



SUMMARY

MADERA SUBBASIN JOINT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, December 2, 2019
Time: 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Location: Madera County Government Center
Board of Supervisors Chambers
200 West 4th Street
Madera, CA

IN ATTENDANCE

Subbasin Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan Coordination Committee

- Brian Davis, Madera Irrigation District
- Dina Nolan, Madera Irrigation District
- Brett Frazier, Madera County
- Greg Young, Madera County
- Keith Helmuth, City of Madera
- Melanie Aldridge, Madera Water District
- Phil Janzen, Madera Water District

GSP-Related Staff

- Bryan Thoreson, Davids Engineering
- Julia Van Horn, facilitator, Sacramento State University
- Malka Kopell, facilitator, Sacramento State University
- Pete Leffler, Luhdorff & Scalmanini
- Stephanie Anagnoson, Madera County
- Jeannie Habben, Madera County

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Review the comments received on the draft Madera Subbasin Joint GSP
- Vote on recommendation for GSA adoption of Joint GSP

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND AGENDA REVIEW

Coordination Committee Chair Phil Janzen, Madera Water District, opened the meeting. Coordination Committee members introduced themselves. Mr. Janzen reviewed the meeting agenda and introduced the facilitator, Julia Van Horn, from California State University, Sacramento.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Janzen asked if there were any comments from the public on items not on the agenda. Stephanie Anagnoson, from Madera County, mentioned that sandbags are available from the County for those who need them. She also announced that the next meeting of the Madera County Advisory Committee is scheduled for December 17th.

3. COMMENT SUMMARY, NEXT STEPS, AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Technical experts from each of the four Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) overseeing the GSP presented an overview of the GSP and a summary of the written public comments presented to date, in the categories below:

- demand management reduction program
- groundwater dependence
- surface water-groundwater interactions
- outreach (including DACs/SDACs)
- subsurface inflows
- groundwater quality
- groundwater levels related to domestic wells
- subsidence

The next steps for the GSP are as follows:

- This committee votes on a recommendation to the GSAs for adoption
- The GSAs will vote to adopt at their upcoming public meetings in December
- After the GSP is submitted, there will be an additional 60-day comment period

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The public was offered an opportunity to ask questions and/or comment. See below:

Amanda Monaco from the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability acknowledged the hard work by the staff on the GSP. However, she expressed a remaining concern with the number of domestic wells that could go dry under the Plan's Minimum Thresholds (MTs) -- according to her analysis, there could be hundreds. She applauded the proposed mitigation program and mentioned that the Leadership Counsel will be a part of shaping that program, but would prefer to have less to mitigate. Ms. Monaco agreed with the Plan's assessment re: water quality – that maintaining water quality is not the responsibility of the GSAs – but that the GSAs should prevent [negative] movement in that area, and that more constituents should be monitored.

Paul Provenzano spoke next. He said he echoed the comments of the previous speaker and asked if the recharge areas would reach everybody. Staff answered that the recharge areas are not necessarily, evenly distributed, but distributed according to where they can access water supply. Also, currently it is not known where all the recharge areas will be.

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Angela Islas from Self-Help Enterprises spoke next. She indicated her appreciation for adding language to the Plan re: outreach. She supports engaging people during the implementation process of GSP and mentioned that Self-Help has collaborated with County on outreach workshops. She wants to make sure there is a transparent process, with materials uploaded ahead of time.

Liesbet Olaerts from Self-Help Enterprises spoke next, stating that Madera GSAs have set up a good framework, but that Self-Help's analysis shows a pretty big impact to domestic users, and that they would like the MT's reviewed.

5. VOTE ON RECOMMENDATION FOR ADOPTION

Chairman Janzen asked the Coordination Committee to consider action re: the next steps for the GSP. There was a consensus to recommend the GSP for adoption and to forward it to the respective GSA Boards.