

Delta-Mendota Subbasin
Communications Working Group Meeting

Tuesday, June 26th 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA

Meeting Minutes

Voluntary Technical Working Group Representatives in Attendance

Jarrett Martin (Central California Irrigation District/SJRECWA)

John Beam (Grassland Water District)

Maria Encinas (City of Patterson)

Glenn Allen (Fresno County; by phone)

Kirsten Pringle (Stantec, by phone)

Amy Montgomery (Santa Nella; by phone)

Gayle Holman (Westlands Water District; by phone)

Authority Representatives Present

Andrew Garcia

Zachary Roy

Others in Attendance

Leslie Dumas – Woodard & Curran

1. Introductions

Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran called the meeting to order at approximately 10:01 AM.

2. Review of Meeting Minutes from May 29th 2018

There were no comments on the draft meeting minutes from the May 29th 2018 Communications Workgroup Meeting. The minutes will be finalized.

3. Updates on GSA Outreach

Jarret Martin (Central California Irrigation District) received letter from TNC and asked if the subbasin had an advisory committee. Jarret is interested in engaging TNC on specific topics including GDEs. Andrew Garcia (San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority) is planning a meeting with TNC and other environmental non-profit organizations to discuss GDEs. Andrew would like to incorporate these non-profit organization(s) in a joint workshop for clear communication and understanding between different parties. Glenn Allen (Fresno County) held a stakeholder meeting with landowners in Management Area B. Glenn also sent out flyers to all property owners in Management Area B notifying them about the website (need more detail. what website?) Glenn is working on doing more effective outreach efforts utilizing electronic outreach and communication. Maria Encinas (City of Patterson) had two community events where SGMA materials were handed out. Maria will be going to city council on August 7th. Amy Montgomery (Santa Nella) gave full report to board. Amy posted information on website, and made available flyers for walk-in customers – both English and Spanish. Amy would like to see a second round flyers go out in the month of July. John Beam (Grassland) will be meeting with TNC. John will also mentioned that the upcoming board meeting will be presented by Provost & Pritchard.

4. Discussion on Delta-Mendota Communications Timeline

Andrew Garcia (San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority) wants to see how other GSA's technical milestones line up with the milestones for the North-Central Delta-Mendota Region GSP. Jarret Martin (Central California Irrigation District) gave an update that they are developing monitoring plan for GSA. Jarret would like to have a workshop with TNC, Audubon, and other environmental nonprofits in July/August. Touching on Jarret's comment, Andrew believes the monitoring plan will not be difficult due to having the CASGEM monitoring system already up and running. Andrew also believes having a workshop set-up for going over the water budget in August would be beneficial for all parties. Leslie Dumas had a meeting with Will Halligan (P&P). The status for the development of Farmers Water District is lagging behind. Leslie believes everyone could be in a position to discuss and compare historic water budgets by the end of July. Andrew touched on Leslie's comment by recommending a firm deadline would be vitally important. John Beam (Grassland Water District) is looking into their budget data that is available. John also stated that they are still struggling to have state and federal agencies fund their part of the GSP, and mentioned that Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) are currently not in place. John and Grassland Water District needs the MOU signed before they can receive data from state/federal agencies.

Andrew coordinated the idea for the November/December workshop would cover the Sustainable Management Criteria. July's coordinated workshop would cover GDEs. Andrew spoke with DWR and they would like to hold a discussion going over subsidence

in July. Andrew asked Leslie how many coordinated workshops are assumed in your budget? Leslie assumes there are twenty-one technical meetings, which include communication meetings. The total amount of meetings is forty-two. Gayle Holman (Westlands Water District) reminded the group the next workshop was on July 16th at Harris Ranch. Jarret Martin (Central California Irrigation District) requested if the September workshop could discuss basin setting, such as current and historic water budgets? Jarret Martin said the winter/spring workshop could discuss projected water budgets, management actions, projects, etc. Jarret Martin also said that having a December workshop would provide a deadline to do the projected water budgets. Andrew Garcia asked the question if they were thinking of early December 2018 for the Winter 2018 workshop. Leslie confirmed.

