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Butte County Groundwater Pumpers Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: April 17, 2018

Time: 8:30AM

Place: Chico State University Farm, 311 Nicholas C. Shouten Lane, Room A009 & 0010, Chico, CA

Agenda Items

1. Welcome – Chair Rice
2. Roll Call – Chair Rice
3. *Review and approval of the March 19, 2018 GPAC minutes
4. Overview and discussion of the agenda (Paul Gosselin, Water and Resource Conservation)
5. Update on Statewide SGMA Issues (Debbie Spangler, DWR)
6. *Update on the Groundwater Sustainability Grant (Christina Buck, Water and Resource Conservation)
7. *Status and schedule of facilitated governance discussions (Paul Gosselin, Water and Resource Conservation)
8. Presentation and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on governance (Paul Gosselin, Water and Resource Conservation)

9. Presentation and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on basin boundary modifications (Christina Buck, Water and Resource Conservation)
10. *Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding guiding principles (Paul Gosselin, Water and Resource Conservation)
11. Update of other SGMA issues – Staff & GPAC
12. GPAC members wishing to address items not listed on the agenda. (The GPAC is prohibited by state law from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the agenda).
13. Public members wishing to address the Commission on items not listed on the agenda. (The GPAC is prohibited by State law from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to five minutes per person)
14. Next meeting – May 21, 2018, 8:30AM, CSU Chico Farm.
15. Adjournment

*Materials attached



**Butte County
Groundwater Pumpers Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2018**

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Agenda Items

1. Welcome – Chair Heringer
2. Roll Call
Members Present: Heringer, Rice, Schooling, Mendes, Cole, Sohnrey, Strachan, Lavy and Daly
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
**Motion by Heringer, seconded by Daly to appoint Darren Rice as chair.
Passed 9-0**
**Motion by Heringer, seconded by Rice to appoint Joe Mendes as vice chair.
Passed 9-0.**
4. Review and approval of the January 16, 2018 GPAC minutes
Motion by Rice, seconded by Cole. Passed 9-0.
5. Overview and discussion of the agenda
Paul Gosselin provided an overview of the agenda.
6. Update on Statewide SGMA Issues
Bill Ehorn, DWR, NRO gave an update of statewide SGMA and provided a handout.
7. Update on the Groundwater Sustainability Grant

Christina Buck discussed the plan to initiate development of the technical and administrative components of the GSP Grant.

8. Status and schedule of facilitated governance discussions
Paul Gosselin reported that a Vina meeting will be held on March 29th and April 28th. A public meeting in the Wyandotte Creek will be held in May.
9. Presentation and possible recommendation on governance
Paul Gosselin presented the governance options under discussion in the Vina and Wyandotte Creek subbasins.
10. Presentation and possible recommendation on basin boundary modifications
Christina Buck provided an overview of the various basin boundary modifications being considered in the four subbasins.
11. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding guiding principles
Paul Gosselin presented draft guiding principles that have come from subbasin discussions. The guiding principles will be brought back to the next GPAC for discussion.
12. Update of other SGMA issues
13. GPAC members wishing to address items not listed on the agenda. (The GPAC is prohibited by state law from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the agenda).
None
14. Public members wishing to address the Commission on items not listed on the agenda. (The GPAC is prohibited by State law from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to five minutes per person)
None
15. Next meeting
April 17, 2018, 8:30AM, CSU Chico Farm.
16. Adjournment



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DWR Finalizes \$85.8 Million in Grants for Local Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

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Published: Apr 04, 2018



A DWR geologist measures the water depth of a well. Measuring and recording takes place multiple times a year. DWR/2016

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) today announced awarding \$85.8 million in grants for groundwater sustainability projects that directly benefit severely disadvantaged

"Sustainable management of our groundwater basins is a critical element of making our communities more resilient in the face of climate change and drought," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "These funds direct critically needed resources to disadvantaged communities and newly formed groundwater sustainability agencies so that they may address regional water supply challenges now and in the future."

DWR received 78 applications in response to the 2017 [Sustainable Groundwater Planning \(SGWP\)](#) grant solicitation with a total request of \$86.4 million. DWR is announcing full awards to 77 applicants and a partial award to one applicant. The final awards are consistent with the draft recommendations, [announced on Feb. 6, 2018](#). The competitive grants are funded by Proposition 1 passed by California voters in 2014.

Of the \$85.8 million awarded:

- \$16.2 million will support groundwater sustainability planning and management benefitting severely disadvantaged communities.
- \$69.6 million will support GSP development by groundwater sustainability agencies. Of this amount, \$3.4 million is being tentatively awarded to three applicants that submitted an alternative plan to DWR in 2017. If the alternative plans are subsequently approved by DWR, the tentative awards would be withdrawn since applicants with approved alternative plans are ineligible for this funding.

