

# MEMO: SVGSP Planning Committee Update, Outreach Update

To: SVGMD, Plumas County  
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Date: August 21, 2023  
Re: Sierra Valley GSP – Planning Committee and Outreach Update

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

## PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Planning Committee met on August 3th and addressed the following items:

### 1. Administrative Action Items

- Request for Qualifications: Pursuant to the Board's selection of qualified vendors, the website will be updated with a summary of firms who were selected and the overall selection process. The process is on hold pending receipt of funding and the development of related scopes of work. Purchasing policies, processes and procedures will be developed for on-call list procurement.

### 2. Determination on Sierra Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

Per the summary from staff report from the DWR GSP Determination:

*Department staff recommend approval of the Sierra Valley Subbasin GSP. The GSAs have identified areas for improvement of their Plan (e.g. filling data gaps related to interconnected surface water and the monitoring network). Department staff concur that those items are important and recommend the GSAs address them as soon as possible. Department staff have also identified additional recommended corrective actions within this assessment that the GSAs should consider addressing by the first periodic evaluation of the Plan. [e.g., in four years]*

The corrective actions are consistent with the proposed approach, described in the Sierra Valley GSP, for addressing data gap. The areas of corrective actions include:

- 1) Further characterization the principal aquifer(s)
- 2) Revisiting data considerations for Chilcoot Subbasin
- 3) Refining the undesirable results for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels
- 4) Explaining why 2021 was selected for baseline water quality conditions
- 5) Refining the undesirable results for land subsidence and developing sustainable management criteria based on land elevation changes
- 6) Evaluation of impacts, of groundwater pumping, on interconnected surface waters. Continued filling of data gaps and coordinating with others on beneficial uses and users of interconnected surface water that may be impacted by groundwater pumping
- 7) Updates to the monitoring network

An email update will go out to the interest parties with this item.

### 3. Implementation Funding

The grant summary table has been updated with the following:

- The complete application was submitted to the Plumas Watershed Funding Forum at the end of July.
  - Discussions are ongoing to refine the scope of work and terms relating to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) award for Drought, Climate and Nature-based Solutions grants.
4. The work on identifying a location for the DWR monitoring well is on hold pending discussions on the proposed Smithneck recharge project and potential funding from CDFW.
5. DWR GSP Subsidence Monitoring Program
- DWR has funding for subsidence monitoring that provides high frequency data collection, resulting in three-dimensional measurements. The data is reported out on a daily basis. This can evaluate an array of factors that may contribute to subsidence, including seismic activity.