



AGENDA
Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Regulations: Information Meeting and Webcast
Batch 1 Issue Topics

Date: July 20, 2015 from 2:00-4:00 PM

Meeting Location: CalEPA Headquarters, Sierra Hearing Room I1001 I Street, Sacramento, California

To access the webcast: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/>

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Meeting Purpose:

- To provide an overview of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan draft emergency regulation approach
- To provide an overview of the first three issue topics related to Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) draft emergency regulations development.
- To receive public questions and comments related to the first three issue topics, including:
 - 1) Pre-SGMA Conditions and Undesirable Results; 2) Measurable Objectives and Interim Milestones; 3) Land Use and County Involvement.

1	Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review	Tania Carlone, Facilitator – California State University Sacramento, Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP)
2	Opening Remarks and Background	Trevor Joseph, Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM), Section Chief, DWR
3	GSP Regulation Issue Topic #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-SGMA Conditions and Undesirable Results • Questions and Comments 	Trevor Joseph Tania Carlone, Facilitator, DWR Panel
4	GSP Regulation Issue Topic #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurable Objectives and Interim Milestones • Questions and Comments 	Trevor Joseph Tania Carlone, Facilitator, DWR Panel
5	GSP Regulation Issue Topic #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use and County Involvement • Questions and Comments 	Trevor Joseph Tania Carlone, Facilitator, DWR Panel
6	Closing Remarks and Next Steps	Trevor Joseph, DWR

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Topic 1 Questions

Do undesirable results that occurred before January 1, 2015 not have to be addressed, but need to be fully defined and GSP actions included, that will manage undesirable results above significant and unreasonable levels by 2040 or 2042? Or should, in some cases, GSP actions (and “significant and unreasonable” thresholds) be included to manage undesirable results to return to or be maintained at January 1, 2015 conditions?

Should “significant and unreasonable” largely be based on site specific considerations and defined/developed at the local level?

Should there be a state-developed minimum standard (i.e. threshold) or framework for each undesirable result established, regardless of site specific conditions? And if so, how should a framework be established?

Topic 2 Questions

Should a measurable objective be developed for each of the significant and unreasonable undesirable results? Should a measurable objective be based on broad consideration of plan implementation to avoid or minimize permanent or irreversible impacts at the local level?

Should all measurable objectives be specific and include numerically based quantitative thresholds to measure progress?

What type of “Contingency Plan” triggers and actions should be considered if planned activities are not progressing toward, or resulting in, the sustainability goal?

Are there other concepts that GSAs and groundwater managers could use to clearly document when actions are needed to maintain progress toward their sustainability goals?

What steps can GSAs and basin managers take now to reduce uncertainty so that achievable sustainability goals can be set in their GSPs, which are supported by realistic measurable objectives?

Topic 3 Questions

How will the counties approach the decision to decide on whether or not it will be the GSA for areas within the same basin but not covered by another GSA?

How should the planning agency’s consideration of a GSP be reflected in the general plan document in terms of policies and land use?

How will GSAs and land use agencies reconcile their different obligations to achieve sustainable groundwater management?