the GSP.

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## 8.0 TRACK AND EVALUATE COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

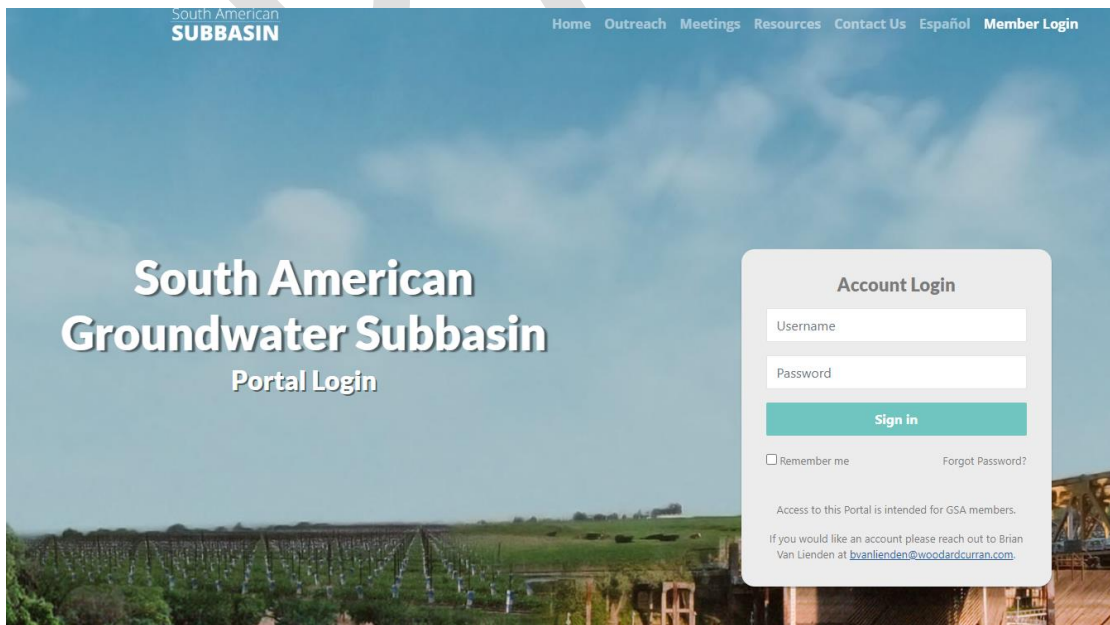
The SASb Website Portal (see **Appendix D**) tracks communications and engagement efforts for the SASb GSAs.

The SASb Website Portal serves as a repository for information about public meetings and Interested Parties. It tracks outreach efforts by the GSAs in its database, storing meeting attendance information, logging targeted outreach, and hosting the Interested Parties list.

Tool administrators can generate reports about meetings related to GSP planning. The reports include items such as attendance sheets, RSVPs, agendas, summary notes, handouts, and presentations. Reports such as these will be included with the final SASb GSP as submitted to DWR.

GSAs continually evaluate communications and engagement efforts as they are executed following this C&E Plan. This evaluation is conducted through GSP Working Group, GSA Staff, and GSP Consultant observations, as well as through feedback from Interested Parties via online surveys and meeting feedback forms (**Appendix K**). The GSP Working Group, GSA Staff, and GSP Consultants will assess need and update this C&E Plan, as necessary.

***The SASb Portal is the primary tool for tracking communication and engagement in the South American Subbasin. Above is a view of the Administrator's dashboard, where site administrators can post events, upload documents, and generate reports regarding communication and engagement.***



## 9.0 SUMMARY

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Interested Parties communication and outreach activities are essential in GSP development. Only through effective communication and outreach, will we be able to ensure Interested Parties’ concerns, issues, and aspirations are consistently understood and considered in the GSAs’ decision-making process. Moreover, the C&E Plan process will be ongoing, starting with GSP development and through implementation of the approved GSP for the SASb. As in GSP development, periodic reviews and adjustments of the C&E Plan process may be necessary. The goal is to develop and implement a robust Interested Parties C&E process so we may achieve sustainability in managing our valuable shared groundwater resource for future generations. **Table 8** below shows the updates to the C&E Plan.

### Revision History

*Table 8. Revision History*

Revision/ Section Title #	Date of Release	Author	Summary of Changes
Final Working Draft	July 22, 2020	SCGA Staff / SDI	This is a living document expected to be adjusted adapted as new information emerges.



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**Appendix A. SASb Stakeholders Interviewed for the Stakeholder Assessment**

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*Stakeholders Interviewed*

Name	Affiliation
Suzanne Pecci	Agricultural-Residential Representative for County of Sacramento on SCGA Board
Lynn Wheat	Agricultural-Residential Representative
Lindsey Liebig	Farm Bureau
Nancy Myers	Laguna Creek Watershed
Erik Ringelberg	Northern Delta GSA
Archie James	Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
Mike Wackman	Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
Dave Ocenosak	Regional San
Terrie Mitchell	Regional San
Todd Eising	City of Folsom
Paul Schubert	Golden State Water
Darrell Eck	Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority GSA
Ramon Roybal	Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority GSA
Linda Dorn	Sacramento County GSA
Ted Rauh	SCGA Conservation Landowner Representative
Bill Myers	Sheldon Community Association
Austin Miller	Sloughhouse RCD
Barbara Washburn	Sloughhouse RCD

## Appendix B. Memorandum of Understanding Establishing a SASb SGMA Working Group and Identifying Cost Share Provisions for GSP Development

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### Memorandum of Understanding Establishing a South American Subbasin SGMA Working Group and Identifying Cost Share Provisions for GSP Development

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into and effective this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020 by and among the County of Sacramento, a political subdivision of the State of California; Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA), a joint powers authority; Northern Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NDGSA), a joint powers authority; Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD), a California Water District; and Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District, (SRCD) a California Resource Conservation District. (each a “Party” and collectively, the “Parties.”)

#### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) empowers local agencies to adopt and implement groundwater sustainability plans (“GSPs”) in order to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA recognizes and supports the primacy of local agencies in managing groundwater within their boundaries, and promotes coordination and collaboration among those local agencies in order to ensure sustainable groundwater management; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento Valley- South American Sub-basin (“Basin”) is an un-adjudicated groundwater basin that has been classified as a High Priority basin by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”), and which therefore must be governed by a GSP, or coordinated GSPs, no later than January 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the Parties is a local agency within the meaning of Water Code section 10721(m) with authority to adopt and implement a GSP in the Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, certain of the Parties have elected to serve as GSA in the same areas of the Basin, such that a condition of overlap exists in those service areas; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to County Resolution 2017-0201, the County of Sacramento has accepted responsibility for those portions of the Basin for which no exclusive GSA has been designated (“Unmanaged Areas”), such that the entire basin is included within the jurisdiction of a GSA; and

**WHEREAS**, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority was awarded a grant under Proposition 1 and a grant under Prop 68 to fund the development of a GSP in the Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Parties to coordinate in the development and implementation of a single Basin-wide GSP; to provide a structure in which to collaborate and share costs in the development of that GSP; and to ensure that each Party appropriately bears the costs of GSP development in its own jurisdiction, and no others.

**AGREEMENT**

1. **Definitions.** The following terms shall have the following meanings.

(a) “Administrative Agency” means the entity designated under Section 8 of this MOU to administer the Grant, coordinate with consultants on behalf of the Parties and at the direction of the Working Group, and invoice costs pursuant to this MOU.

(b) “Basin” means the Sacramento Valley – South American Subbasin, as described in DWR Bulletin 118, Basin No. Basin 5-21.65.

(c) “GSA” means a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, established and authorized pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8.

(d) “GSP” means a Groundwater Sustainability Plan developed under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

(e) “Unmanaged Areas” means those portions of the Basin for which the County, in the absence of any other GSA election, has accepted responsibility as a GSA pursuant to County Resolution No. 2017-0201. For purposes of cost sharing and Working Group governance, the County’s allocable area shall include only the Unmanaged Areas, excepting therefrom areas within SRCD/OHWD’s jurisdiction.

(f) “Working Group” means the South American Subbasin Working Group, convened pursuant to this MOU for the purposes of developing and providing recommendations related to a SGMA-compliant GSP for the Basin.

2. **Term.** This MOU shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect until the date upon which all of the Parties execute a document jointly amending or terminating the provisions of this MOU.

3. **Responsibilities of the Parties.** Each Party to this MOU shall be responsible for: providing timely responses and supporting information related to GSP development to the Working Group and Administrative Agency upon request; performing appropriate and coordinated outreach to other groundwater management entities and stakeholders within the Basin; promptly paying all invoiced costs as set forth in Exhibit A; and for considering and adopting a SGMA-compliant GSP over the area for which that Party serves as exclusive GSA, no later than January 31, 2022.

4. **Independent Consideration of the GSP.** The Parties expressly acknowledge that the Working Group is an advisory body intended to facilitate GSP development. The governing Board of each GSA is responsible for considering and adopting an appropriate GSP for its jurisdictional boundaries. Any Party may decline to adopt the GSP developed by the Working Group, or elect to proceed with development of its own GSP at that Party’s expense. The decision not to adopt a GSP developed under this MOU shall not relieve a Party of its cost obligations pursuant to this MOU.

5. **Management Areas.** The parties recognize that the GSP may include distinct management areas to foster implementation and monitoring

6. **Establishment of the South American Subbasin SGMA Working Group.** Upon execution of this MOU, the Parties will convene the South American Subbasin SGMA Working Group (“**Working Group**”). Seats on the Working Group shall be allocated among the Parties as detailed in Exhibit A.

(a) The Working Group shall be responsible for sharing feedback from the Parties related to the GSP development; for developing the GSP for the Basin; and for making recommendations to the Parties regarding the adoption and development of the GSP.

(b) The Working Group will seek to make decisions through consensus. In the absence of a consensus, participants of the Working Group may be called upon to cast votes. Recommendations of the Working Group provided to the Parties shall include a report of the votes cast.

7. **Cost Sharing.** Shared costs of GSP development shall be allocated according to the proportions identified in Exhibit A. When any additional Party becomes a signatory to this MOU, the cost share proportions identified in Exhibit A shall be modified to appropriately distribute GSP development costs between the new and existing Parties, according to the formula identified in Exhibit A.

