

CGA/GGA Joint Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

March 10, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. 225 North Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988 and

Colusa Industrial Properties, 100 Sunrise Blvd., Colusa, CA 95932

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4485 Spring Meadows Circle, Flagstaff, AZ 86004

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- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions
- 2. Approval of Minutes (CGA TAC, GGA TAC)
 - a. *August 12, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting Minutes (GGA Only)
 - b. *September 9, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting Minutes (GGA Only)
 - c. *October 14, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting Minutes
- 3. Period of Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may address the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members regarding items that are not on the agenda but are of relevance. The TACs may not act on items not on the agenda.

- 4. *Approve 2023 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting Schedule
- 5. Colusa Subbasin Water Year 2022 Annual Report
 - a. Receive presentation from consultant team on draft Colusa Subbasin Water Year 2022 Annual Report

^{*} Indicates an Action Item

- b. Review next steps to finalize Colusa Subbasin Water Year 2022 Annual Report
- 6. Discussion: Introduction of Prioritization of Technical Tasks through Groundwater Sustainability Plan five-year update
- 7. Member Reports and Comments
- 8. Next meeting
- 9. Adjourn

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To: CGA-GGA Joint TAC

Agenda Item: 2. Approval of Minutes

Date: March 10, 2023

Background

The August 12, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting minutes were approved by the CGA TAC on September 9, 2022. The GGA TAC was unable to take action due to lack of a quorum.

The September 9, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting minutes were approved by the CGA TAC on October 14, 2022. The GGA TAC was unable to take action due to lack of a quorum.

The October 14, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting minutes have been prepared for review.

Recommendation

GGA Action Only: Approve the August 12, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting minutes.

GGA Action Only: Approve the September 9, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting minutes.

CGA and GGA Action: Approve the October 14, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting minutes.

Attachments

- August 12, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting minutes
- September 9, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting minutes
- October 14, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting minutes

CGA/GGA Joint Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES August 12, 2022 | 1:00 p.m.

In Person Meeting Locations:

Sites Project Authority Office, 122 Old Highway 99 W, Maxwell, CA 95955

4485 Spring Meadows Circle, Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Public input was also welcomed in person or remotely via Microsoft Teams.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions

Lisa Hunter called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

In Attendance:

Committee Members:

GGA: Zac Dickens, Mark Lohse, Emil Cavagnolo and Don Bills.

CGA: Denise Carter, Deke Dormer, Darrin Williams, Ben King, and Jim Wallace. Brandon Davison (DWR, ex-officio) attended remotely as a member of the public. Ms. Carter was absent upon roll call but arrived at 2:27 p.m.

Others in Attendance: Lisa Hunter (GGA Staff), Carol Thomas-Keefer (CGA Staff), Grant Davids (Davids Engineering, Inc.), Katie Klug (Davids Engineering), Anna Reimer (West Yost), Hawkeye Sheene (West Yost), Arne Gustafson, Shelly Murphy, Holly Dawley (GCID), Patricia Vellines (DWR), Jenny Scheer, Kamie Loeser, and Ryan Fulton.

2. Approval of Minutes (CGA TAC, GGA TAC)

- a. *July 8, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting
- b. *March 11, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting
- c. *May 13, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting

On motion made by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Wallace, and unanimously carried, CGA TAC approved the minutes of the July 8, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Cavagnolo, and unanimously carried, GGA TAC approved the minutes of the July 8, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Cavagnolo, seconded by Mr. Dickens, and unanimously carried, GGA TAC approved the minutes of the March 11, 2022 and May 13, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meetings. It was

noted the CGA TAC approved the March 11, 2022 and May 13, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC minutes at the July 8, 2022 meeting.

3. Period of Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

4. Joint TAC Meeting Schedule for Remainder of 2022

Ms. Hunter reviewed the staff report recommending the Joint TAC schedule monthly meetings through October to meet the DWR grant submittal schedule this fall, with a meeting also scheduled for December. Due to holidays, no meeting was proposed for November. Ms. Hunter also noted that the CGA TAC approved the schedule at the July 8 meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Dickens, seconded by Mr. Lohse, and unanimously carried, the GGA TAC approved the proposed Joint TAC meeting schedule for the remainder of 2022.

5. Discussion of 2022/2023 Grant Application/Project Prioritization

Grant Davids introduced a presentation to review the 2022/2023 SGMA grant funding opportunity, noting that the second solicitation is scheduled to open in October 2022, with approximately \$200 million total available to medium and high priority basins. Only one application per subbasin will be funded, with grants capped at \$20 million per application. Mr. Davids stated that the purpose of today's item was to review the grant application timeline and guidelines, continue discussions on prioritization of potential projects for the grant application, and work to develop a project list that can be brought back to the CGA and GGA boards for recommendation by September or October.