The funding provides a means for local communities to create long-term sustainable groundwater management plans as required by law that help protect basins and their beneficial uses. Ultimately these plans are intended to facilitate basin-wide and regional sustainability. DWR will begin working with the grant applicants to develop and execute grant agreements.

More information about the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program can be found [here](#).

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Final Awards
2017 Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Projects Solicitation
 April 2018

Note	Est. # Map ID	Grantee	Project Title	Category 1	Category 2	Total Grant Award
				Grant Award ^a	Grant Award	
		Arroyo Santa Rosa Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Arroyo Santa Rosa Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 177,081	\$ 177,081
B 20		Asian Business Institute Resource Center	Southeast Asian Groundwater and Sustainability Advocacy and Outreach Program	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000
		Atascadero Mutual Water Co.	2017 Atascadero Basin Sustainable Groundwater Proposal	\$ -	\$ 809,250	\$ 809,250
		Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 177,000	\$ 177,000
		Bedford-Coldwater Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Bedford-Coldwater Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Proposal	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
18		Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power	Basin Resiliency Sawmill Well Pumping Plant Project	\$ 782,298	\$ -	\$ 782,298
9		Biola Community Services District	Biola Groundwater Recharge Project	\$ 705,000	\$ -	\$ 705,000
		Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation	Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development for the Vina, East Butte, West Butte and Wyandotte Creek Subbasins	\$ -	\$ 1,498,800	\$ 1,498,800
		Castaik Lake Water Agency	Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency 2017 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program Category 2 Proposal	\$ -	\$ 416,106	\$ 416,106
		City of Brentwood	Tracy Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Prop 1 Proposal	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
		City of Corona	Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant For the City of Corona Temescal Subbasin	\$ -	\$ 732,338	\$ 732,338
		City of Modesto	Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant for the Modesto Groundwater Subbasin	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
C		City of Paso Robles	Paso Robles Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
		City of Redding	EAGSA Enterprise and Anderson Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 983,230	\$ 983,230
		City of San Diego - Public Utilities Department	Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the San Pasqual Valley Groundwater Basin	\$ -	\$ 989,550	\$ 989,550
		Colusa Groundwater Authority	Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
10		Community Water Center	Facilitate Participation of Severely Disadvantaged Community Stakeholders In The Tulare Lake Basin And Develop A Drinking Water Vulnerability Tool	\$ 614,353	\$ -	\$ 614,353
		County of Glenn	Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development in the Corning Subbasin	\$ -	\$ 999,980	\$ 999,980
C 6		County of San Diego	San Diego County GSP Development	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
		County of San Luis Obispo	2017 County of San Luis Obispo Sustainable Groundwater Proposal	\$ -	\$ 1,397,125	\$ 1,397,125
C 3		Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability	\$ 648,124	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,148,124
		Del Norte County	Smith River Plain Groundwater Basin GSP	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
		East Bay Municipal Utility District	East Bay Plain Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
C		Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority	Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Grant	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
		Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	Elsinore Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Groundwater Sustainability Planning Grant Proposal	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
		Fillmore Piru GSA	Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Plans	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
7		Freshwater Trust	Engaging Severely Disadvantaged Communities in the Development of the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ 490,000	\$ -	\$ 490,000
C 13		Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority	Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin - Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development and SDAC Groundwater Conservation Pilot Project	\$ 646,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,146,000
		Inyo-Water Department, County of	Groundwater Sustainability Planning for the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin	\$ -	\$ 713,155	\$ 713,155
C		Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Support - 2017 Grant Application	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
		Lassen County	Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 999,185	\$ 999,185
14		Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	Partnering for Equitable Groundwater	\$ 758,000	\$ -	\$ 758,000
15		Linda County Water District	Linda County Water District-Well 17 Project Funding Application Groundwater Sustainability Planning Grant Program Proposal	\$ 999,500	\$ -	\$ 999,500
		Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 37, Acton	Fringe Area Antelope Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
C		Lower Tule River Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainable Agency	Lower Tule River Irrigation District GSA, SGWP Planning Grant	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
C 16		Madera County Water and Natural Resources	Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation and GSP Development For The Chowchilla Subbasin	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