- In Kind Contributions are appropriate and recognized as satisfactory to meet the cost share requirements of a party to this agreement.
- Nothing in this MOU shall prevent a Party from voluntarily incurring its own costs related to GSP development, or from developing its own GSP or supporting materials at that Party’s expense.
- Any in-kind contributions proposed to be substituted for monetary reimbursement of Assignable GSP Development Costs (Exhibit A) must be approved by the Administering Agency and, further, be consistent with the grant agreement between the Administering Agency and DWR.

8. **Responsibilities of the Administrative Agency.** The Administrative Agency shall be responsible for implementing the recommendations of the Working Group in GSP development; engaging and providing direction to consultants at the election and direction of the Working Group; and administering the grants for the benefit of the Basin. Costs of GSP development shall be distributed pursuant to Exhibit A and shall be recoverable by the Administrative Agency from the Parties in the proportions identified in Exhibit A.

(a) SCGA shall be initially designated as the Administrative Agency; this designation may be altered by the unanimous written consent of the Parties. The commitment

of the Administrative Agency to perform the designated functions under this Section is contingent upon the execution and performance of the cost sharing terms of this MOU.

9. **Invoicing and Payment of Shared GSP Development Cash Costs.** Costs of GSP development as set forth in Exhibit A, shall be invoiced to all Parties by the Administrative Agency, and paid by the invoiced Party within 90 days. A Party that fails to make payment within 90 days may be suspended from voting on Working Group recommendations until full payment of the past-due invoices is made. Activities of the Working Group will not be delayed under such an occurrence and costs incurred by the Working Group will still accrue to the Party as set forth in Exhibit A, during any period of non-payment.

10. **Basin Boundary Modifications.** To facilitate the efficient development of a GSP for the Basin, that Parties agree that no Party shall submit a request for Basin Boundary Modification of this Basin to DWR without the unanimous consent of the Parties, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

11. **Withdrawal.** The intent of this agreement is for a spirit of working together for a single Basin-wide GSP. However, any party may unilaterally withdraw from this Agreement without causing or requiring termination of this Agreement by the following provisions.

- a) The withdrawing Party shall provide the Working Group with thirty (30) days prior written notice.
- b) The withdrawing Party shall be responsible for payment of its proportional share of costs and obligations associated with GSP development identified in Attachment A, up to the time of submission of the written notice of the withdrawal. Withdrawing party would be responsible for securing and funding consultants to develop and submit any amendments or revisions to the GSP required as a result of withdrawal.
- c) The withdrawing party shall be responsible for securing SGMA compliance within its jurisdictional boundaries at its own expense, including as necessary, GSP development, coordination, and the cost of any additional requirements imposed by DWR or other regulatory agencies.

The withdrawing party shall be responsible for providing notice, maps and all other necessary information to the DWR and other GSAs regarding its change in status within 30 days of withdrawal.

12. **Resolution of Overlap: OHWD/SCGA.** Upon execution of this MOU, SCGA will modify its current overlapping GSA notification in OHWD's service area (SCGA-GSA-2) to exclude all of OHWD service area, except the area defined as the Kiefer Landfill. OHWD will modify their current overlapping GSA notification to exclude that area defined as Kiefer landfill. Modifications of each party will include all necessary geospatial information needed to identify the new service area boundary for each party. Immediately prior to modifying these notifications, SCGA and OHWD will attach separate letters to their existing notification

explaining why their notifications are being modified. OHWD will formally request that SCGA modify its governing joint powers agreement in order to remove OHWD's lands from SCGA's jurisdiction. SCGA will promptly request that the signatories to that agreement execute an amendment to that agreement to carry out the removal.

(a) For the term of plan development, Zone 13 funding currently provided to SCGA on behalf of OHWD shall be applied by SCGA as a credit toward any costs billed to OHWD under Section 7 of this MOU.

13. **Resolution of Overlap: OHWD/SRCD.** Upon execution of this MOU, SRCD will withdraw their overlapping GSA notification in OHWD's service area (SCGA-2). Immediately prior to withdrawing their notification, SRCD will attach a letter explaining why their current notification is being withdrawn.

14. **Resolution of Overlap and Redefining GSA Boundaries: SCGA/SRCD.** Upon execution of this MOU, SCGA and SRCD will modify their current GSA notifications for SCGA-GSA-3 to reflect this agreement. SCGA will modify their notice to describe and map an area of SCGA-GSA-3 that includes all lands to the eastern boundary of "Zone 40" (Urban limit), and all land within the limits of the Kiefer Landfill, as part of SCGA's GSA service area. SRCD will modify their current notification for SCGA-GSA-3 to describe and map an area east of the Zone 40 boundary and east of the OHWD boundary, and excluding Kiefer Landfill and Rancho Murieta CSD, as the SRCD GSA service area. All South American subbasin land within the Rancho Murieta Community Services District will remain a part of the Sacramento County GSA until such time that the RMCD Board of Directors makes a formal decision to be included within the boundaries of another GSA. Notice modifications of each party will include all necessary geospatial information needed to identify the new service area boundary for each party. Sacramento County will need to modify their default notice for SCGA-GSA-3 to complete the process.

(a) For the term of plan development, Zone 13 funds collected within SRCDs GSA boundary shall be applied as a credit toward any costs billed to SRCD under Section 7 of this MOU.

15. **Disputes.** The Working Group is committed to working towards consensus in all decisions to be made regarding development of the GSP. With the help of a third-party facilitator, the Parties agree to put a good faith effort into transparently raising any concerns, understanding one another's interests, and working towards solutions that will adequately meet the needs of all Parties.

All claims, disputes, and controversies arising out of or in relation to the performance, interpretation, application, or enforcement of this agreement, including but not limited to breach thereof, shall be referred to mediation before, and as a condition precedent to, the initiation of any adjudicative action or legal proceeding, including arbitration. The Parties covenant that they will participate in the mediation in good faith. Mediation will be

conducted in Sacramento County, California, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing. The mediator shall be mutually selected.

16. **No Alteration of Water Rights.** Consistent with Water Code sections 10720.1(b), 10720.5 and 10726.8, nothing in this Agreement or in its implementation shall be construed to alter the existing water rights of the Parties.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

17. *Authority.* Each signatory of this MOU represents that s/he is authorized to execute this MOU on behalf of the Party for which s/he signs. Each Party represents that it has legal authority to enter into this MOU and to perform all obligations under this MOU.

18. *Amendment.* This MOU may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by each of the Parties.

19. *Jurisdiction and Venue.* This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, except for its conflicts of law rules. Any suit, action, or proceeding brought under the scope of this MOU shall be brought and maintained to the extent allowed by law in Sacramento County, California.

20. *Headings.* The paragraph headings used in this MOU are intended for convenience only and shall not be used in interpreting this MOU or in determining any of the rights or obligations of the Parties.

21. *Construction and Interpretation.* This MOU has been arrived at through negotiations and each Party has had a full and fair opportunity to revise the terms of this MOU. As a result, the normal rule of construction that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not apply in the construction or interpretation of this MOU.

22. *Entire Agreement.* This MOU constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this MOU and supersedes any prior oral or written agreement, understanding, or representation relating to the subject matter of this MOU.

23. *Partial Invalidity.* If, after the date of execution of this MOU, any provision of this MOU is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the term of this MOU, such provision shall be fully severable. However, in lieu thereof, there shall be added a provision as similar in terms to such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid and enforceable.

24. *Successors and Assigns.* This MOU shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the respective Parties. No Party may assign its interests in or obligations under this MOU without the written consent of the other Parties, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.



25. *Waivers.* Waiver of any breach or default hereunder shall not constitute a continuing waiver or a waiver of any subsequent breach either of the same or of another provision of this MOU and forbearance to enforce one or more of the remedies provided in this MOU shall not be deemed to be a waiver of that remedy.

26. *Attorneys' Fees and Costs.* In the event of a dispute between the Parties, each Party will pay their own attorneys' fees, expert witnesses' fees, costs of suit, and any other costs associated with the dispute.

27. *Necessary Actions.* Each Party agrees to execute and deliver additional documents and instruments and to take any additional actions as may be reasonably required to carry out the purposes of this MOU.

28. *Compliance with Law.* In performing their respective obligations under this MOU, the Parties shall comply with and conform to all applicable laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.

29. *Third Party Beneficiaries.* This MOU shall not create any right or interest in any non-Party or in any member of the public as a third party beneficiary.

30. *Counterparts.* This MOU may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

31. *Notices.* All notices, requests, demands or other communications required or permitted under this MOU shall be in writing unless provided otherwise in this MOU and shall be deemed to have been duly given and received on: (i) the date of service if served personally or served by electronic mail or facsimile transmission on the Party to whom notice is to be given at the address(es) provided below, (ii) on the first day after mailing, if mailed by Federal Express, U.S. Express Mail, or other similar overnight courier service, postage prepaid, and addressed as provided below, or (iii) on the third day after mailing if mailed to the Party to whom notice is to be given by first class mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

**EXHIBIT A: Working Group Membership & Cost Allocation**

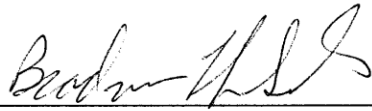
Party	Working Group Members	Assignable GSP Development Costs *
County of Sacramento	1 Representative	8% of agreed to amount Estimate= \$88,247.36
Omochumne-Hartnell Water District	2 Representatives	17% of agreed to amount, to be paid first from Zone 13 funds during development of the GSP Estimate= \$187,525.64
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority	7 Representatives, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than 5 representatives that are signatories to the SCGA joint powers agreement; public water systems; commercial industrial self supplied interests; or sanitation districts.</li> <li>• At least 2 representatives of Agriculture, Ag-residential self supplied public agencies or Conservation Landowner interests</li> </ul>	63% of agreed to amount Estimate= \$694,947.96
Northern Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency	1 Representative	8% of agreed to amount Estimate= \$88,247.36
Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District	1 Representative	4% of agreed to amount, to be paid first from Zone 13 funds.  Cash Cost estimate=\$20,000

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Sloughhouse RCD (Con't)		Zone 13 estimate= \$25,000  Estimate= \$ 44,123.68
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. Assignable GSP development Costs are based on matching cost requirements of a Prop 1 grant funds (50% match) and Prop 68 grant fund (25% match).

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the parties have caused this agreement to be duly executed upon signature.



