



MEETING MINUTES – Merced GSP

SUBJECT: Merced GSP Coordinating Committee Meeting

DATE/TIME: March 26, 2018 at 9:30 AM

LOCATION: Merced County Admin Building – 2222 M St, 3rd Floor Conference Room 310, Merced, CA

Coordinating Committee Members In Attendance:

	Representative	GSA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Dietz	Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Justin Vinson	Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel Chaves	Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ken Elwin (alternate)	Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Kelley	Merced Subbasin GSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nic Marchini	Merced Subbasin GSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rodrigo Espinoza	Merced Subbasin GSA
<input type="checkbox"/>	George Park (alternate)	Merced Subbasin GSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Harris	Turner Island Water District GSA #1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Skinner (alternate)	Turner Island Water District GSA #1

Meeting Notes

1. Overview of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) requirements
 - Woodard & Curran (consultant) provided a review of SGMA GSP requirements and discussed coordination with adjacent basins.
2. Overview of work completed to date and the scope of work for the Merced GSP development
 - Woodard & Curran provided an update on work completed to date, including modeling work that was completed as part of SGMA Readiness and Stressed Basins efforts. The basin groundwater model has been validated and calibrated.
 - DWR recommended full funding for Merced’s GSP preparation and 3 Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDAC) projects. Recommendations are currently out for public comment.
 - i. Next Step: DWR expected to finalize recommendation soon and begin contracting.
3. GSP development process / timeline / roadmap
 - Woodard & Curran provided an overview of the GSP roadmap and timeline. The GSP needs to be finished in 18 months because the 3 GSAs need to adopt by Jan 31, 2020.

The meeting handout (Roadmap) and slides provide details on 13 scope tasks and anticipated process for plan development.

4. Discuss the stakeholder outreach approach
 - About 45 applications were received for the Stakeholder Committee. Draft committee list was formed by working with staff from each of GSAs.
 - ACTION: CC unanimous recommendation to approve the Stakeholder Committee; each GSA will take this list back to their board to approve.
5. Discuss DWR's SGMA Technical Support Services (TSS) opportunity
 - Woodard & Curran provided a summary of the TSS opportunity. The types and locations of monitoring will need to be identified to request services from DWR. The group discussed multiple options and criteria for potential well locations. The goal is to develop 2-3 ideas to discuss with DWR and move forward with the most appealing option.
 - ACTION: CC unanimous approval to pursue TSS funds with caveat team will come back to CC with specifics, time permitting.
6. Confirm Coordinating Committee schedule for in-person meetings and calls
 - The Committee agreed to set a standing meeting time for the fourth Monday of the month from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. The next meeting would be April 23, 1:30pm to 3:30pm (Note: the May meeting would be moved to May 29 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm due to the Memorial Day holiday).
7. Opportunity for public comment on items not on agenda
 - There was a request for information on the grant application for the 3 SDAC projects. Grant information is available through the DWR website and a link will be added to the Merced SGMA website (www.MercedSGMA.org)
8. Next steps and adjourn