



AGENDA
Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Regulations: Information Meeting and Webcast
Batch 2 Issue Topics

Date: August 27, 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/>

Email us at sgmps@water.ca.gov with your questions and comments during the webcast.

Meeting Purpose:

- To provide an overview of batch 2 issue topics related to Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) draft emergency regulations development.
- To receive public questions and comments related to batch 2 issue topics, including:
 Topic 4) Alternative GSP Submittals; Topic 5) Boundaries-Overlapping and “Fringe” Areas;
 Topic 6) Intra-Basin Coordination Agreements.

1	Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review	Tania Carlone, Facilitator – California State University Sacramento, Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP)
2	Opening Remarks	Trevor Joseph, Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM), Section Chief, DWR
3	GSP Regulation Issue Topic #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative GSP submittals • Questions and Comments 	Trevor Joseph, DWR Tania Carlone, Facilitator, DWR Panel
4	GSP Regulation Issue Topic #5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overlapping and “Fringe” Areas • Questions and Comments 	Trevor Joseph, DWR Tania Carlone, Facilitator, DWR Panel
5	GSP Regulation Issue Topic #6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intra-Basin Coordination Agreements • Questions and Comments 	Dan McManus, DWR Tania Carlone, Facilitator, DWR Panel
6	Closing Remarks and Next Steps	Trevor Joseph, DWR

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<http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/index.cfm>

Topic 4 Questions

- How could an Alternative GSP meet the legislative intent of SGMA if the technical requirements and standards are not equal to the standards for a “regular” GSP?
- How do GSAs preparing GSPs plan to coordinate with a local agency’s Alternative GSP in the same basin or subbasin?
- Would an Alternative GSP only be considered effective if there were an intra-basin coordination agreement with other GSPs within the same basin or subbasin?

Topic 5 Questions

Overlapping Boundaries

- Should a section on GSA governance be a requirement in GSPs, which would allow local agencies to describe how overlapping GSAs could effectively function in basin or subbasin?
- Is there any example of where overlapping GSPs would be effective in a basin or subbasin, assuming each GSP includes identical measurable objectives, sustainability goals, sustainable yields and water budget information (intra-basin agreement)?

“Fringe” Areas

- Should minimal fringe areas be allowed to conform to a lesser GSP standard or be “passively managed”?
- If the fringe areas only include de minimis extractors, could these areas be informally managed by the appropriate local agency, GSA, or Watermaster through an adaptive management program to maintain sustainability?

Topic 6 Questions

- Should requirements for sharing of data and methods through coordination agreements be the same for intra-basin GSPs as for adjacent and hydrologically connected inter-basin GSPs?
- How could GSPs in adjacent and hydrologically connected basins meet the legislative intent of SGMA, and insure no adverse effects to each other’s sustainability goals, if sharing data and methods are not required through coordination agreements?
- If the requirements to coordinate data and methods are less for inter -connected basins, which data components are most critical to share to ensure no impacts to the adjacent basin’s sustainability goals?