Brad Van Loben Sels, Board Chairperson  
Northern Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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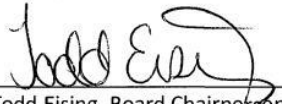
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Kurt Kautz, Board Chairperson  
Omochumne-Hartnell Water District

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Todd Eising, Board Chairperson  
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

Date



Michael Peterson, Director  
Sacramento County Department of Water Resources

7/7/20

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Jay Schneider, Chairperson  
Sloughouse Resource Conservation District

6-16-20

Date

**Appendix C. Statutory Requirements for SGMA**

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*Statutory Requirements*

Legislative/Regulatory Requirement	Legislative/Regulatory Section Reference	C&E Plan Section
Publish public notices and conduct public meetings when establishing a GSA, adopting or amending a GSP, or imposing or increasing a fee.	SGMA Sections 10723(b), 10728.4, and 10730(b)(1).	7.0
Maintain a list of, and communicate directly with, Interested Parties.	SGMA Sections 10723.4, 10730(b)(2), and 10723.8(a)	3.0/Appx F
Consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater.	SGMA Section 10723.2	3.0/Appx F
Provide a written statement describing how Interested Parties may participate in plan development and implementation, as well as a list of Interested Parties, at the time of GSA formation.	SGMA Sections 10723.8(a) and 10727.8(a)	4.0
Encourage active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the groundwater basin.	SGMA Section 10727.8(a)	7.0
Understand that any federally recognized Indian Tribe may voluntarily agree to participate in the planning, financing, and management of groundwater basins – refer to DWR’s <a href="#">Engagement with Tribal Governments</a> Guidance Document for Tribal recommended communication procedures.	SGMA 10720.3(c)	7.0
Description of beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the basin	GSP Regulations §354.10	3.0/Appx F

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List of public meetings at which the Plan was discussed or considered	GSP Regulations §354.10	Appendix D
Comments regarding the Plan received by the Agency and a summary of responses	GSP Regulations §354.10	N/A at time of publication
A communication section that includes the following (GSP Regulations §354.10):		
Explanation of the Agency’s decision-making process	GSP Regulations §354.10	4.0
Identification of opportunities for public engagement and discussion of how public input and response will be used	GSP Regulations §354.10	7.0
Description of how the Agency encourages active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the basin	GSP Regulations §354.10	7.0
The method the Agency will follow to inform the public about progress implementing the Plan, including the status of projects and actions	GSP Regulations §354.10	7.0

## Appendix D. SASb Groundwater Website Portal

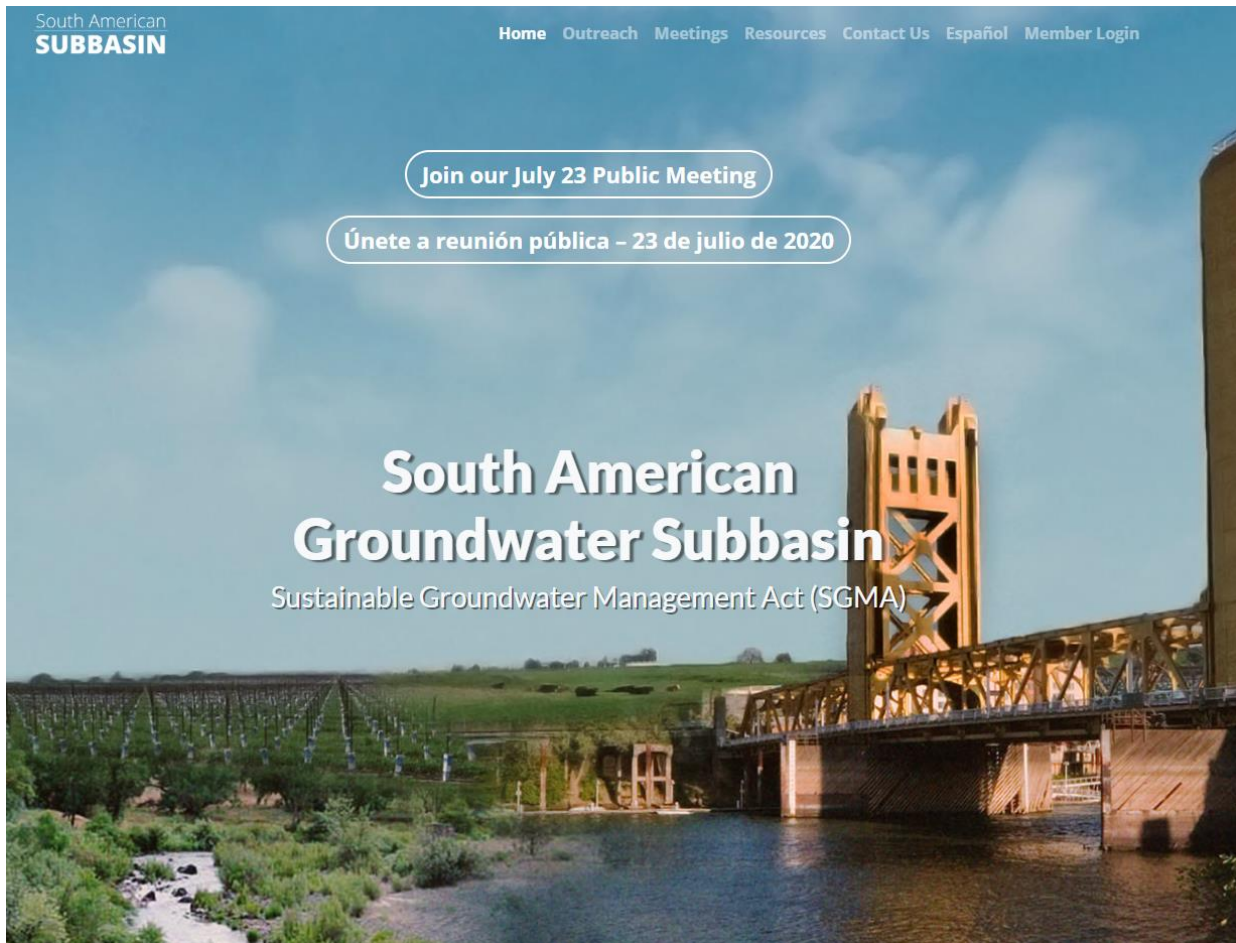
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The SASb Website Portal (<http://www.sasbgroundwater.org/contact-us.html>) is a web-based outreach tool for SASb GSAs to post events and automatically inform Interested Parties about GSP development. Interested Parties can visit the website to register their email address to stay informed about upcoming activities.

The SASb Website Portal serves as a repository for GSA information about SASb meetings, communications, and Interested Parties. It tracks outreach efforts by the GSAs; storing meeting attendance information as practical with COVID-19 teleconferencing limitations, logging targeted outreach, and hosting the Interested Parties list.

Tool administrators can generate reports about all GSP outreach activities. The reports include items such as attendance sheets, RSVPs, agendas, meeting summaries, handouts, and presentations.

### *SASbgroundwater.org Home Page, Contact Registration and Portal Pages*



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**Distribution Mode**

SASb Website  OHWD Website  SCGA Website  
 Northern Delta GSA  Sacramento County Website  Sloughouse Website

**Collateral**

Press Release

**Media**

Carmichael Times  Inside Sacramento  The Daily Recorder  
 EG Citizen  River Valley Times  The Folsom Telegraph (Gold Country Media)  
 Elk Grove Tribune  Russian Observer Newspaper  The Rancho Cordova Grapevine - Independent  
 The Sacramento Bee  The Sacramento Gazette  The Sacramento Press  
 The Sacramento Union

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**Distribution Mode**

SASb Website  Public Meeting  GSPWG Meeting

**Collateral**

Eblasts  Media Interviews/Articles  Newsletter

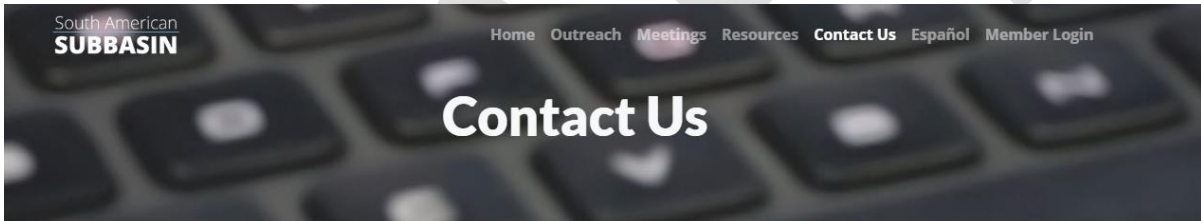
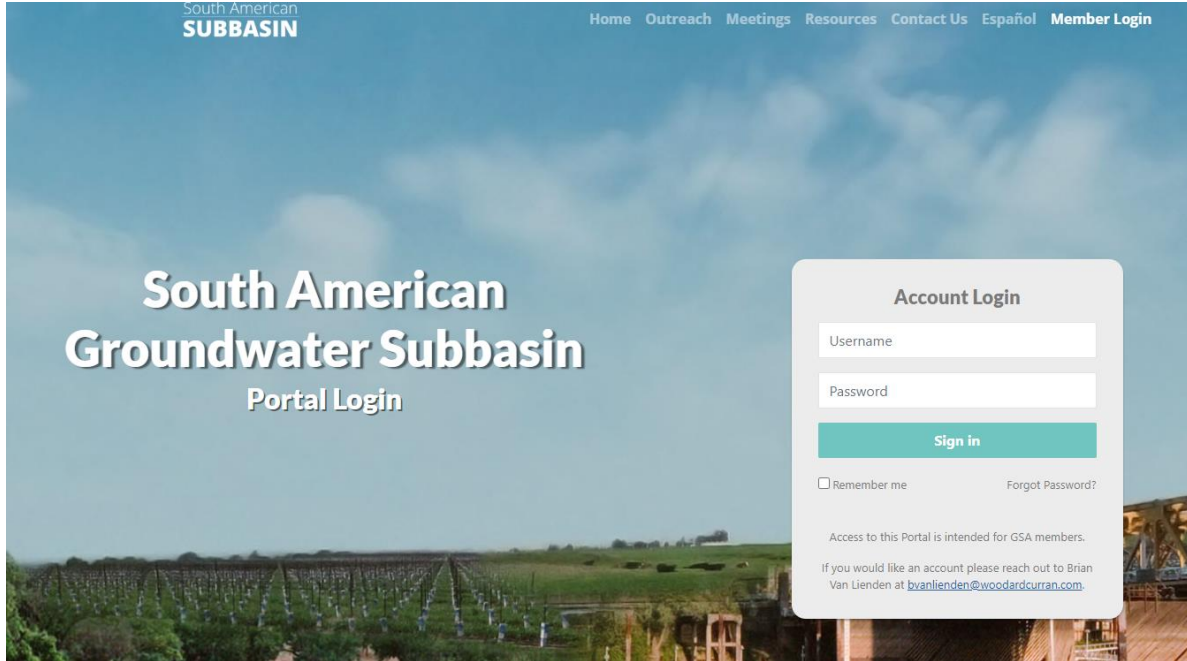
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## GSA's in the South American Subbasin Region

[Northern Delta GSA](#) 

[Omochumne-Hartnell Water District](#) 

[Reclamation District #551](#) 

[Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority](#) 

[Sacramento County](#) 

[Sloughhouse Resource Conservation](#) 

## Appendix E. Partnership Commitment

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**PARTNERING COMMITMENT + GUIDING PRINCIPLES**  
**South American Subbasin (SASb) Groundwater Sustainability Plan Working Group**  
MAY 22, 2020

### 1.0 PURPOSE

These Principles for engagement and operation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Working Group (Working Group) are intended to provide a framework of agreements among the members to work collaboratively, efficiently, and with the necessary dedication to promote the development, adoption and submission of a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SCGA) compliant GSP by the statutory deadline of January 31, 2022.