C 11		Madera County Water and Natural Resources	Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation and GSP Development for the Madera Subbasin	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
		Marina Coast Water District	Monterey Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
		Mendocino County Water Agency	Phase 2 of the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development	\$ -	\$ 764,255	\$ 764,255
C 1		Merced Irrigation District	2017 Merced Groundwater Subbasin Sustainability	\$ 901,261	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,401,261
C		Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Kaweah Sub-Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plans Development	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
C		Mid-Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP Development and SGMA Compliance Project	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
		Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Mound Basin GSA and GSP	\$ -	\$ 758,100	\$ 758,100
2		North Cal-Neva Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.	Big Valley GSP Monitoring and Data Development	\$ 782,344	\$ -	\$ 782,344
C		North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Kings Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plans	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
		Padre Dam Municipal Water District	San Diego River Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development Proposal	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
C,D		Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency	Pajaro Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
		Petaluma Valley GSA	Petaluma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
D		Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority	Development of the South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Bulletin 118 Subbasin NO. 5-21.65)	\$ -	\$ 970,693	\$ 970,693
		Sacramento Groundwater Authority	North American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development	\$ -	\$ 994,276	\$ 994,276
C		Salinas Valley Basin Ground Water Sustainability Agency	Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
		San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
		San Benito County Water District	Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant for GSP Preparation: Bolsa, Hollister, and San Juan Bautista Groundwater Subbasins	\$ -	\$ 830,336	\$ 830,336
		San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 815,100	\$ 815,100
4		San Geronimo Pass Water Agency	2017 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant for the San Geronimo Pass Subbasin	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
C		Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency	Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
		Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency	Santa Margarita Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
		Santa Rosa Plain GSA	Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
		Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	Santa Ynez River Valley Basin GSP Planning and Preparation	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
8		Self-Help Enterprises	Self-Help Enterprises - SDACs Project	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
19		Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District	Groundwater Monitoring Implementation Program for the Shasta Valley GSA	\$ 976,884	\$ -	\$ 976,884
		Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Development	\$ -	\$ 1,367,000	\$ 1,367,000
		Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
		Sonoma Valley GSA	Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
		Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority	Establishing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Governance Structure for the Cosumnes Groundwater Sub Basin	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
D		Sutter County Development Services	Sutter Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development	\$ -	\$ 956,814	\$ 956,814
		Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District	Tehama County Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Grant Application	\$ -	\$ 1,498,960	\$ 1,498,960
12		The Nature Conservancy	Demonstrating Multi-Benefit On-Farm Managed Aquifer Recharge in the Central Valley	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
		Tulelake Irrigation District	Protecting Our Groundwater Resource: Securing a Sustainable Future for the Tule Lake Subbasin	\$ -	\$ 721,120	\$ 721,120
		Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency	Upper Ventura River Basin GSA and GSP	\$ -	\$ 630,061	\$ 630,061
		Walnut Valley Water District	Spadra Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development	\$ -	\$ 338,500	\$ 338,500
C 17		West Stanislaus ID	2017 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin	\$ 1,178,500	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,678,500
		West Turlock Subbasin GSA	Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant for the Turlock Groundwater Subbasin	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
		Western Municipal Water District	Riverside-Arlington Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan	\$ -	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000
C 5		Westlands Water District	Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation Project and Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development for the Westside Subbasin	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
		White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency	White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development	\$ -	\$ 557,998	\$ 557,998
		Yolo County Flood Control and water Conservation District	Yolo Subbasin - GSP Planning and Preparation	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
		Yuba County Water Agency	Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the North Yuba Subbasin and South Yuba Subbasin	\$ -	\$ 893,948	\$ 893,948
				\$ 16,182,264	\$ 69,569,961	\$ 85,752,225