Mr. Davids noted that, as a result of the project prioritization spreadsheet developed and circulated for the last Joint TAC meeting, a few responses from TAC members had been received and the TAC should further that discussion. Mr. King stated that, in preparation for its grant application, Yolo County had sent out a request to stakeholders for additional projects to be considered, and he asked if the same should be done for the Colusa Subbasin application. He noted that he had offered a project last year to staff that was apparently overlooked, and he thought there may be others to consider. Mr. Davids acknowledged the Yolo action and stated that the solicitation had a very condensed timeline. Mr. Williams asked if there was a form available for project submittal that would not require a great deal of outreach.

Mr. Brandon Davison (DWR) reported that the grant solicitation process may be pushed back a month or two, but felt that September/October is still appropriate for finalizing project lists for the application. He also reported that Ms. Kelley List of DWR will host a webinar on August 30 at 11 a.m. regarding the upcoming SGMA implementation grant guidelines, including a question-and-answer period.

Ms. Katie Klug provided details on the upcoming grant opportunity, stating that projects for Disadvantaged, Severely Disadvantaged (SDAC) and Underrepresented Communities would receive higher priority scoring. She also stated that each project within an application would be individually scored, with those scores averaged for the final application score, so all projects within an application should be strong. She noted that projects that would not be eligible for grant funding included water purchases, funding rebate programs, water markets and trading programs, and various travel and expense items. She stated that projects must also comply with any applicable program requirements. Mr. Davison stated that he thought that stormwater discharge requirements (MS4) would not apply due to the size of the communities.

Ms. Klug noted that the following considerations would receive highest priority: applications for basins that have not previously received SGMA Implementation Grant funds; projects that directly benefit SDACs; projects that leverage other funds (private, federal or local) or produce the greatest public benefit, and projects that include water conservation or efficiency, stormwater capture, use of recycled water, or carbon sequestration.

Ms. Klug then reviewed the considerations for prioritization of grant projects, including: support for ongoing development and implementation of Projects and Management Actions (PMAs); support of recharge project implementation; addressing critical data gaps identified in the GSP; updating and improving analytic tools needed to support groundwater management and 5-year GSP updates; supporting interbasin coordination; and addressing GSP deficiencies that may be noted from DWR or others. She pointed out that the potential projects and needs exceed available grant funding, so additional criteria may be considered in the prioritization process, including project cost, eligibility, and time to complete. Some larger projects could potentially be broken into components that could be implemented within the grant timeframe (currently ending June 2025). Other considerations may include broad or basin-wide benefits, benefits in areas of concern (i.e., subsidence), benefits to SDACs and/or Underrepresented Communities, positive impacts to small systems and domestic well owners, costsharing potential, shovel-ready status, and quantifiable benefits. Finally, Ms. Klug advised that the group should consider how much funding should be devoted to monitoring (filling data gaps, data management), how much should go to planning, and how much should go toward construction and project implementation. Consideration should also be given to projects proposed by the GSAs versus those proposed by others, and projects with multiple or basin-wide benefits.

Discussion then followed regarding how best to prioritize projects in terms of implementation versus monitoring and planning. Mr. King, Mr. Williams and Mr. Wallace expressed a preference for identifying several strong subbasin projects, preferably shovel-ready, for implementation, and then considering planning and/or monitoring projects. Mr. Davids suggested that a groundwater model update would be very helpful in better evaluating projects and potential benefits. Mr. Bills spoke to the need for additional monitoring wells, and Mr. Williams agreed that additional monitoring was needed along the ephemeral streams, not only for recharge projects but also for general information. Mr. Wallace recommended that TAC members rank their key projects and return the spreadsheet to Mr. Davids to tabulate results.

Discussion followed regarding the use of ag wells for a groundwater level monitoring network; however, Mr. Davids noted that the fluctuations due to seasonal usage would be too great to be useful on a monthly basis. Additional discussion ensued regarding potential ways to make use of ag wells for monitoring data, especially to monitor effectiveness of recharge projects.

Ms. Carter asked about shallow well monitoring and evaluation of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems, and stated that this is required and should be considered for project implementation soon.

Following additional discussion regarding the evaluation and prioritization process, it was agreed that Davids Engineering would send out the revised prioritization spreadsheet by August 15, and TAC members should complete the rankings and return to the GSA staff by August 22. Results would be reviewed at the September 9 meeting with additional discussion.