The Principles derive from and include by reference the *Memorandum of Understanding Establishing a South American Subbasin SGMA Working Group and Identifying Cost Share Provisions for GSP Development*, which is attached as Exhibit A.

### 2.0 GSP PARTIES

Following are the core parties responsible for delivering the SASb GSP:

#### **Groundwater Sustainability Agencies' (GSAs) Boards of Directors**

The five GSAs have respective Boards that have Working Group Members as assigned below.

#### **Groundwater Sustainability Plan Working Group Membership**

##### **Northern Delta GSA – 1 member**

- Erik Ringelberg, primary
- Chris Thomas, Alternate

##### **Omochumne Hartnell Water District – 2 members**

- Mike Wackman
- Mark Stretars
- Mark Wilson, Alternate

##### **Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) – 7 members**

- Todd Eising
- Paul Schubert
- Mark Madison
- Evan Jacobs
- Dave Ocenosak
- Ted Rauh
- Christine Thompson

##### **Sacramento County – 1 member**

- Linda Dorn
- Kerry Schmitz, Alternate

##### **Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District – 1 member**

- Austin Miller

- Herb Garmes, Alternate

**GSP Administrating Agency**

**Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority**

- John Woodling, Interim Executive Director, SCGA
- Bob Gardner
- Jonathan Goetz
- Ramon Roybal

**Consultants Team**

**Larry Walker Associates**

- Tom Grovhoug
- Laura Foglia
- Stephen Maples
  - SEI
    - Marisa Escobar
  - KJ
    - Sachi Itagaki
    - Jennifer Lau Larsen

**Woodard & Curran**

- Ali Taghavi
- Brian Van Lieden
- Jim Blanke
  - Strategy Driver
    - Ellen Cross
  - HDR
    - Shawn Koorn
    - Jafar Faghieh

**3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES**

The primary responsibilities of each party to the GSP Team are identified below.

**Respective GSAs' Boards**

Each respective Board for the five GSAs will be responsible for:

- Ensuring appropriate communication and engagement is executed per the approved Communication and Engagement (C&E) Plan on behalf of their GSAs.
- Accepting interim milestone approvals to meet the mandated schedule of the Final GSP.
- Being informed about the GSP by their designated Working Group Members listed above.
- Informing their respective Working Group Members with their insights, perspectives, and opinions.
- Ultimately adopting an acceptable final GSP to deliver for DWR review by January 2022.

**Working Group**

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The Working Group members shall be responsible for:

- Sharing feedback from their respective GSA's related to the GSP development.
- Making recommendations to their GSA regarding the consideration and adoption of the GSP.
- Providing or ensuring the provision of timely responses and supporting information related to GSP development to the Consultants, Working Group and Administrative Agency upon request in order to meet the state mandated GSP deadline.
- Performing and supporting appropriate and coordinated outreach to other stakeholders within the Basin.
- Ultimately delivering an acceptable GSP to all GSAs for adoption.

**GSP Administrating Agency**

SCGA Staff will be responsible for:

- Being the point of contact for the Working Group to coordinate with the Consultants.
- Overseeing the Consultants in the delivery of the GSP scope of work and budget per the contract.
- Ensuring grant obligations are met and reimbursements received.
- Delivering GSP priorities within the state mandated GSP schedule.

**Consultants**

Each member of the Consultant Team will be responsible for:

- Ensuring the delivery of the GSP Scope of Work on time and within the budget per the contract.

**Collective Outreach and Engagement Responsibilities**

To foster the consideration of the beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the subbasin, the Working Group members agree to the following:

- Parties are committed to an inclusive and transparent process that proactively seeks the engagement and input of potentially impacted parties as identified in SGMA. Parties will work to develop protocols for public engagement, both at public workshops and during regular Working Group meetings.
- Parties will work collectively to develop an agreed-upon outreach plan, but each GSA is responsible for helping to guide and implement efforts within their respective jurisdictions.
- Parties recognize the value in developing shared messages to ensure consistency; joint participation in outreach efforts is encouraged to foster consistency in message and concretely demonstrate the parties' coordinated effort.
- Parties recognize the need to conduct outreach in the near-term to better understand additional representation needs (e.g., environmental, tribal, riparian water users, overlying water users, disadvantaged communities (DACs) etc.) beyond the signatories to this agreement.

**4.0 DECISION MAKING**

Pursuant to the MOU, the Working Group will seek to make decisions through consensus. In the absence of a consensus, participants of the Working Group may be called upon to cast votes. Recommendations of the Working Group provided to the GSAs shall include a report of the votes cast.

With respect to voting procedures:

- Each Member commits to make a genuine effort to achieve consensus. Consensus is the preferred method for reaching agreement; voting is a last resort.
- Members from the OHWD GSA and SCGA GSA may vote by proxy provided in writing to another member from their respective GSA.
- Members who are the sole representative of their GSA (representing SRCD GSA, Sacramento County GSA and North Delta GSA) should identify an alternate to attend the meetings of the Working Group and vote on their behalf if they are unavailable.

**5.0 SUCCESS FACTORS + BARRIERS TO SUCCESS + MITIGATING**

SUCCESS	BARRIERS TO SUCCESS	MITIGATION
<b>GOVERNANCE</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone is heard with equal voice and full participation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voting with an even number of participants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build consensus through discussion to envision success</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand flexibility and local needs – different demands for each</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual GSA Boards must buy in – waiting until the end or not knowing what has gone into the decision making will be problematic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WG members needs to be the <u>Liaisons and Advocates</u> between the WG and the GSA Boards (e.g. build on successful MOU process that built trust)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand where public will engage, actively outreach and communicate with them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Meetings and how will play in with meetings and Boards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolve issues of public meetings for the Working Group</li> <li>• Lay out public meeting schedule in C&amp;E Plan</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to express positions of respective Boards of GSAs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand that these are not personal or agency positions/decisions of the individuals; rather the position of the respective</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to articulate the nuances and technical challenges to the Boards</li> <li>• The decision by respective Boards will need to be carried forth</li> </ul>

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	GSA Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to find consensus recommendations within the WG that can be carried to the Boards; but ultimately the Boards have the decision making authority.</li> <li>• Bring back the Boards' decisions and barriers to success</li> <li>• Have rigorous discussion with your respective Boards</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working together to meet the schedule and any barriers to schedule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holding back information or barriers to success</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibly provide a Third Party outside of this group that is independent to help us if consensus process does not work</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage all interested parties / stakeholders including the public and electeds' early</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dealing with mostly Staff vs Electeds on GSPWG – we may put together a good GSP but have uninformed participants that undermine the process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to make sure we bring the Electeds and other key stakeholders along and address concerns early (meet with them; educate them; same constituents)</li> </ul>
<b>STAKEHOLDERS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting Public Understanding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the public and provide a forum with the WG</li> <li>• Also provide a forum for the WG to work through issues before bringing to the public – we must work quickly and meaningfully while keeping the public informed and engaged at key milestones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We should treat ourselves as an “ad hoc” – we need to build trust with the stakeholders and involve them in the GSP – need a mechanism so interested parties can “listen” through a mechanism so they know what is going on in the WG.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly state in the C&amp;E Plan, how and when the public will be engaged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inconsistent messaging and engagement with the stakeholders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to educate Public on how they will potentially benefit/be impacted and that we have a consistent</li> </ul>

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		message while building the GSP and distributed by all the Boards to set the stage for acceptance.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A well informed public and stakeholders understand the process and can provide input</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not bringing all the stakeholders along and not being transparent or providing the ability for input</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up an independent webpage that includes the technical documents / presentations / next meetings for the public</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinating with adjacent basins to ensure there are no conflicts in information, sustainable criteria or actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interbasin relationships, information or conflicts are not resolved.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to find ways to coordinate alignment with adjacent basins so there are not differing answers / e.g. outcomes to the sustainable criteria</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep DWR engaged on the GSP process and asking them to observe so they know why and how we came up with our GSP to prevent any future obstacles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWR is not involved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage Chelsea and new Grant Administrator engaged from the start (N American Subbasin with a co-worker)</li> <li>• Keep the Grant Administrator engaged</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage stakeholders in existing processes as much as possible with integrated messaging with ongoing efforts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competing messaging</li> <li>• Oversaturating stakeholders with engagement and messaging</li> <li>• Confusing stakeholders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage Regional San and County Ag as they are doing significant outreach to the Farming and Ag communities within the Recycled Water area and messaging on recycled water</li> </ul>
<b>TECHNICAL</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the goals of the GSP and what we want to implement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pulling in information into the GSP that we do not need to meet DWR obligations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to NOT set up new requirements that are not defensible</li> <li>• Take DWR guidance that they have available</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create actions that are implementable and measurable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An unmeasurable Plan (e.g. GDEs) – lots of unmeasurable actions/requirements – careful not to tie our hands if we cannot implement the GSP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSP will establish measurable metrics and develop a plan to monitor success</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to build on work that has been completed within and adjacent to the Basin (basin boundary amendments)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting from scratch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage all past work that is of value to expedite the GSP development</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to identify what we want in the GSP and <u>what do we want the GSP to do</u> – what will we implement and what is the objective to eliminate conflict going forward.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not knowing what we want to achieve, expanding beyond SGMA requirements/authorities, scope creep</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put in a mission, vision and <u>Sustainability Goal</u> related to the GSP so we accomplish what we want the Basin to do</li> <li>• Understand the Alternative deficiencies to be addressed.</li> </ul>
<b>REGULATORY</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand where GSP interfaces with land use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does land management authority work under GSP – without consideration of police powers for implementation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand land use interface with GSP</li> <li>• Reconcile land use overlap (e.g. General Plans)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand what regulatory impacts there are by SASb areas of concern</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand known groundwater contamination and remedial efforts and level of involvement of each GSA (e.g. Not in the N Delta GSA area)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to address in GSP</li> </ul>
<b>SCHEDULE</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to get the job done and not let State take over</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid State Water Board intervention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be responsive to the schedule – it matters</li> </ul>
<b>FUNDING</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure rate increases and funding mechanisms are coordinated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicating rate changes ineffectively (218)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with County aggressively to adopt a decision on 218 option or dual process to avoid confusion</li> <li>• Ensure HDR who is doing all the rates can coordinate the multiple processes.</li> </ul>
<b>COLLABORATION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustful, collaborative and transparent partnership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diminishing trust</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue the trust built from the MOU process to resolve the potential issues (Boundaries, governance,</li> </ul>