A All Category 1 Projects: Grantee shall obtain written (i.e., letter) approval of proposed scope of work from GSA, of respective basin/GSP where project is located in, prior to execution of Grant Agreement.
 B Recommended funding less than requested due to recalculation of Direct Project Administration (DPA) Costs.
 C Critically Over-Draft Basin included in application
 D Applicant submitted an Alternative Plan to DWR for review.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

**THURSDAY
APRIL
26TH,
6-8 PM**

MANAGING GROUNDWATER IN THE VINA SUBBASIN

**Chico Masonic Center
1110 W East Ave**

Who's involved:
City of Chico,
Rock Creek Rec Dist.,
Tehama County,
Butte County
& YOU!



DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT IN THE VINA SUBBASIN

- Meet the local agency representatives in your subbasin
- Review & discuss the DRAFT governance structure for Vina
- Provide your perspective and input

Want to know more about water in Butte County? Text **BCWATER** to **22828**

For more information about SGMA implementation in Butte County's subbasins visit: <https://www.buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation/sustainableGroundwaterManagementAct>



Butte County

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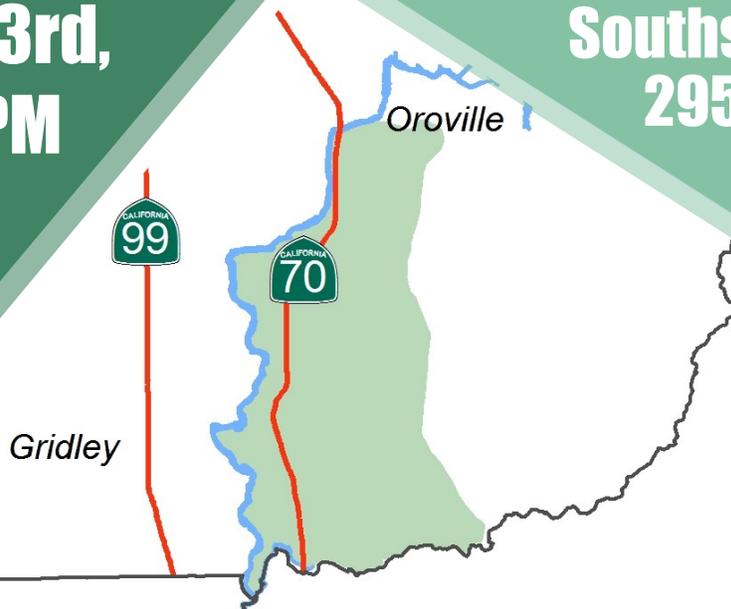
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

THURSDAY
May 3rd,
6-8 PM

MANAGING GROUNDWATER IN THE WYANDOTTE CREEK SUBBASIN

Southside Community Center
2959 Lower Wyandotte Rd.

Who's involved:
City of Oroville,
Yuba County
Water Agency,
County of Butte
& YOU!

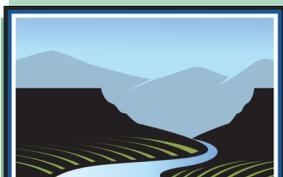


DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT IN THE WYANDOTTE CREEK SUBBASIN

- Meet the local agency representatives in your subbasin
- Review & discuss the DRAFT governance structure for Wyandotte Creek
- Provide your perspective and input

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Draft Guiding Principles

- GSAs should work together in mutual cooperation to develop and implement a GSP for the subbasin in compliance with SGMA;
- GSAs should affirm a commitment to establishing an representation of all GSAs;
- Agricultural and non-agricultural groundwater pumpers should have representative on the governing board.
- GSAs are mutually responsible for the sustainability of the basin, however, landowners in one area will not be responsible to remedy the problems that occurring in other areas;
- As is consistent with Water Code section 10720.5(b), SGMA does not determine or alter surface water rights or groundwater rights under common law or any provision of law that determines or grants surface water rights.
- All groundwater users in the subbasin have an equal stake for sustainability in the basin.
- The intent of governance is to seek a cost effective, practicable approach to SGMA implementation that takes advantage of economies of scale.
- Neither a GSA nor a JPA will have the authority to limit or interfere with the respective GSA rights and authorities over their own internal matters, including, but not limited to, a GSA's legal rights to surface water supplies and assets, groundwater supplies and assets, facilities, operations, water management and water supply matters.
- By entering into a JPA, GSAs make no commitments to share or otherwise contribute their water supply assets as part of the development or implementation of a GSP.
- The JPA will not have authority to modify or limit a GSAs' police powers, land use authorities, or any other authority. The powers not delegated to the JPA by the JPA agreement, nor prohibited by it to the GSAs, are reserved to the GSAs respectively.
- Each GSA shall be individually responsible for its own covenants, obligations, and liabilities.

- No GSA shall be under the control of or shall be deemed to control any other GSA.
- No GSA shall not be precluded from independently pursuing any of the activities contemplated in the JPA.
- No GSA shall be the agent or have the right or power to bind any other GSA.

Draft Guiding Principles (Vina Meeting 3/29/18)

1. Intend to work together in mutual cooperation to develop and implement a GSP for the Vina subbasin in compliance with SGMA.
2. Sovereignty of individual member agencies for some aspects of GSP development and implementation will be retained through the establishment of Management areas.
3. All affirmed a commitment to establishing an equitable representation of all GSAs.
4. GSAs are responsible for the sustainability of the subbasin, all GSAs will not be responsible to remedy the problems of individual jurisdictions.
5. Focus to reach sustainability in the subbasin is to pursue the better utilization of surface water and pursue a groundwater recharge program to increase groundwater in the subbasin.
6. No other agency will have the authority to limit or interfere with the respective rights and authorities of any other agency's internal matters, including, but not limited to, rights to land use authority, surface water supplies and assets, groundwater supplies and assets, facilities, operations, water management and water supply matters.
7. As is consistent with Water Code section 10720.5(b), SGMA does not determine or alter surface water rights or groundwater rights under common law or any provision of law that determines or grants surface water rights.
8. All groundwater users in the Vina subbasin have an equal stake for sustainability in the subbasin.
9. The intent of governance in the Vina subbasin is to seek a cost effective, practicable approach to SGMA implementation that takes advantage of economies of scale.