

MEMO: SVGSP Planning Committee Update, Outreach Update

To: SVGMD, Plumas County
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Re: Sierra Valley GSP – Planning Committee and Outreach Update

The Planning Committee is submitting the following informational items as a monthly update for April 2023.

PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Planning Committee met on April 6th with agenda items focusing on implementation activities and funding.

1. Implementation Funding

- A coalition of small GSAs is looking to determine the level of interest in requesting a set-aside allocation of funding for small GSAs for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 24-25. If there is sufficient interest, the funding request will be presented to an assembly budget subcommittee on April 19.
- In response to the Sierra Valley concept application for grant funding, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife responded with follow-up questions. It may be that Sierra Valley will be invited to submit a full proposal.
- The Plumas Watershed Forum is likely to be inviting full grant applications after the Forum meeting in June.

2. Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program

Planning Committee members discussed the DWR survey that was sent to GSAs, asking what about information needed – or activities undertaken – regarding land repurposing and fallowing. The Board responded that basic information about the activities was needed.

It was noted that the first round of grant funding for Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing, issued by the Department of Conservation, was focused on removing marginal agricultural lands from production and repurposing those lands for other beneficial outcomes. In Round 2, some grant applicants are seeking to provide beneficial outcomes and reduce water demand without removing agricultural land from production. The Round 2 awards will help better define the activities that could be covered by this funding.

3. Preparing for GSP Implementation Activities

Ahead of potential GSP implementation funding, from a variety of possible sources, a Request for Qualifications is being prepared for presentation to the Board. This would allow vendors to submit their qualifications and, if deemed sufficient, be retained as a qualified vendor to respond to yet-unspecified scopes of work. This would streamline the process for developing task orders and agreements