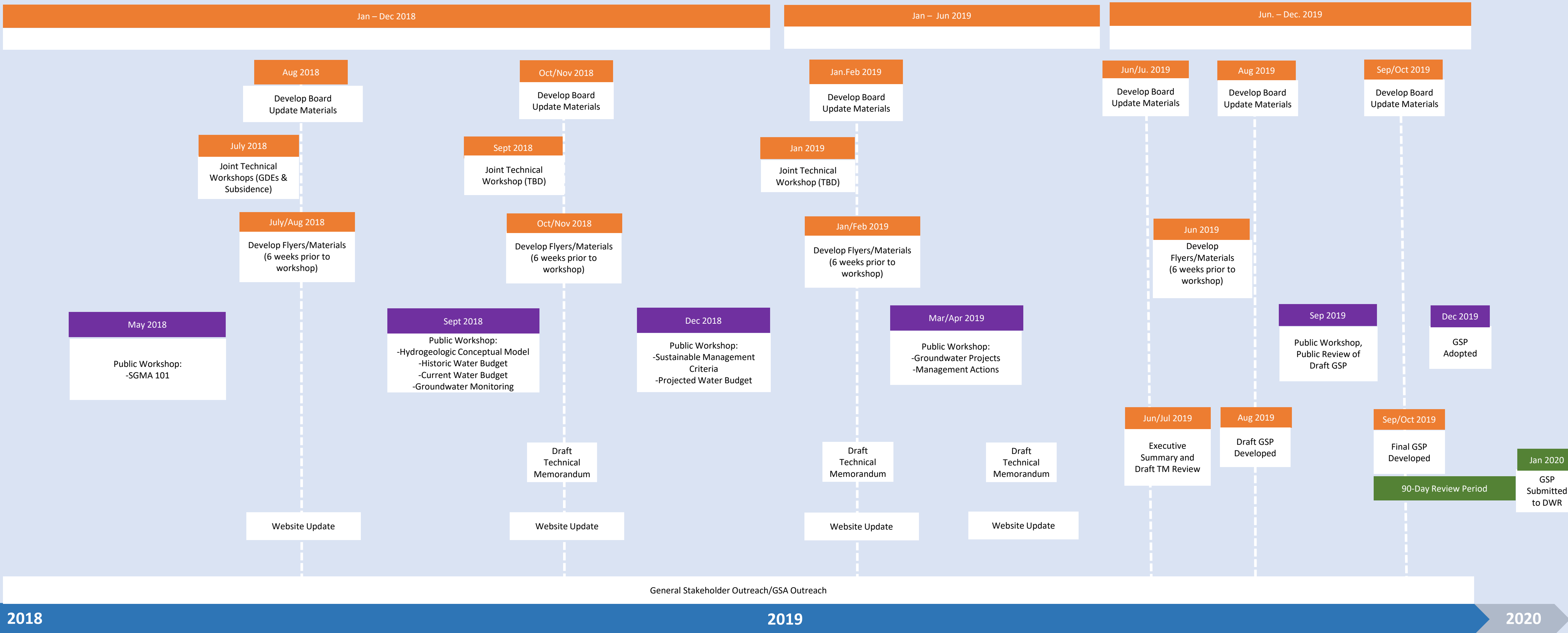
Andrew Garcia coordinated the Public Workshop #3 (September) would discuss historic and current water budgets, HCM, groundwater monitoring. Public Workshop #4 (December) would cover sustainable management goals/criteria and the projected water budget. Andrew Garcia asked the group if they planned on updating their individual boards on the GSP development, and also coordinated if the communications workgroup could do anything to save time and ensure consistent messaging to support adoption of the GSP? Jarret Martin gave a presentation and summary to the board on coordination and cost sharing agreements. The communications workgroup also discussed the schedule/timeline which will cover public workshops, joint technical workshops, tentative technical memorandum dates, and technical memorandum board summary documents.

5. Next Steps

6. Adjourn

Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran adjourned the Communications Working Group meeting at approximately 2:45 PM

Communications Working Group Schedule



2018

2019

2020



**Delta-Mendota Subbasin
Sustainable Groundwater Management
Workshop #2**

**[Date]
[Location]**

DRAFT AGENDA

Objectives:

- Inform members of the public about the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and groundwater sustainability plan development.
- Identify opportunities for members of the public to get involved in the groundwater sustainability plan development process.
- Develop the presence of groundwater sustainability agencies in the region.

1. Welcome

- Format: Prior to start of workshop, GSA representatives and the workshop facilitator will staff a welcome table. The welcome table will include a sign-in sheet and SGMA outreach materials. Poster-sized maps of the subbasin with GSA boundaries will be located next to the welcome table. The purpose of the maps is to help workshop participants identify which GSA represents their community.
- Speaker: None.
- Purpose: Welcome workshop participants to the workshop.
- Materials: Sign-in sheet, outreach materials, poster maps.

2. Introductions

- Time: 5 minutes.
- Format: All staff and GSA representatives will introduce themselves. Depending on the size of audience, the facilitator will also ask audience members to introduce themselves, including where they are from and how they heard about the workshop.
- Speaker: All, moderated by facilitator.
- Purpose: Develop familiarity with GSA representatives.
- Materials: Name tags.

3. Presentation on Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model, Historic and Current Water Budgets

- Time: 30 minutes.
- Format: PowerPoint presentation. GSA representatives take turns giving parts of presentation OR one GSA representative is chosen to present the content. There will be brief time to answer questions at the end of each presentation section.
- Speaker: GSA Representative(s).
- Purpose: Inform workshop participants about subbasin hydrogeologic conceptual model and historic and current water budgets, how they were developed, what it will be used for with respect to GSP development and implementation. Additionally, review and comment process.
- Materials: PowerPoint presentation, projector, screen, outreach materials.

4. Questions & Answer Session

- Time: 10- 15 minutes.
- Format: Facilitator will moderate question and answer session from audience. Facilitator will ask staff members and/or GSA representatives to help answer questions. DWR staff may also be in attendance to answer any questions specific to SGMA regulations/requirements.
- Speaker: Moderated by facilitator.
- Purpose: Answer workshop participants' questions about groundwater management.
- Materials: None.

5. Group Discussion

- Time: 20 minutes.
- Format: Facilitator will ask the audience pre-determined questions regarding groundwater management and communication channels. The facilitator will record participants' responses on a flipchart.
- Speaker: Moderated by facilitator.
- Purpose: Get an initial 'gut-check' of how workshop participants feel about presented results, SGMA and groundwater management in the region. Identify any potential issues or concerns. Receive information on the best way to reach out to the community about SGMA.
- Materials: PowerPoint presentation, Flipcharts, markers.

6. Open House – Chat With Your Local Groundwater Sustainability Agency Representative

- Time: 15 minutes.

- Format: Workshop participants are open to stay and learn more, or leave. GSA representatives will be on-hand to talk to community members and sign them up for their GSA's mailing list. The facilitator and other staff will be available to help community members identify which GSA covers their community. Staff will utilize the GSA website and map posters.
- Speaker: All.
- Purpose: Assist workshop participants in identifying who their GSA and what the next steps in the GSP development process is. Encourage participants to sign up for their GSA's email list.
- Materials: Map posters with GSA boundaries by county (Fresno, Stanislaus, Merced); Laptop open to GSA website.