		<p>hard feelings)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sloughhouse recent Board meeting reiterated the importance of trust and acknowledged it is growing and they are dedicated to the process</li> <li>• Create this as a “core value” and reinforce</li> <li>• Understand that trust and disagreement are not the same; so it is important that the GSP develops into something we can live with</li> </ul>
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**6.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Members agree to the following principles to inform and guide Working Group deliberations, foster constructive discussions, promote a clear and shared set of expectations, and encourage collaboration.

**Support an Effective and Efficient Process**

**Rely on credible information.** To foster effective dialogues, members agree to mutually support a transparent and inclusive process where parties commit to rely on credible data and clear criteria to inform decision-making and to draw on the advice of the Consultant Team selected to support its development of a GSP.

**Craft a GSP that respects local jurisdictions while building subbasin-wide approach.** Parties are committed to working together to develop an integrated and effective GSP, while respecting each GSA’s interest and expertise to oversee implementation within its unique jurisdiction or distinct planning areas. Parties agree to move the GSP process forward through consensus to ensure GSP approval by all GSA Boards.

**Build off existing structures, lessons learned and past work** where practicable, to leverage past investments and make the best use of everyone’s time and resources.

**Build progress through incremental agreements.** Participants will use preliminary agreements on issues as the basis for progress towards final agreement. The Working Group will revisit preliminary agreements when new information emerges and again when finalizing overall recommendations.

**Dedicated Participation and Respectful Engagement**

**Commitment of Working Group members to practice and promote** engaged preparation for and participation in scheduled meetings; timely response and input to communications and deliverables; and transparent and timely delivery of pertinent information.

**Commitment to collaborate.** All members agree to work together in a constructive manner to meet SGMA requirements based on a locally driven approach. No one is to benefit at the expense of others, and all parties agree to negotiate in good faith. Realize our collective teamwork is mandatory to move the GSP process forward and diversion from the process will put the GSP delivery at stake. Strive to reach consensus on positions of shared interest and proactively identify barriers for discussion and, where possible, resolution at the earliest opportunity.

**Commitment of time.** Strive to attend meetings consistently; we need everyone at the table throughout. Contribute your thoughts and share our time so everyone can participate.

**Respect Others and the Process.** Seek opportunities to share your perspectives and understand the perspectives of others; listen intently to what others are saying; be honest and fair, and as candid as possible. If you hear something you do not understand, ask questions to clarify. If you hear something you do not agree with, help people understand your concerns.

By signing below you acknowledge your intent to uphold the Partnering Agreement.

Agency Name: Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

Ramon Roybal, SCGA Staff 6/4/2020

(Name and Title) (Date)

Agency Name: Omochumne Hartnell Water District

Mike Wackman 6/1/2020

Mike Wackman, General Manager  
(Name and Title) (Date)

Agency Name: Strategy Driver, Inc.

EM Cross June 3, 2020

(Name and Title) (Date)

Agency Name: Norther Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency



June 23, 2020

Erik Ringelberg – NDGSA Administrator



June 23, 2020

Chris Thomas – NDGSA Alternate

Agency Name: Woodard & Curran, Inc.

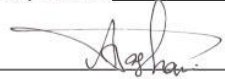


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(Name and Title)

(Date)

Agency Name: Woodard & Curran, Inc.



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(Name and Title)

(Date)

Agency Name: Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority / Golden State Water Co

Paul Schubert  
General Manager



Agency Name: Larry Walker Associates



Thomas Grovhoug, Senior Executive

June 3, 2020

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Agency Name: Sacramento County Groundwater Sustainability Agency



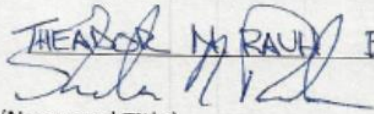
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Agency Name: SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY



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THEODORE M. RAUL BOARD MEMBER

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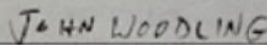


Austin Miller  
District Staff

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Agency Name: SCGA STAFF



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Agency Name: Omochumne-Hartnell Water District



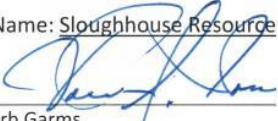
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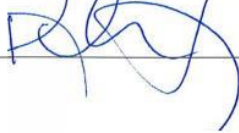
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Agency Name: Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

  
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Herb Garms  
SRCD District Director

Date 6/23/20

Agency Name: Sac County Water Agency

  
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(Name and Title)

6/23/20  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Agency Name: Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority  
Christine Thompson , Board of Directors

Public Agencies Self-Supplied  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title)

June 4, 2020  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Agency Name: California American Water


  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title)

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(Date)

Evan Jacobs, Director of Regulatory Policy

6-5-20

Agency Name: Larry Walker Associates

  
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(Name and Title)

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(Date)

Laura Foglia, Senior Engineer

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Agency Name: Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District

Mark J. Madison  
Mark J. Madison

June 5, 2020  
Date

Agency Name: SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

[Signature]  
SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER (Date)

6/4/2020

Agency Name: SACRAMENTO REGIONAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

[Signature]

6/2/20

(Name and Title) (Date)

DAVE OCENOSAK  
PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

Agency Name: Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

[Signature]  
chairman

6/25/20

(Name and Title) (Date)

Agency Name: SCGA Staff

R. Gardner

6/29/2020

(Name and Title) (Date)

BOB GARDNER P.E.  
ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER

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Agency Name: OMOCHUMNE WATER DISTRICT  
Mark Wilson 25 JUNE 2020  
(Name and Title) (Date)  
MARK WILSON  
BHWID BOARD MEMBER

## Appendix F. Initial Interested Parties List

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Pursuant to the California Water Code Section 10723.2, the SASb GSAs will consider the interest of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater when developing and implementing the SASb GSP.

The five SASb MOU GSAs developed lists of Interested Parties and submitted those lists to DWR at the time of GSA formation and augmented the list since that time. A compiled list of those submissions is provided below. This initial list, plus individuals who expressed interest in receiving updates about GSP development via the SASb website, will be imported into the website portal (presented in Appendix D) launched in July 2020. The SASb website portal will notify the Interested Parties list via email when GSP-related events are scheduled in the SASb. The list continues to grow as additional Interested Parties self-register or are otherwise identified.

### Agency

- City of Elk Grove
- City of Folsom
- City of Rancho Cordova
- City of Sacramento
- Sacramento County
- Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
- Florin Resource Conservation District/ Elk Grove Water District
- Lower Cosumnes Resource Conservation District
- Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
- Florin County Water District
- Rancho Murieta Community Services District
- Reclamation District 800
- Reclamation District 1002
- Sacramento County Water Agency
- Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
- Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District
- Southgate Recreation and Park District

### Water Corporations Regulated by PUC or a Mutual Water Company

- California-American Water Company
- Fruitridge Vista Water Company
- Golden State Water Company
- Tokay Park Water Company

### Agricultural Users

- Agricultural landowners (individuals)\_
- Wine Grape Growers Association
- Sacramento County Farm Bureau
- Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority

### Domestic Well Owners

- Individual rural residential/suburban landowners



### Other Users

- East Lawn Cemetery
- Elk Grove Cosumnes Cemetery District
- St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery
- Calvary Catholic Cemetery
- St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
- Greater Sacramento Muslim Cemetery
- Sacramento Historic Cemetery
- Quiet Haven Memorial Park
- Sacramento Pet Cemetery
- Camellia Memorial Lawn
- Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery
- Building Industry Association
- California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
- California State University, Sacramento

### Public Water Systems

- El Dorado Mobile Home Park
- Sequoia Water Assoc
- Travel Lodge Mobile Home Park
- Cozy Villa MHP
- Tokay Park Water Co
- Holiday Mobile Village
- Twin Palms Motel
- El Dorado West MHP
- Plantation Mobile Home Park
- Freeport Marina Inc
- Laguna Village RV Park
- Westerner Mobile Home Park
- Locke Water Works Co
- Delta Crossing MHP

### Golf Courses

- Valley Hi Country Club
- Bradshaw Ranch Golf Course
- Mather Golf Course
- Wildhawk Golf Course

### Federal, State, Regional

- Department of Water Resources
- State Water Resources Control Board
- US Bureau of Reclamation
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- California Fish and Wildlife Service
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board
- North Delta Water Agency
- Solano County Water Agency

- San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- Regional Water Authority
- Sacramento Groundwater Authority

#### **Local Land Use Planning Agencies/Adjacent GSAs**

- City of Elk Grove
- City of Folsom
- City of Rancho Cordova
- City of Sacramento
- County of Sacramento

#### **Environmental Users of Groundwater**

- Various agencies on this list address environmental concerns related to groundwater and the SASb GSAs will work with them to consider and protect such interests, including but not limited to the additional organizations cited.
- Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
- Sacramento Valley Conservancy
- The Nature Conservancy
- Cosumnes River Preserve
- Cosumnes Coalition
- Delta Meadows State Park

#### **Tribal Governments**

- Wilton Rancheria
- Buena Vista Rancheria Mewuk Indians
- Lone Band of Miwok Indians
- Nashville Enterprise Miwok-Maidu-Nishinam Tribes
- Shingle Springs Brand of Miwok Indians
- Tsi Akim Maidu
- United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria
- Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe
- Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

#### **Disadvantaged Communities**

- Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
- Florin Census-Designated Place (CDP) DAC
- Lemon Hill CDP DAC
- Parkway CDP DAC
- Fruitridge Pocket CDP DAC
- Freeport CDP DAC

#### **Remediation Stakeholders**

- Aerojet Rocketdyne
- Mather Airforce Base (Former)
- Sacramento Army Depot
- Sacramento County Refuse

**Entities Monitoring and Reporting Groundwater in the Basin**

- Various of the agencies and water companies listed above collect and report groundwater data including at the County and State level (CASGEM)
- Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
- Sacramento County Water Agency

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## Appendix G. Disadvantaged Communities in the SASb

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This appendix provides documentation for the contacts made by the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Consultant Team in the South American Sub-basin (SASb) to assemble a list of Interested Parties from Disadvantaged Communities (DAC). These contacts were the first step in outreach to DACs to enable engagement and involvement in the SASb GSP development effort. The focus of the outreach is to DACs which are beneficial users of groundwater in the SASb, i.e. communities which rely on either individual domestic wells or small public water systems that use groundwater as a source of supply.