6. Discussion of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Project Submittal

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

7. Drought Update

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

8. Member Reports and Comments

Mr. Bills reported that he has heard from some drillers in the Glenn-Colusa area that some wells are starting to de-gas. Although this has been an existing issue in various areas for many years, drillers are now experiencing it while addressing declining water levels.

Ms. Carter mentioned that Eaton Drilling is consulting with some land owners on recharge projects.

9. Next Meeting: September 9, 2022

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.



CGA/GGA Joint Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2022 | 1:00 p.m.

In Person Meeting Locations:

Sites Project Authority Office, 122 Old Highway 99 W, Maxwell, CA 95955

4485 Spring Meadows Circle, Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Public participation for this meeting was also available remotely via Teams.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions

Ms. Denise Carter called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

In Attendance:

Committee Members:

GGA: Zac Dickens, Emil Cavagnolo and Don Bills. Tavis Beynon attended remotely as a member of the public. The GGA TAC did not have a quorum.

CGA: Denise Carter, Darrin Williams, Ben King, and Jim Wallace. Thad Bettner and Deke Dormer attended remotely as members of the public.

Others in Attendance: Lisa Hunter (GGA Staff), Carol Thomas-Keefer (CGA Staff), Arne Gustafson, Erin Kizer, Leland Noll, Ryan Fulton, Sajit Singh, Jenny Scheer, Wes Battson, Toni Longley, Patricia Vellines (DWR) and Peter Carr.

2. Approval of Minutes (CGA TAC, GGA TAC)

a. *August 12, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Jim Wallace, seconded by Mr. Ben King, and unanimously carried, CGA TAC approved the minutes of the July 8, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting.

The GGA TAC did not take action to approve the minutes due to lack of a quorum.

3. Period of Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

4. Presentation: Orland-Artois Water District Annexation Project

Ms. Jenny Scheer, Water and Land Solutions, gave an overview of the proposed Orland-Artois Water District (OAWD) Annexation Project. The project proposes to annex 11,420 acres of land currently irrigated with groundwater, involving 20 landowners, into the OAWD as a Class 2 annexation. Surface water would be delivered through five or six new turnouts on the Tehama-Colusa Canal, but only when sufficient supplies are available. Ten miles of new pipe would be installed, with a total project cost of

about \$10 million. Ms. Scheer pointed out that the project would reduce groundwater use in one of the Colusa Subbasin's key subsidence areas and is located within disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities. She also stated that the project is currently undergoing 30 percent design and environmental review, and construction can be completed by June 2025. TAC members and the public engaged in discussion and clarification regarding the presentation topics.

5. Discussion of 2022/2023 Grant Application/Project Prioritizations.

a. *Recommendation to GSAs on projects to include in the 2022/2023 Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 grant application.

Ms. Lisa Hunter provided a brief presentation on the results of the TAC members' project prioritization ranking results based on the project ranking spreadsheet discussed at the August 12 TAC meeting. Ranking scores had been tallied, and the highest scoring projects were identified for further discussion. Additionally, proposed projects were categorized as Projects, Management Actions, or GSP Studies/Updates, and the top-scoring items in each category were identified for review.

Seven Projects, five Management Actions and five GSP Studies/Updates were presented as highest-ranking; additionally, five new Project/Management Action submittals were just received as a result of the recent project solicitation issued by CGA and GGA, and those projects were also presented for consideration. Discussion followed regarding newly submitted project proposals, including project proponents and potential benefits. Mr. Zac Dickens reviewed the conceptual Groundwater Recharge Project proposed by Glenn Colusa Irrigation District, noting that it was in the early stages of development and included an area northeast of Willows to utilize gravel ponds for groundwater recharge.

The group also discussed potential water rights issues associated with recharge projects and agreed that a presentation to the group from MBK or similar consultant would be helpful to understand the issues and potential costs involved. Ms. Carter suggested that the group may want to consider a study.

Mr. Darrin Williams discussed a concept to possibly form a recharge district for the southeast Colusa County area. Various alternatives were also suggested.

Mr. King suggested that the group vote on the newly submitted projects and increase the list to the top 10. Ms. Hunter clarified that the top-ranked projects were presented for review, but there would not be sufficient funds available to include all projects in the application. She added that the list would need to be further narrowed before the final projects could be selected. It was also noted that the grant process would be competitive, and all selected projects, management actions and studies should be strong proposals that support the GSP. It was agreed that all the new project submittals would be considered during the prioritization process. Mr. King requested that Emily Reinhart be invited to the next TAC meeting to make a presentation on the newly submitted Sycamore Slough project.

Following additional discussion, it was agreed that staff would further refine the list of project proposals to better identify costs, needs, and timelines, and bring to the next Joint TAC meeting.

