

**GSPWG MEETING #8**  
**AGENDA**  
**South American Subbasin (SASb)**  
**Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)**  
**October 16, 2020 (9:00 am to 12:30 pm)**  
**Zoom: Details Below**

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<b>Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company</b>	Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority		PS
<b>Ted Rauh, Conservation Landowners</b>	Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority		-
<b>Barbara Evoy, Alternate</b>	Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority		BE
<b>Mark Madison, Elk Grove Water District</b>	Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority		MM
<b>Evan Jacobs, California-American Water Company</b>	Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority		EJ
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<b>Mike Wackman</b>	Omochumne-Hartnell Water District		MW

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<b>Mark Stretars</b>	Omochumne-Hartnell Water District	MS
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<b>Austin Miller</b>	Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District	AM
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<b>John Woodling</b>	SCGA (GEI)	JW
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**Public Attendees:**

Suzanne Pecci  
Ian McLeod (CDFW)  
Dominic Gutierrez (DWR)  
Lindsay Liebig (Farm Bureau)  
William Myers  
Jay Schneider  
Lynn Wheat  
Bridgett Gibbons (CDFW)

**MEETING SUMMARY:**

- Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.
- Roll Call. Announcements were provided by Working Group (WG) members regarding GSA actions. Members of the public attended the meeting, as noted above.
- Furthered Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development process through presentations and discussions under three topical areas: Management/Governance, Technical, and Communication and Engagement (C&E), as follows:
  - Management / Governance

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- A memorandum prepared by GSPWG member Ted Rauh was discussed. The main point of the discussion was the need to integrate the efforts in the Cosumnes and SASb in addressing surface water depletions and Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs). It was agreed that an emphasis in the Prop 68 grant was to achieve this inter-basin integration. SCGA staff and the consultant team stated that work with the Cosumnes group will be broadened.
- Technical
  - A presentation was provided regarding the calibration of the CoSANA model. Questions were raised about several topics, including the depiction of agricultural residential land use, the basis for estimates of agricultural use, groundwater level calibration along the Cosumnes, parameters that were varied during model calibration and the range of that variation, the depth to high salinity groundwater in the subbasin (1200 feet), the accuracy of groundwater levels for shallow wells in the model, and various aspects of the animation that was presented showing groundwater levels along the Cosumnes River. It was stated that, going forward, the GSPWG needs to be comfortable that the model simulates the system adequately to support various decisions and findings made in the GSP and that the technical team must be clear what information is observed data and what information is model results.
  - A presentation was provided regarding the historic water budget and baseline assumptions. Questions were raised concerning the following topics: whether the Water Forum estimate for Basin yield will need to be adjusted, whether the basin is currently in balance/sustainable, whether recharge projects will be required, the basis for groundwater pumping estimates for agricultural-residential users, and factors affecting flows in the Cosumnes River. GSPWG members noted that additional information pertaining to groundwater substitution transfers and the Harvest Water project will need to be discussed and considered in future GSPWG meetings, including what would be included in the baseline assumptions.
  - A presentation was provided regarding the Monitoring Network for the Surface Water Depletion (SWD) and GDE sustainability indicators. Questions were raised regarding groundwater levels in potential monitoring wells and well construction details, whether SMC apply to individual wells, how the proposed monitoring network compares to DWR guidance, and whether monitoring wells could be used to evaluate water use by agricultural-residential users and to confirm de minimus users. Additional information and discussion regarding proposed monitoring networks will occur in future GSPWG meetings. Questions were also raised whether levels must be maintained above 2015 levels and whether flashboard dams impact wetting and drying in the Cosumnes.
- Communication & Engagement (C&E)
  - Discussed draft agenda for the November 5 Public Meeting No. 2 agenda. Meeting will be a virtual meeting, from 6 pm to 8 pm on November 5.

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- Reminded participants regarding the next GSPWG meeting, to be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 5:30 pm, as a virtual meeting.
- Supporting Materials
  - PowerPoint presentation on CoSANA model calibration.
  - PowerPoint presentation on Historic Water Budget and Baseline Assumptions.
  - PowerPoint presentation on Surface Water Depletion and Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem SMC and Monitoring Network.
- Meeting was concluded at 12:30 PM

