

# MEMO: SVGSP Planning Committee Update, TAC Update

To: SVGMD, Plumas County

From: Jenny Gant and Judie Talbot (outreach facilitator)

Date: January 13, 2021

Re: Sierra Valley GSP – Planning Committee and Technical Advisory Committee updates

The Planning Committee is submitting the following informational items as a monthly update for January 2021

## PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The SVGSP Planning Committee met on January 7, 2021 and addressed the following items:

1. Review of status for prior action items.
2. Discussion of online surveys following the December 7<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting.
3. Preparation for the January 11<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting, with a decision that it be held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions. Judie and Jenny will work to identify a larger venue (to allow social distancing) for an in-person TAC meeting in February.
4. Discussion on additional levels of support: Category D activities DWR Facilitation Services grant amendment.
5. Additional options for communication and outreach, such as short summaries that other organizations could include in newsletters. Also, initial planning for the Spring 2021 Public Workshop will need to start in the near future.

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) UPDATE

### Post-Meeting Follow-up from December 7<sup>th</sup> TAC Meeting

The second meeting of the Sierra Valley GSP Technical Advisory Committee occurred on Monday, December 7, 2020 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restriction, the session was conducted a virtual meeting only.

After the meeting, the following materials were posted on the GSP webpage at <https://www.sierravalleygmd.org/2020-12-07-tac-meeting>.

1. A recording of the TAC meeting (also online at <https://youtu.be/u3HDjcfLjs>)
2. The draft meeting summary and PowerPoint presentation slides
3. A brief survey on groundwater quality (also online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z3W69Y8](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z3W69Y8))
4. A brief survey on subsidence (also online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZZ8VDTY>)

Nine responses were received – 6 from TAC members, 3 from individuals outside of the TAC. The replies were sufficient to start working on draft materials for the groundwater quality and subsidence sections of the GSP. Several respondents said that additional data is needed for better-informed decisions and feedback. This is consistent with the technical presentation which discussed data gaps in terms of spatial distribution and time series (duration of data points).

### January 11th TAC Meeting

The third meeting of the Sierra Valley GSP Technical Advisory Committee occurred on Monday, January 11, 2021 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. as a virtual meeting. The Zoom meeting had 24 participants including: 16 TAC members, 2 ex-officio members, with an additional 6 members of the technical team and Planning Committee.

The meeting was preceded by an email request for preparatory review and comment on the modeling approach and inputs. This included a video tutorial on using the data portal which can be accessed online at: [https://youtu.be/ PrHZOkhdFI](https://youtu.be/PrHZOkhdFI).

The meeting consisted of:

- Project Updates:  
***Revised Communication and Engagement Plan:*** new elements have been added to clarify formal requirements, highlight presentations to the SV Groundwater Management District, include and describe the work of the Technical Advisory Committee, include information about Tribal outreach, adjustments due to COVID-19, and refinements to the calendar of activities for 2021.
- Recap of the Survey Responses
- Modeling Approach and Data Inputs

The following materials for the January 11, 2021 TAC meeting were posted on the GSP webpage at <https://www.sierravalleygmd.org/2021-01-11-tac-meeting>

1. A recording of the TAC meeting at <https://youtu.be/O5MU7UqovXs>
2. Presentation slides
3. Discussion Questions Worksheet
4. Draft Meeting Summary
5. TAC Memorandum on Modeling

### Next TAC Meetings

A Doodle Poll has been sent out to TAC members to schedule dates for the February and March meeting, with the meeting location still to be determined.

### ***February TAC Agenda Concepts***

- Pre-meeting option for working session on data portal
- Draft text for section on groundwater quality and subsidence, including considerations for the monitoring network and Sustainable Management Criteria
- Overview of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs)
- Updates on model development

### ***March TAC Agenda Concepts***

- Refinement of approach for Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs)
- Water Budget: describing historic, current and future conditions
- Initial introduction on groundwater levels and trends, with description of preliminary approach for evaluating groundwater level conditions

## **AMENDMENT OF FACILITATION SERVICES SUPPORT GRANT**

Tania Carlone's facilitation support was partially funded by a DWR Facilitation Support Services (FSS) Task Order. Originally set to expire on December 31, 2020, the task order had roughly 115 of facilitation hours remaining to support the Sierra Valley GSP process.

The current Task Order is being amended to extend the expiration date to January 2022 and to substitute Judie Talbot for Tania Carlone as the facilitator. The Task Order will cover Judie's time to attend SVGMD Board meetings and to prepare and conduct three public workshops, which were not included in the LWA budget or scope of work for facilitation services. The FSS Task Order amendment would supplement and complement the grant funding for LWA facilitation tasks.