

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

SASb Executive Committee:

- County of Sacramento
- Northern Delta GSAs
- Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
- Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
- Sloughhouse RCD

March 26, 2024

South American Subbasin – Executive Committee Meeting



Welcome and Greetings

This is a joint working meeting of representatives for each Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) of the South American Subbasin (SASb). The Committee considers shared GSA management issues related to implementation of the SASb Groundwater Sustainability Plan and as described in their January 26, 2023, Memorandum of Understanding.

South American Subbasin Executive Committee Representatives

- North Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agencies – Erik Ringleberg
- Omochumne-Hartnell Water District – Mark Stretar, Ken Mitchell
- Sloughouse Resource Conservation District – Herb Garms
- Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) – Dalia Fadl, Barbara Evoy, Paul Schubert, Bruce Kamilos
- County of Sacramento - Represented by SCGA

Order of Business

- Welcome, Greetings
- Communications Update
- Drought Task Force & Domestic Well Advisory Committee
- Annual Budget and Accounting
- Annual Report Next Steps
- Schedule, Contracting approach for the DWR Required 5-year Evaluation
- Future Meeting Schedule
- Closing Comments
- Adjourn

Communications Update

- Website
- List of Public Mtgs. Since Dec. 2023 Executive Committee Mtg.
 - January 30 – Domestic Well Advisory Group
 - February 14 - Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (GSA), Briefing on the analysis used in the Draft SASb Annual Report
 - February 20 - Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (GSA), Briefing on the analysis used in the Draft SASb Annual Report
 - March 13 – Sloughouse Resource Conservation District (GSA), Briefing on the analysis used in the Draft SASb Annual Report

- Q&A

Drought Task Force & Domestic Well Advisory Committee

Members

- Lynn Wheat
- Amelia Vankeuren
- Ron Pecci
- Suzanne Pecci
- Tom Nelson, Mark Streator
- Todd Eising
- Barbara Washburn



January 30
Meeting
Recap

Many different perspectives but an overall theme of coordination and DWAG being a direct line to community members.

DWAG Discussion Topics – Well Protection

- Looking for prevention versus reactionary approaches after a well has gone dry.
- When looking at failure, separate poor owner maintenance from chronic lowering of the groundwater table.
- Unknown costs for a well protection program because of the unknown risks
- Need to determine how to pay for costs.
- County Drought Task Force will conduct a risk assessment which will help assess risks.

DWAG Discussion - Engagement and Outreach

- DWAG can support communication around the importance of maintenance and the subbasins groundwater conditions.
- DWAG can encourage well owners who have experienced dry wells to report them to the state's program: [Dry Well Reporting System \(ca.gov\)](https://www.water.ca.gov/drywellreporting/)
- DWAG can emphasize the role of proactive resilience, as opposed to reacting to crisis.

DWAG Discussion – Outreach Methods

Some ideas shared about engagement approaches:

- Newsletters - Introducing you all as the DWAG members and providing some background information on well ownership and maintenance.
- Community Events - Whether GSA-hosted events or tabling in the community, promoting the DWAG as a connector to the community, clarifying GSP processes, providing resources on wells, getting feedback on what well owners want to know.
- Focus Groups - Determining where community members are at with their current understanding of their own domestic wells, as well as subbasin conditions and governance processes.

Budget and Accounting Updates



- *Questions/Discussion*



Annual Report – Feedback and Next Steps

Schedule,
Contracting
approach for
the DWR
Required 5-
year Evaluation



- *Questions/Discussion*

Future Meeting Schedule

- DWAG
- Executive Committee, Late Fall 2024
- GSA Meetings

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- *Questions/Discussion*

Closing Comments



Adjourn