6. Drought Update

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

7. Member Reports and Comments

Mr. Dickens reported that GCID has requested a copy of the GSP groundwater model, along with hydrogeologic data, to help evaluate the district's proposed recharge project. Ms. Hunter noted that clarification was needed with regard to some of the requested data, and, since the data and model would

be provided by the GSAs' consultant, Davids Engineering, GCID may need to pay for the consultants' time as budget within CGA and GGA was very limited for technical support.

8. Next Meeting: October 14, 2022

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.





CGA/GGA Joint Technical Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES October 14, 2022 | 1:00 p.m.

In Person Meeting Locations:

225 North Tehama Street, Willows, CA 95988 4485 Spring Meadows Circle, Flagstaff, AZ 86004 3599 Shiloh Road, Modesto, CA 95358 1115 Tess Dr., Arbuckle, CA 95912

The meeting was also held remotely via Teams.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions

Denise Carter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Committee Members:

GGA: Zac Dickens, Emil Cavagnolo and Don Bills. The GGA TAC did not have a quorum.

CGA: Denise Carter, Darrin Williams, Ben King, Jim Wallace, and Deke Dormer. Brandon Davison (DWR – ex-officio) attended remotely.

Others in Attendance: Lisa Hunter (GGA Staff), Carol Thomas-Keefer (CGA Staff), Arne Gustafson, Clarke Ornbaun, Ryan Fulton, Jenny Scheer, Toni Longley, Emily Reinhart, John Brennan, Hilary Reinhard, Pete Dennehy, Shelly Murphy and Jacques DeBra.

2. Approval of Minutes (CGA TAC, GGA TAC)

a. *August 12, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting (GGA TAC only)

The GGA TAC did not take action to approve the minutes due to lack of a quorum.

b. *September 9, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Williams, and carried on the following roll call vote, the CGA TAC approved the September 9, 2022 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting Minutes.

AYES: Carter, Dormer, Wallace, Williams

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vanderwaal, Bettner

ABSTAIN: King

The GGA TAC did not take action to approve the minutes due to lack of a quorum.

3. Period of Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

4. Presentation: Sycamore Slough Reconnection and Recharge PMA Proposal

Ms. Emily Reinhart of Davis Ranches and Mr. John Brennan of LandMBA provided an overview of the Davis Ranches recharge project, including the initial multi-benefit recharge project for shorebird habitat and groundwater recharge, done in conjunction with The Nature Conservancy, CGA, and others. This project resulted in 812 acre-feet of recharge from about 1,514 acre-feet of applied surface water over 30 applied water days annually from 2019 to 2021. Ms. Reinhart and Mr. Brennan then reviewed the proposed project expansion, sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, and with assistance from DWR's FloodMAR program, as well as MBK Engineering, Davids Engineering, The Nature Conservancy, and Somach, Simmons and Dunn. The proposed project will reconnect the Sycamore Slough to provide groundwater recharge in areas south of Davis Ranch that are groundwater-dependent; it will also create wetlands recharge areas and provide habitat restoration. Currently, the project proponents are seeking funding and necessary permits in order to move ahead.

Ms. Denise Carter asked what funding is being requested for the project; Ms. Reinhart noted that CEQA requirements would likely be the project's biggest hurdle, so funding to assist with that component would be most helpful. Mr. Ben King expressed support for the project and the need to prevent the vegetation from dying in Sycamore Slough. Discussion followed regarding the necessary water rights permit for the project, and it was noted that CGA may seek a blanket permit for recharge water under which the Sycamore Slough project could receive water. However, since this was still a conceptual idea, the project proponents were encouraged to continue to move ahead with permitting.

Ms. Carter commended Ms. Reinhart on the project and its benefits to the area.

5. Discussion of 2022/2023 Grant Application/Project Prioritizations.

a. *Recommendation to GSAs on projects or components to include in the 2022/2023 Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 grant application.

Ms. Carter stated that the Joint TAC must make a recommendation on project prioritization for the upcoming SGMA Round 2 grant application. Ms. Lisa Hunter reported that a grant writing consultant has been selected for recommendation to the CGA and GGA boards at upcoming board meetings, and the consultant must prepare and submit the application by DWR's November 30 deadline.

Ms. Carter then introduced an excerpt of a presentation provided by Paul Gosselin of DWR to the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) group. The presentation excerpt focused on DWR's priorities in reviewing Groundwater Sustainability Plans and the most common deficiencies or areas of improvement that DWR has identified in reviewing GSPs. These include updating water budgets, improving Communication and Engagement Plans, detailing and providing contingencies for Projects and Management Actions, and addressing depletion of interconnected surface water. Additional areas that are often not sufficiently addressed include subsidence, water quality, drinking water impacts; also, inconsistent data and methodologies as well as lack of coordination among GSPs are areas of concern to

DWR. Ms. Carter noted that the group should consider DWR's priorities in selecting projects and activities for GSP implementation.

