



EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.



San Joaquin County – Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center
2101 E. Earhart Avenue – Assembly Room #1, Stockton, California

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Safety Announcement

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion /Action Items:

1. Introductions/Overview of Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) Role
2. Receive Comments and Approval of Advisory Committee Charter (attached)
3. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the GWA Board to Approve Use of the Model for Development of the Current and Future Water Budgets in Support of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development
4. Working Exercise – Undesirable Results for Sustainability Indicators
5. Approach for Projected Water Budget
6. Data Management System Overview
7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation of Basin Coordinator Appointment for Department of Water Resources (DWR) Technical Support Services
8. Schedule Recap

B. Informational Items:

III. Public Comment (non-agendized items)

IV. Future Agenda Items

V. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting

June 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

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Action may be taken on any item

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Note: If you need disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact San Joaquin County Public Works Water Resources Staff at (209) 468-3089 at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

ATTACHMENT II
A.2.

**THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CHARTER – WORKING DRAFT**

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) was formed to provide input on technical and policy-related elements of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to the Eastern San Joaquin (ESJ) Groundwater Authority.

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A. Introduction

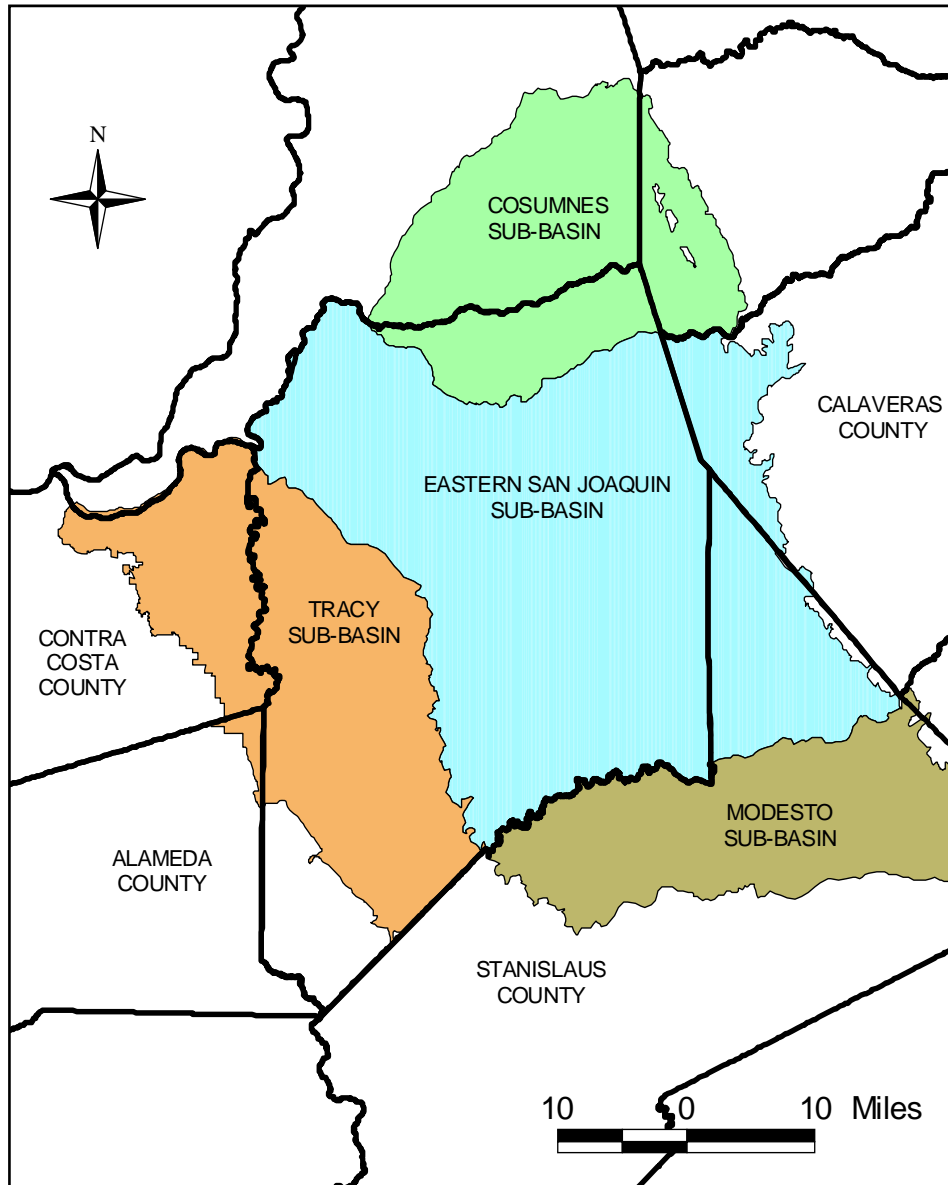
On September 16, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law a three-bill legislative package, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA). SGMA provides a framework for sustainable management of groundwater supplies by local authorities. It also requires the formation of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). These agencies are responsible for assessing conditions in their local groundwater basins and adopting locally developed Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). DWR has approved the GSAs overlaying the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin.