The following contacts were made:

### *DAC Organizations Contacted*

Organization
Community Water Center
Sacramento County Environmental Management Department
Sacramento River Funding Area DAC Involvement Grant
American River Basin IRWM
Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability
California Rural Water Association
Center for Race, Poverty, and the Environment
Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
Sacramento County
Sacramento Water Forum

The following list of DAC areas in SASb was compiled using information from the DWR Water Tool, DAC Boundaries-Places, 2016. These areas overlap with the water supply entity jurisdictions that are shown in the maps below:

- 1. Florin Census-designated Place (CDP) DAC**
  - Water District 1: Florin County Water District
  - Water District 2: Sacramento County Water District
  - Water District 3: City of Sacramento
  - Water District 4: California American Water Company
  - Water District 5: California American Water Company
  - Water District 6: California American Water Company
  - Water District 7: California American Water Company
- 2. Parkway CDP DAC**
  - Water District 1: California American Water Company
  - Water District 2: City of Sacramento
- 3. Lemon Hill CDP DAC**
  - Water District 1: California American Water Company
  - Water District 2: City of Sacramento
- 4. Fruitridge Pocket CDP DAC**
  - Water District 1: California American Water Company

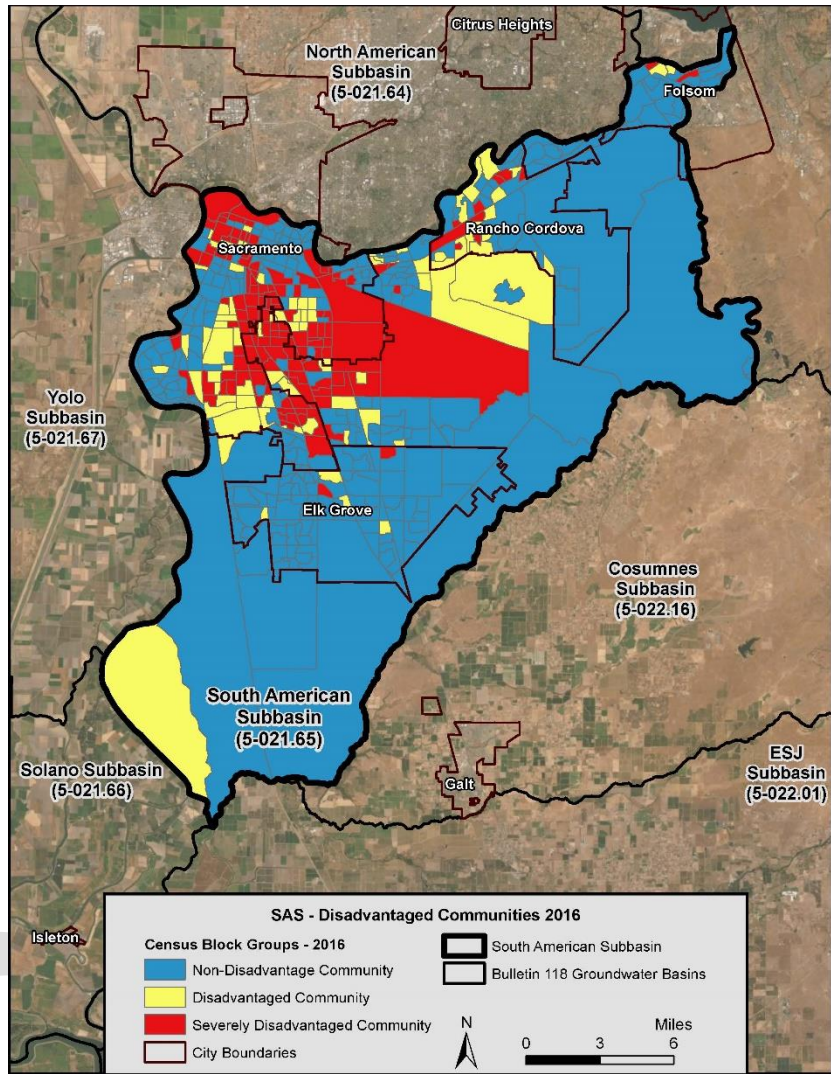
- Water District 2: City of Sacramento
- 5. Franklin CDP DAC**
- Water District 1: Sacramento County Water District
- 6. Freeport CDP DAC**
- Water District 1: Appears to be between Rec District No 307 and North Delta Water Agency

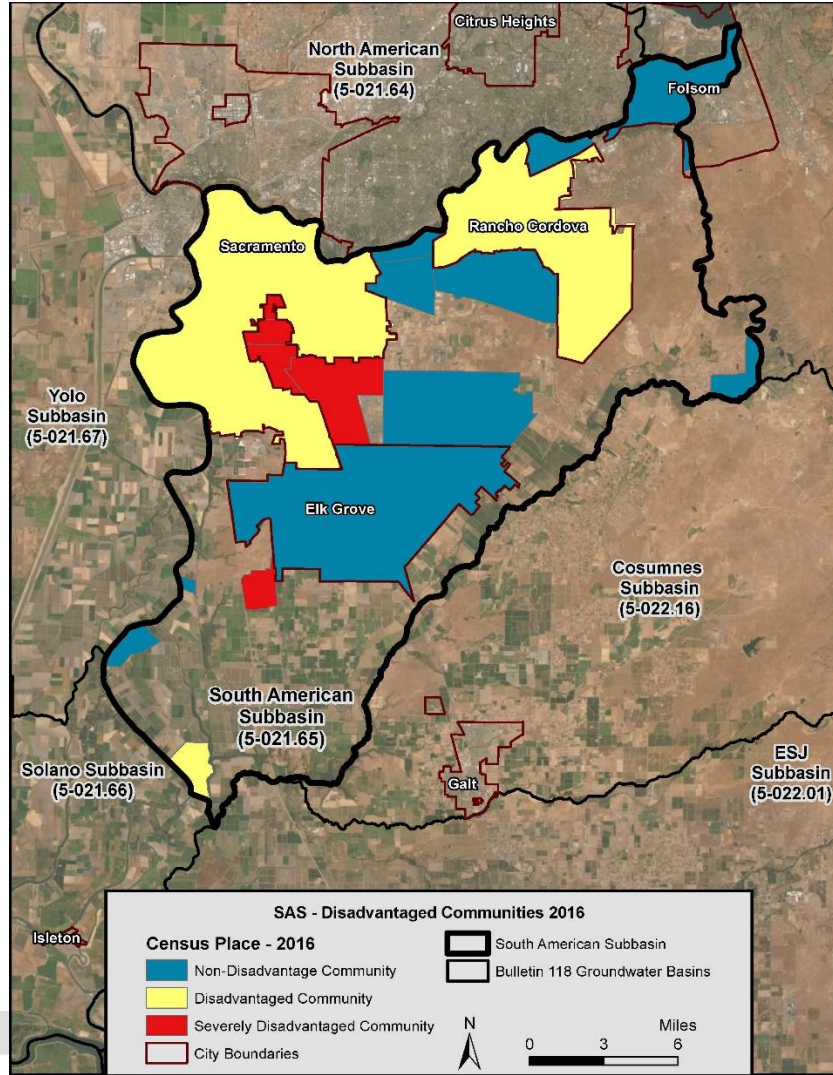
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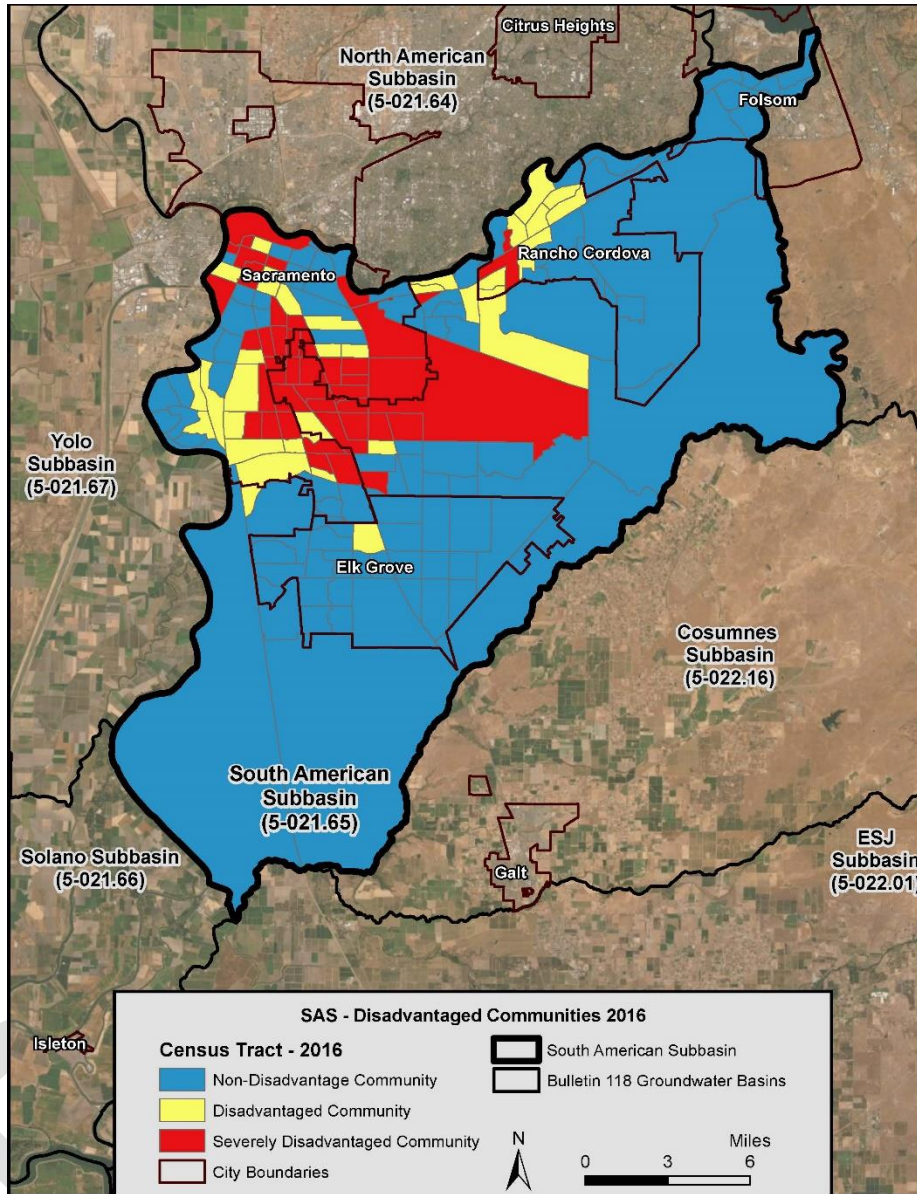
- Golden State Water Company
- California American Water Company
- Sacramento County Water Agency- Zone 41
- Tokay Park Water District

