



**Water and Resource Conservation**

Paul Gosselin, Director

308 Nelson Avenue  
Oroville, California 95965

T: 530.538.4343  
F: 530.538.3807

[buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation](http://buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation)  
[bcwater@buttecounty.net](mailto:bcwater@buttecounty.net)

## **Butte County Groundwater Pumpers Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Agenda**

Meeting Date: June 18, 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 May 21, 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 (Paul Gosselin, Water and Resource Conservation)
7. Presentation and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on governance (Paul Gosselin, Water and Resource Conservation)
8. Overview of the Tribal Outreach Program (Kelly Peterson, Water and Resource Conservation)

9. \*Presentation and discussion of the Local Technical Assistance Program (Kelly Peterson, Water and Resource Conservation)
10. Update of other SGMA issues – Staff & GPAC
11. 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).
12. 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)
13. Next meeting – July 16, 2018, 8:30AM, CSU Chico Farm.
14. Adjournment

\*Materials attached

SUSAN P. STRACHAN  
40 VIA MORRO CT

CHICO, CA 95928

---

May 22, 2018

Butte County Board of Supervisors  
25 County Center Drive  
Suite 200  
Oroville, CA 95965

(Via Email)

RE: Groundwater Pumpers Advisory Committee

Dear Supervisors:

Please accept this letter as notice that I am resigning my appointment to the Groundwater Pumpers Advisory Committee. I joined this committee with the best of intentions, believing that collaboration between groundwater dependent farmers and environmental representatives could help identify the best solutions for the groundwater challenges we face. I go into these processes with a clear understanding of the role of the minority. I have worked in similar interest-based efforts before, including as the only environmental voice, and have found them to be productive and worth the time and effort to serve as a volunteer.

Unfortunately, I have not found that to be the case in my experience on the GPAC. I am very concerned about the positions taken by this committee and the commitment to open public participation. At the March meeting, a member of the public was essentially shouted down by the chair, while giving public input and again at the April meeting when distributing information on a proposal where staff had directed to her that was the appropriate way to provide the information. Also at the April meeting, the members of the committee, with my dissenting vote, passed a motion that the groundwater dependent farmers should have two votes on a governing board, while domestic well owners should have only one. At yesterday's meeting, I came to the conclusion that I can no longer sit at the table with a GPAC member who states (and I quote verbatim), "I'm not sure how much protection the environment needs in this county."

I am also concerned that many of the members of the committee are also members of the Agricultural Groundwater Users of Butte County, have paid \$2,500 membership fees to that organization and are pursuing the policy, recommended by your staff, that this private entity should be able to essentially appoint members to a public body governing board, with no oversight by publicly elected officials. The supervisor, city councilmember and reclamation district board member must essentially rubberstamp a nominee put forth by the organization. That is an abdication of your responsibility to your constituents. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee. I wish you well in your efforts.

Sincerely,



Susan Strachan

---



Water and Resource Conservation

Paul Gosselin, Director

308 Nelson Avenue  
Oroville, California 95965

T: 530.538.4343  
F: 530.538.3807

[buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation](http://buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation)  
[bcwater@buttecounty.net](mailto:bcwater@buttecounty.net)

**Butte County  
Groundwater Pumpers Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2018**

Time: 8:30AM

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

1. Welcome – Chair Rice
2. Roll Call  
**Members Present: Rice, Heringer, Mendes, Sohnrey, Strachan**  
**Members Absent: Schooling, Cole, Daley, Lavy**
3. Review and approval of the April 17, 2018 GPAC minutes  
**MOTION by Heringer, seconded by Mendes. Passed 5-0**
4. Overview and discussion of the agenda  
**Paul Gosselin provided an overview of the agenda.**
5. Update on Statewide SGMA Issues  
**DWR was not available to attend the meeting**
6. Presentation and discussion of the spring 2018 groundwater elevation monitoring program  
**Kelly Peterson presented the results of the spring 2018 groundwater elevation monitoring program.**
7. Update on the Groundwater Sustainability Grant  
**Paul Gosselin informed the GPAC that an RFP was issued for the development of basin setting and other technical aspects of the GSPs. The department is in the process of executing the grant agreement.**
8. Status and schedule of facilitated governance discussions

**Paul Gosselin announced that a public meeting will be held for the Vina subbasin on May 31<sup>st</sup>. A public workshop was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Wyandotte Creek subbasin. Another meeting for Wyandotte Creek will be scheduled for June or July. Meetings planned in June for East and West Butte are cancelled and will be rescheduled.**

9. Presentation and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on a Resolution in Support of Butte Environmental Council Involvement in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Process

**Paul Gosselin presented the draft resolution that would support BEC's involvement in the SGMA process. The resolution also would have the County support having a domestic well user and an environmental at-large on the governance structures in each of the subbasins.**

**Motion by Strachan to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution. Motion failed for a lack of a second.**

10. Presentation and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on governance

**Paul Gosselin summarized the status of the governance concepts in each subbasin. The Board of Supervisors will consider the governance framework for the Vina subbasin on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

11. Update of other SGMA issues – Staff & GPAC

**None**

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).