Key implementation dates include:

- January 31, 2020: Deadline to adopt GSPs in medium- and high-priority basins in critical overdraft.
- 20 years after GSP adoption: Achieve groundwater sustainability goals.

B. Advisory Committee Focus

Per Bulletin 118, *the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin is bounded on the south, southwest, and west by the Modesto, Delta-Mendota, and Tracy Subbasins, respectively and on the northwest and north by the Solano, South American, and Cosumnes Subbasins. The Solano and South American are subbasins of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin. The Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin is drained by the San Joaquin River and several of its major tributaries namely, the Stanislaus, Calaveras, and Mokelumne Rivers. The San Joaquin River flows northward into the Sacramento and San Joaquin Delta and discharges into the San Francisco Bay. Annual precipitation within the subbasin ranges from about 11 inches in the southwest to about 25 inches in the northeast.*



Source: California Spatial Information Library at <http://www.gis.ca.gov/>

C. Organizational Structure

ESJ GWA: On February 8, 2017 the GSAs within the subbasin entered into an agreement to form a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to help fund and oversee the development of a GSP for the subbasin.

Advisory Committee: On April 11, 2018 the chairman of the ESJ Groundwater Authority (GWA) appointed one representative recommended by each GSA to an Advisory Committee. The role of the Advisory Committee is to provide technical and policy advice that informs the development of the GSP. The Advisory Committee has no decision-making authority, but rather generates GSP development recommendations for consideration by the board. All Advisory Committee members and meetings must comply with the Brown Act.

D. Roles and Responsibilities

Specific roles and responsibilities are defined as follows:

GWA Board of Directors (Board): is composed of one member, and one alternate from each GSA who is a signatory to the JPA Agreement. The Board is the decision-making body of the GWA and the recipient of all recommendations of the Advisory Committee. Brown Act compliance dictates only those Board members and Board alternates appointed to the Advisory Committee may comment during Advisory Committee meetings.

Advisory Committee: is composed of one representative officially designated by their GSA. Advisory Committee members agree to (1) actively participate in the work of the Advisory Committee; (2) advise the GWA Board on how issues might best be addressed and processes improved; (3) contribute expertise, data and information to clarify discussions, eliminate false assumptions, and advance innovation; (4) serve as the liaison to communicate information to and from their agencies; (5) participate in an open and honest forum; and (6) act in a manner that will enhance trust among all partners and interested stakeholders. Members are responsible for reviewing material in advance, responding to requests for comments, and being prepared to engage in substantive discussions during meetings. Members should attempt to attend every meeting to ensure continuity in discussions and decisions, and to ensure efficient workflow. There is no provision for substitutes to participate “at the table.”

Technical Support: will be provided by resource experts who function as technical advisors to the GWA Board and Advisory Committee members. Technical advisors participate in meetings to serve as an important resource to the Advisory Committee on complex technical questions and issues.

The Facilitator: provides impartial leadership to the dialogue process and meeting management. The facilitator is content neutral and will advocate for a fair, effective, and credible process – not a particular outcome. The facilitator will help the Advisory Committee stay within scope and follow the terms of the charter. Specific facilitator duties include: (1) helping to formulate meeting objectives, agendas, and presentations; (2) overseeing the preparation of meeting notes, including points of agreement and disagreement; (3) serving as a confidant for members who wish to express concerns privately, whether about the substance of discussions or the dialogue process, and (4) providing strategic advice on accomplishing goals and milestones.