Three maps, depicted below, were prepared showing DACs in the SASb using information available from the DWR Water Tool, DAC Boundaries-Places, 2016. From the organizations above, a list of potentially Interested Parties was developed which will be used in outreach to DACs in accordance with the C&E Plan.

DACs in the SASb











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Managing Groundwater Resources
in Central Sacramento County

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Fax: (916) 874-5698
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Interim Executive Director

July 13, 2020

- California-American Water Company
City of Elk Grove
City of Folsom
City of Rancho Cordova
City of Sacramento
County of Sacramento
Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water Service
Golden State Water Company
Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
Rancho Murieta Community Services District
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Agricultural Representative
Agricultural-Residential Representative
Commercial/Industrial Representative
Conservation Landowners
Public Agencies/Self-Supplied Representative

To: DAC
XXXXX
XXXXX
XXXX, CA, 9XXXX

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in the South American Subbasin (SASb)

Dear Chairperson XXXXX,

On behalf of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) representing the South American Subbasin (SASb), we are writing to notify you that a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the SASb is under development as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (California Water Code Section 10720 et seq). The plan will be developed in accordance with SGMA regulations, in concert with local stakeholders and beneficial users of water in the SASb, and must be approved by the six GSA Boards and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2022.

- SASb GSAs
Northern Delta
Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD)
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA)
Sacramento County
Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District
Reclamation District 551

Water is vital to the economy, the environment, and the quality of life for all residents in Sacramento County. While this precious resource is visible every day in the American, Sacramento and Cosumnes Rivers, water that is underground is no less important, providing about half of the region's water supply. Groundwater in the South American Subbasin (SASb) serves the needs of cities, farms, businesses and tribes, and provides high quality drinking water to urban and rural residents, all while helping to sustain vital ecosystems. Your interest and input is essential to developing a plan to sustainably manage the SASb so our groundwater can satisfy your needs and all other needs in perpetuity.

A preliminary Communication and Engagement Plan for the development of the SASb GSP is being developed and will be available soon at www.sasbgroundwater.org. This plan will include a schedule of public meetings and other meetings that will take place during GSP preparation and describes the overall schedule for GSP preparation. The first public meeting (a remote meeting with web-based access) will occur on July 23, 2020 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

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SGMA requires that special attention be given to outreach and engagement with disadvantaged communities potentially impacted by decisions made in the GSP development process. We are especially interested in connecting with individuals or communities who are served by domestic wells or small public water systems that operate wells.

If you wish to meet with the GSP Consultant Team members who are assisting in the development of the GSP, please notify the SASb Facilitator below and we will arrange a time for a meeting. To be included on the list of Interested Parties to receive further information on ways to meaningfully participate in the SASb GSP development process, please register at the following web address: [sasbgroundwater.org](http://sasbgroundwater.org) and feel free to contact our Public Outreach Facilitator, Ellen Cross, with any questions or comments by email at [cross@strategydriver.com](mailto:cross@strategydriver.com) or by phone at (510) 316-9657.

Sincerely,



John Woodling, Interim Executive Director  
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

cc: Groundwater Sustainability Plan Working Group  
Ellen Cross, Strategy Driver, Inc.

## **Appendix H. Native American Tribal Governments in the SASb**

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Native American Tribal entities are included as part of the SASb outreach. The following list of Tribal Governments were contacted in advance of Public Meeting #1 scheduled for July 23, 2020.

- Wilton Rancheria
- Buena Vista Rancheria Mewuk Indians
- Lone Band of Miwok Indians
- Nashville Enterprise Miwok-Maidu-Nishinam Tribes
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California-American
Water Company

City of Elk Grove

City of Folsom

City of Rancho Cordova

City of Sacramento

County of Sacramento

Florin Resource Conservation
District/Elk Grove Water
Service

Golden State Water Company

Omochumne-Hartnell
Water District

Rancho Murieta Community
Services District

Sacramento Regional
County Sanitation District

Agricultural Representative

Agricultural-Residential
Representative

Commercial/Industrial
Representative

Conservation Landowners

Public Agencies/Self-
Supplied Representative

To: Tribal Nation
Chairperson
xxxxx
xxxx, CA, 9xxxx

Transmitted via email: xxxxxxxx

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needs and all other needs in perpetuity.

SGMA allows any federally recognized Indian tribe to
voluntarily participate in the preparation or administration
of a GSP. A federally recognized tribe's actions during

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participation will be based on the tribe's independent sovereign authority and not the authorities that SGMA provides to local agencies. Regardless of whether a tribe opts to coordinate their groundwater management with SGMA implementation, SGMA requires GSAs to consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, including tribes.

For more information on Tribal Government Engagement with GSAs, please see the Guidance Document on Sustainable Groundwater Management prepared by the California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Tribal Advisory Group.

<https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management/Best-Management-Practices-and-Guidance-Documents/Files/GuidanceDocumentforSustainableManagementofGroundwaterEngagementwithTribalGovernments%20July%2019.pdf>

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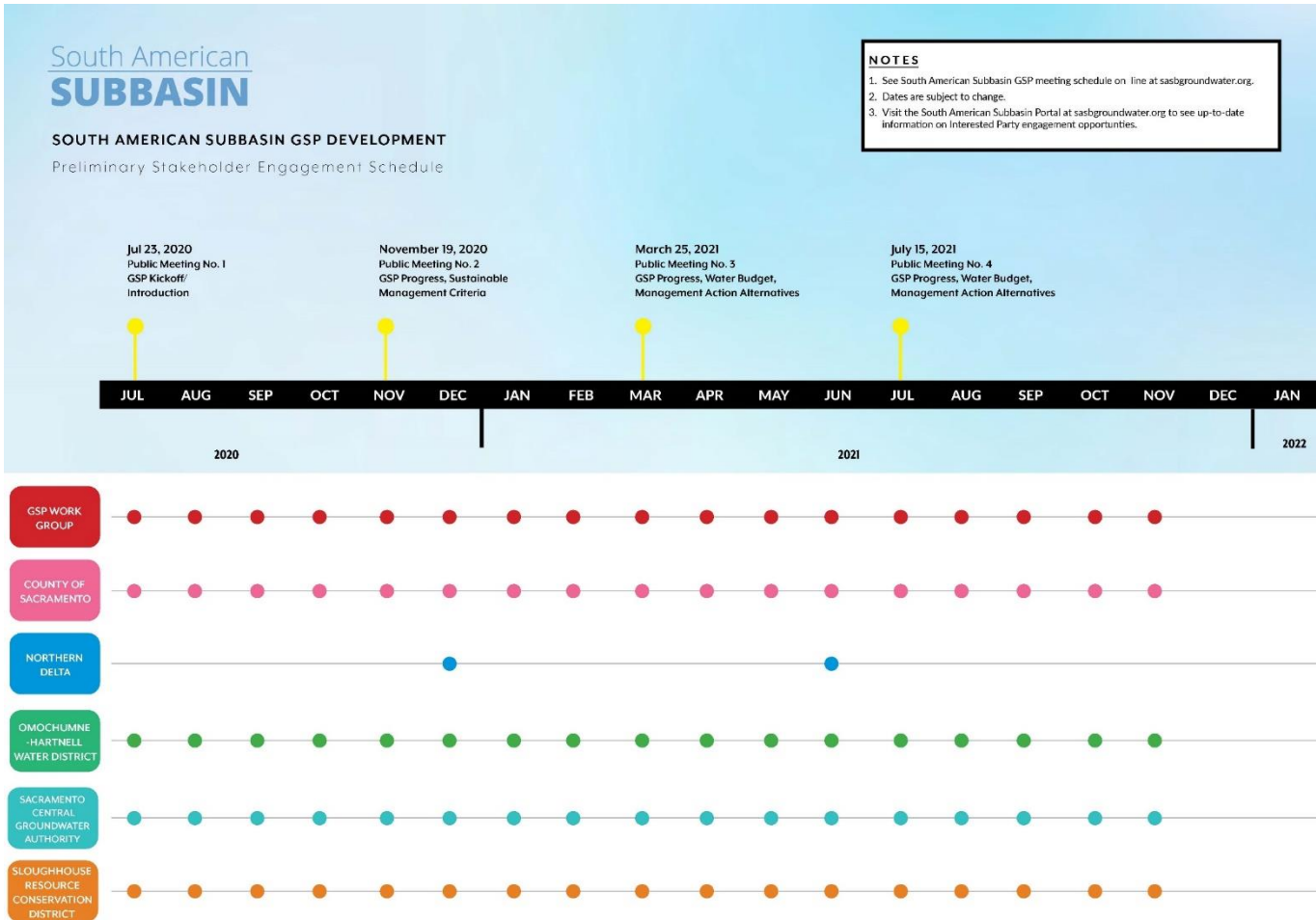
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Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

cc: Groundwater Sustainability Plan Working Group  
Ellen Cross, Strategy Driver, Inc.