Ms. Hunter explained that staff has separated the various PMAs into component groups, so that various activities and projects could be placed into groups for ranking and funding needs. She then reviewed the PMA group list, including notes on project eligibility, budgets and funding need, readiness to begin, and time needed for completion. The group discussed the need for funding of required GSP compliance activities, and staff noted that studies such as the GSAs' upcoming fee study, are eligible for grant funding and can be included in the application.

The group reviewed the various component groups, with considerable discussion on how to prioritize projects. Following additional discussion, on motion made by Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. King, and unanimously carried, the CGA TAC directed staff to prioritize projects for the SGMA Round 2 grant application, targeting projects with quantifiable benefits in areas of most significant subsidence (i.e., Orland and Arbuckle areas) as well as areas of domestic well impacts.

The GGA TAC did not take action due to lack of a quorum.

6. Member Reports and Comments

None.

7. Next Meeting

It was agreed to cancel the December 2022 Joint TAC meeting. The next meeting will be determined in 2023.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

To: CGA-GGA Joint TAC

Agenda Item: 4. Approve 2023 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting Schedule

Date: March 10, 2023

Background

The proposed 2023 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting Schedule has been prepared for discussion and possible approval.

Recommendation

Discuss and approve 2023 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting Schedule.

Attachments

• Draft 2023 CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting Schedule



CGA/GGA Joint Technical Advisory Committee 2023 Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Anticipated Purpose
March 10, 2023	225 N. Tehama St., Willows CIP, 100 Sunrise Blvd., Colusa	Water Year 2022 Annual Report
April 14, 2023	TBD (either 1 location in Willows, 1 location in Colusa OR Sites Project Office)	 Prioritize technical tasks through 5-year update (aligns with budget development)
May 12, 2023	TBD (either 1 location in Willows, 1 location in Colusa OR Sites Project Office)	Continue prioritizing technical tasks
August 11, 2023	TBD (either 1 location in Willows, 1 location in Colusa OR Sites Project Office)	 Review draft grant awards Align draft grant awards with prioritized projects
October 13, 2023	TBD (either 1 location in Willows, 1 location in Colusa OR Sites Project Office)	 Final grant awards announcement (if available) Continue to align prioritized projects and lay out plan/schedule

To: CGA-GGA Joint TAC

Agenda Item: 5. Colusa Subbasin Water Year 2022 Annual Report

Date: March 10, 2023

Background

The Colusa Subbasin Water Year 2022 Annual Report is currently being prepared and will be submitted by April 1, 2023. The consultant team will provide an overview of the outcomes of the draft Annual Report.

The consultant team and staff will review next steps to finalize the Colusa Subbasin Water Year 2022 Annual Report. TAC member comments are due March 17, 2023 at noon.

The Annual Report will be presented at the March 22, 2023 Glenn Groundwater Authority Board meeting and the March 28, 2023 Colusa Groundwater Authority Board meeting. Public outreach meetings are being planned for mid-April.

Recommendation

Receive presentation on Colusa Subbasin Water Year 2022 Annual Report.

Receive information on next steps to finalize the Annual Report.

No action necessary.

Attachments

None

To: CGA-GGA Joint TAC

Agenda Item: 6. Discussion: Introduction of Prioritization of Technical

Tasks through Groundwater Sustainability Plan five-year

update

Date: March 10, 2023

Background

The Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) was approved by the CGA and GGA in December 2021 and submitted to DWR in January 2022. The first Annual Report for Water Year 2021 was prepared and submitted to DWR by April 1, 2022. Colusa Subbasin Water Year 2022 Annual Report is currently being prepared and will be submitted by April 1, 2023. The first five-year update will be due in early 2027.

These documents outline what is currently known about the Colusa Subbasin and areas in which more information is needed (data gaps) to better characterize basin conditions. The GSP also includes Projects and Management Actions (PMAs) that may be implemented to reach and maintain sustainability in the basin. Annual Reports provide updates on basin conditions, information collected, and progress on PMA implementation.

The GSAs will need to prioritize technical tasks that will provide a reasonable path forward to ensure the basin stays compliant with SGMA, data gaps are filled, and PMAs are implemented as needed.

All submitted documents are available for review on the SGMA Portal at: https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/

Recommendation

Receive an introduction of prioritization of technical tasks through GSP five-year update from staff.

No action necessary.

Attachments

None