**None.**

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)

**John Scott addressed the GPAC.**

14. Next meeting

**June 18, 2018, 8:30AM, CSU Chico Farm.**

15. Adjournment



# Technical Support Services for Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development

The Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Technical Support Services (TSS) supports Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) as they develop their Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The goal is to provide technical services as well as [data and tools](#)<sup>1</sup> to GSAs at both regional and statewide scales to build the capacity needed to achieve sustainability. TSS is available to GSAs through DWR Region Offices and/or contractors upon DWR funding availability. The initial priority for this funding will be focused on requests in critically over-drafted and high- and medium-priority basins.

## Technical Support Services Available:

### Field Activities

- Monitoring Well Installation
  - Geophysical Logging
  - Geologic Logging
- Groundwater Level Monitoring Training
- Downhole Video Logging
- Other Field Activities

### Modeling

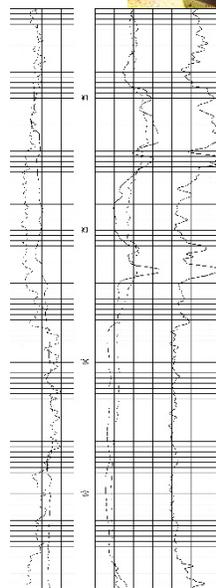
- Modeling Training and Support (pending DWR updated model release)



## Who is Eligible?

GSAs developing GSPs are eligible to apply for these services if they agree to meet all of the following obligations:

- Agree to share any data generated from the technical support service(s) with DWR and the public.
- Comply with all applicable laws related to the technical support service(s).
- Agree to work in an open, inclusive, and collaborative manner toward the development of a GSP, including appointing a coordinator for the basin to represent all GSAs, resolve disputes, and speak as one voice to DWR (not required to be the "Point-of-Contact" for Coordination Agreements as used in 23 CCR §357.4 (b) (1) of the GSP Emergency Regulations, or the "Plan manager" as used in 23 CCR §351 (z), 353.4 (b), and §354.6 (c)).



<sup>1</sup>For additional information on DWR's Technical Support Services and other assistance offerings visit, <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>

- Agree to complete GSA’s responsibilities related to requested technical support service(s) within the defined timeframe.
- Support DWR staff or contractors that are providing technical support service(s).

## Application Process

Applications for TSS will be evaluated on a continuous basis as funding allows. Applications must be submitted through an online application system made available to the applicant following consultation with DWR Region Offices. **A PDF and Word copy of the application** are provided as a resource to help applicants prepare for the online application.

Applicants are encouraged to contact a Regional Office Coordinator at [sgma\\_rc@water.ca.gov](mailto:sgma_rc@water.ca.gov) to discuss the type and level of services needed prior to submitting an application.

**I. Applicant Background**  
(Questions 1-5 of 8)

★ 1) Select the groundwater basin/subbasin that pertains to this TSS General Application:  
*Only one TSS General Application per groundwater basin/subbasin is allowed.*

-----select-----

★ 2) Groundwater Basin/Subbasin Coordinator Information:  
*By submitting a TSS General Application for the above groundwater basin/subbasin, you are voluntarily identifying yourself as the Groundwater Basin/Subbasin Coordinator for all TSS Requests located in the groundwater basin/subbasin.*  
*Note: Not required to be the "Point-of-Contact" for Coordination Agreements as used in 23 CCR §357.4 (b) (1) of the GSP Emergency Regulations, or the "Plan manager" as used in 23 CCR §351 (z), 353.4 (b), and §354.6 (c).*

Organization Name:

Basin Coordinator Name:  Enter first and last name

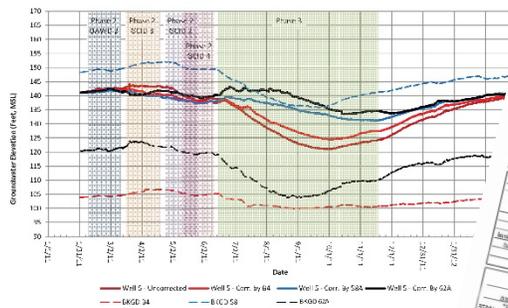
Phone Number:  Use format: ###-###-####

Email Address:

★ 3) How many GSPs are planned for the groundwater basin/subbasin?

★ 4) What other funding or technical services have the GSAs or GSA mbr California?

None




California Department of Water Resources  
1416 Ninth Street  
P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento,  
CA 94236-0001

<http://www.water.ca.gov>

<sup>1</sup>For additional information on DWR’s Technical Support Services and other assistance offerings visit, <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>