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## Appendix I. Preliminary Engagement Schedule

### Preliminary Engagement Schedule



## Appendix J. Example Public Notice

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**Date:** July 6, 2020

**Contact:** Ramon Roybal (916) 874-6826, [RoybalR@SacCounty.NET](mailto:RoybalR@SacCounty.NET)

<https://scgah2o.saccounty.net/Pages/default.aspx>

**SOUTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN - PUBLIC WORKSHOP – July 23, 2020** – The South American Subbasin (SASb) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Working Group, on behalf of five Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), invites groundwater basin users and interested community members to attend a public workshop to initiate the development of a GSP for the SASb in accordance with the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The SASb is located in Sacramento County between the American and Cosumnes Rivers.

### **Why Groundwater Sustainability Matters?**

Join us and learn about the condition and future health of your groundwater subbasin. Participate in the process to understand what needs to be done to protect the quality and availability of this valuable resource. Learn why maintaining a sustainable groundwater subbasin matters to the economy, environment, and quality of life of our urban and rural communities. We need your input - join us July 23<sup>rd</sup>!

The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about the following topics and provide initial input on:

- SGMA and the schedule for GSP development for the SASb
- Opportunities for public engagement in the decision-making process for the GSP
- Introduction to the SASb Groundwater Sustainability Agencies' (GSAs) Working Group
- Sustainability Goals and Sustainable Management Criteria

To indicate your interest and access the agendas and materials for the Public Meeting, please visit [sasbgroundwater.org](http://sasbgroundwater.org). Please note that during the development of the GSP, the GSAs also will hold their regular public Board Meetings, a schedule for which can be viewed at the website.

The GSP Working Group will host a public workshop on:

**Thursday, July 23, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

<https://zoom.us/j/97062255197?pwd=dWwySGINOWMwWmU1UCsyeGtlbWpoQT09>

*The public can call in at (669) 900 6833*

*Meeting ID: 970 6225 5197 Password: 936495*

The GSPWG includes representation from five of the GSAs:

- Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
- Northern Delta GSA
- Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
- Sacramento County
- Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

Note: Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 and given the state of emergency regarding the threat of COVID-19, the meeting will be held via teleconference.

- We encourage members and participants to join the meeting 10 minutes early. Note that we will use Zoom to share slides and other information during the meeting. Use the link above to join. If you have a microphone that you can use with your computer, it should be possible to both listen to, and participate in, the meeting through Zoom. If you do not have a microphone, or a headset with a microphone that plugs into your computer via USB port, you will need to call into the conference line to listen and comment, although you still should be able to view the meeting materials on Zoom. Please do not simultaneously use a microphone through Zoom and the telephone conference line. That combination results in audio problems for all participants.

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Appendix K. Meeting Feedback Form



SASb Meeting Survey

SASb Meeting Survey

Please provide feedback to improve our communication and engagement process.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Questions

Survey Question	Please Select One	
1) Information provided was useful and understandable?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2) Meeting noticing was timely, informative about location, and meeting topic(s)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3) Opportunity to comment was provided?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4) Can we contact you regarding your survey to follow up?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Other SGMA topics and information of interest to you: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Suggestions on communication and engagement that would be helpful for the SGMA process:

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## Appendix L. Postcard Mailers

**Postcards in English and Spanish sent to announce the SASb GSP Public Workshop**

### JOIN THE DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is being developed for the South American Subbasin (SASb). Your local GSP Working Group invites you to participate as an Interested Party and to be notified about events concerning GSP preparation.

#### SASBGROUNDWATER.ORG

Indicate your interest and learn more about the first public meeting on July 23rd!

Sent on behalf of the SASb GSP Working Group representing the SASb Groundwater Sustainability Agencies:

- County of Sacramento
- Northern Delta
- Orochimne-Hartnell Water District
- Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
- Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

#### Why You Should Be Involved

Join us and learn about the condition and future health of your groundwater subbasin. Participate in the process to understand what needs to be done to protect the quality and availability of this valuable resource. Learn why maintaining a sustainable groundwater subbasin matters to the economy, environment, and quality of life of our urban and rural communities.

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### JOIN OUR FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

for the South American Subbasin (SASb) Groundwater Sustainability Plan

**JULY 23, 2020**

**SASBGROUNDWATER.ORG**



### ÚNASE A LA CONVERSACIÓN

De acuerdo con la Ley de Manejo Sostenible de Aguas Subterráneas (SGMA, por sus siglas en inglés), se está desarrollando un Plan de Sustentabilidad de Aguas Subterráneas (GSP por sus siglas en inglés) para la sub-cuenca sur de American River (SASb por sus siglas en inglés).

El grupo de trabajo local para el GSP le invita a participar como una Parte Interesada para que pueda recibir notificaciones sobre eventos relacionados con la preparación del GSP.

#### SASBGROUNDWATER.ORG

¡Inscríbese hoy y aprenda más sobre la primera junta pública agendada para este 23 de julio!

Invitado por parte del grupo de trabajo del SASb GSP, que representa a los siguientes cinco Agencias de Sustentabilidad de Aguas subterráneas:

- County of Sacramento
- Northern Delta
- Orochimne-Hartnell Water District
- Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
- Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

#### ¿Por qué te deberías involucrar?

Únase con nosotros y aprenda de las condiciones actuales y futuras de nuestra sub-cuenca de aguas subterráneas. Participe en el proceso para entender mejor lo que se requiere para proteger la calidad y disponibilidad de este recurso vital. Descubra por qué el mantenimiento sostenible de la sub-cuenca es importante para una mejor economía, medio ambiente, y calidad de vida en nuestras comunidades tanto urbanas como rurales.

¡Le necesitamos en este proceso el 23 de julio!

### ÚNETE A NUESTRA PRIMERA REUNIÓN PÚBLICA

para la Plan de Sustentabilidad Aguas Subterráneas de la Sub-cuenca South American

**23 de julio de 2020**

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## **Appendix M. Interbasin Coordination under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**

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Agencies preparing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) under SGMA are encouraged to work with other agencies in adjacent basins to facilitate exchange of technical information, assist with preparation of GSPs, coordinate basin boundary modifications, and conduct outreach to regional stakeholders.

Interbasin coordination is also important to ensure that implementation of a GSP will not adversely affect an adjacent basin's ability to implement its GSP or impede its ability to achieve its sustainability goal. GSAs may develop a voluntary Interbasin Agreement to establish compatible sustainability goals and understanding regarding the fundamental elements of each agency's GSP. Interbasin agreements should facilitate the exchange of technical information between agencies and include a process to resolve disputes concerning the interpretation of that information. (23 CCR § 357.2). A summary of elements to be included in an interbasin agreement is provided below.

***Interbasin Coordination Agreement Checklist***

<b>Interbasin Coordination Agreement Element</b>		<b>CA Code of Regulations</b>
<b>General Information</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identity of each basin participating in and covered by the terms of the agreement.	23 CCR § 357.2 (a)(1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	A list of the Agencies or other public agencies or other entities with groundwater management responsibilities in each basin.	23 CCR § 357.2 (a)(2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	A list of the Plans, Alternatives, or adjudicated areas in each basin.	23 CCR § 357.2 (a)(3)
<b>Technical Information</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	An estimate of groundwater flow across basin boundaries, including consistent and coordinated data, methods and assumptions.	23 CCR § 357.2 (b)(1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	An estimate of stream-aquifer interactions at boundaries.	23 CCR § 357.2 (b)(2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	A common understanding of the geology and hydrology of the basins and the hydraulic connectivity as it applies to the Agency's determination of groundwater flow across basin boundaries and description of the different assumptions utilized by different Plans and how the Agencies reconciled those differences.	23 CCR § 357.2 (b)(3)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable management criteria and a monitoring network that would confirm that no adverse impacts result from the implementation of the Plans of any party to the agreement. If minimum thresholds or measurable objectives differ substantially between basins, the agreement should specify how the Agencies will reconcile those differences and manage the basins to avoid undesirable results. The Agreement should identify the differences that the parties consider significant and include a plan and schedule to reduce uncertainties to collectively resolve those uncertainties and differences.	23 CCR § 357.2 (b)(4)
<b>Conflict Resolution</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	A description of the process for identifying and resolving conflicts between Agencies that are parties to the agreement.	23 CCR § 357.2 (c)
<b>Submission to DWR</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interbasin agreements submitted to the Department shall be posted on the Department's website.	23 CCR § 357.2 (d)

## Appendix N. Media Contacts List

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Press releases regarding GSP development public workshops are sent to the following media contacts.

### *Media Contacts*

Newspaper Name	Website Link
Carmichael Times	<a href="http://carmichaeltimes.com/contact/index.php">http://carmichaeltimes.com/contact/index.php</a>
EG Citizen	<a href="http://www.egcitizen.com/site/contact.html">http://www.egcitizen.com/site/contact.html</a>
Elk Grove Tribune	<a href="https://elkgrovetribune.com/contact/">https://elkgrovetribune.com/contact/</a>
Inside Sacramento	<a href="https://insidesacramento.com/events/">https://insidesacramento.com/events/</a>
River Valley Times	<a href="https://www.mondotimes.com/1/world/us/5/8437/16348">https://www.mondotimes.com/1/world/us/5/8437/16348</a>
Russian Observer Newspaper	<a href="https://www.russianamericanmedia.com/contact-us/">https://www.russianamericanmedia.com/contact-us/</a>
The Daily Recorder	<a href="https://www.dailyrecorder.news/home.cfm">https://www.dailyrecorder.news/home.cfm</a>
The Folsom Telegraph (Gold Country Media)	<a href="https://goldcountrymedia.com/live-content/the-folsom-telegraph/">https://goldcountrymedia.com/live-content/the-folsom-telegraph/</a> <a href="https://goldcountrymedia.com/live-content/contact/">https://goldcountrymedia.com/live-content/contact/</a>
The Rancho Cordova Grapevine-Independent	<a href="http://ranchocordovaindependent.com/contact/index.php">http://ranchocordovaindependent.com/contact/index.php</a>
The Sacramento Bee	<a href="https://www.sacbee.com/customer-service/contact-us/#navlink=mi_footer">https://www.sacbee.com/customer-service/contact-us/#navlink=mi_footer</a>
The Sacramento Gazette	<a href="https://www.sacgazette.com/">https://www.sacgazette.com/</a>
The Sacramento Observer	<a href="https://sacobserver.com/contact-us/">https://sacobserver.com/contact-us/</a>
The Sacramento Press	<a href="https://sacramentopress.com/contact/">https://sacramentopress.com/contact/</a>
The Sacramento Union	<a href="https://sacunion.com/">https://sacunion.com/</a>