If a member has a concern about the neutrality or performance of the facilitator, s/he should first speak with the facilitator. If the concern is unresolved, the member should discuss it with staff.

E. Public Participation

The Advisory Committee is a standing committee of the ESJ GWA and, as such, is open to the public. While time will be allotted on the agenda for public comment (time restrictions may apply), stakeholders may also submit comments in writing or electronically. Additionally, members of the public are encouraged to attend the Stakeholder Committee meetings and public workshops.

F. Schedule

The Advisory Committee is expected to meet monthly, or more frequently as necessary to accomplish the committee's assigned tasks. Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month from 9-10:30am. If additional meetings are determined necessary, a meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

G. Quorum; Required Votes

The presence of at least a majority of the Advisory Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

H. Decision-Making

Goal of Consensus:

The committee is an advisory committee to the GWA Board of Directors and, as such, decisions made by the Advisory Committee will be forwarded as recommendations to the board. In working with the Advisory Committee, the facilitator and staff will use a consensus-seeking approach and work diligently to find common ground on issues. The committee will strive for consensus in its work. In reaching consensus, some Advisory Committee members may strongly endorse a proposal, meaning they fully support it. When strong endorsement of a proposal is not possible, consensus may still be reached by a member or a subcommittee of members choosing one of the following positions:

- Accepting it as just “workable,” meaning it is not perfect but contains good elements;
- “Living with it,” meaning they do not see the need for it, but will accept the proposal;
- “Standing aside” by verbally noting a disagreement, yet allowing the committee to reach consensus without them if the decision does not affect them or compromise their interests; or
- “Conditionally endorsing” a proposal meaning they support it but need to bring it to their governing body for formal approval.

Any of these actions still constitutes consensus. A member may “oppose” a proposal which results in no consensus.

Documentation:

All decisions, agreements, recommendations, and reservations will be documented in the meeting summaries, which are part of the public record.

Timeframe:

In making decisions, the Advisory Committee will abide by timelines that reflect the milestones approved by the GWA Board and are reflected in the GSP Roadmap and Schedule. If the Advisory Committee determines a longer timeframe is needed than set by the Board, the Advisory Committee may ask staff or the facilitator to request that the board extend the timeline. However, the board is under no obligation to agree to the request.

I. Protocols & Standing Committee Rules

Process Agreements

- **Members agree to act in good faith in all aspects of this process and to communicate their interests.**
- **Members agree to address the issues and concerns of the participants.**
- **Members agree to only make commitments they intend to keep.**
- **Parties will express concerns and support in discussions of the Advisory Committee that are consistent with concerns and support they express in other forums, including in sessions with the press.**
- **Outside of Advisory Committee meetings, people will represent comments made in these meetings as organizational or general committee comments. Personal references should be avoided.**
- **Meeting notes will be prepared with a focus on key points, ideas, and action items rather than as transcripts.**

Meeting Groundrules

- **Electronic courtesy.** Please turn cell phones, or any other communication item with an on/off switch, to “silent.” If you must respond to a communication, please do so outside the meeting room.
- **Stay focused on the charge and deliverables.** There are many related topics that people care about. The Advisory Committee cannot address all of these. The facilitator will help the committee stay focused on the deliverables.
- **Sit at the table only if you are the member representing a GSA.** Only individuals appointed to the Advisory Committee may formally represent the GSA in discussions and developing recommendations to the Board.
- **Raise your hand if you wish to speak.** Raising your hand helps the facilitator manage the queue.
- **Use common conversational courtesy.** Don't interrupt others. Use appropriate language. Avoid third party discussions.
- **Treat each other with respect.** Please respect the work people do to advance the conversation and create common ground.
- **All ideas and points have value.** You may hear something you do not agree with. You are not required to defend or promote your perspective, but you are asked to share it. All ideas have value in this setting. If you believe another approach is better, offer it as a constructive alternative.
- **Avoid editorials.** Please avoid ascribing motives to or judging the actions of others. Please speak about your experiences, concerns, and suggestions.
- **Honor time.** In order to achieve meeting objectives, it will be important to follow the time guidelines provided by the facilitator.
- **Be comfortable.** Please help yourself to refreshments or take personal breaks.
- **Humor is welcome** and important, but humor should never be at someone else's expense.

J. Amendments

The Advisory Committee may develop and recommend amendments to the charter.