

MEMO: SVGSP Planning Committee Update, Outreach Update

To: SVGMD, Plumas County
From: Jenny Gant and Judie Talbot
Date: May 15, 2023
Re: Sierra Valley GSP – Planning Committee and Outreach Update

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Planning Committee met on May 4th with agenda items focusing on administrative tasks and funding opportunities.

1. Administrative Action Items

- Data Management System and Reporting: Jenny and Gus have developed a draft format for the monthly Board report.
- Jenny completed the DWR survey to describe actions and policies that are consistent with Action 9 of Executive Order 7-22 (requiring coordination between well permitting authorities and GSAs). The responses summarized and provided a link to language from Sierra Valley Ordinance 18-01.
- The GSA Coalition is continuing its effort to secure dedicated State funding for small GSAs. More information will be available after the May revise of the State budget.
- No new information is available on approaches from the Water Boards for addressing those Critically-Overdraft Basins whose GSPs were deemed inadequate.

2. Implementation Funding

- A preliminary table was developed to allow the Board to track the funding applications that have been submitting for Sierra Valley GSP implementation activities.
- The California Department Food and Ag is offering support through its Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Program. The Planning Committee is reaching out to the RCD and UCCE to determine the level of interest in applying for support to expand the current ag irrigation efficiency pilot projects in Sierra Valley.

3. May 15th Board Agenda: DWR Report

- Debbie Spangler will demonstrate DWR's webpage for the AEM program.
- Debbie will highlight some of the feedback from recently approved GSPs for basins that are not critically-over-drafted.