

MEMO: SVGSP Planning Committee Update, TAC Update

To: SVGMD, Plumas County

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Date: February 11, 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 February 4, 2021 and addressed the following items:

1. Review of draft Look Ahead Schedule.
2. Preparation for the February 8th TAC meeting and pre-meeting orientation for the data portal.
3. Discussion of one-page summaries on key topics.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) UPDATE

Orientation to the Data Portal

Immediately prior to the TAC meeting, Gus Tolley provide an orientation to the data portal. 10 people joined online, with 4 participants in the room. The session included:

- An overview of how to use the features within the data portal.
- Discussion of data collection points still being developed and incorporated (decree maps, surface water flows, District Monitoring Sites and land use)
- Request for corrections and additions by March 12th

As a next step, a brief tutorial document will be created and posted to help guide new users to accessing the data portal and basic functions.

February 8th TAC Meeting

The fourth meeting of the Sierra Valley GSP Technical Advisory Committee occurred on Monday, February 8, 2021 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. with options for in-person and virtual participants. There were 25 participants: 17 online and 8 in-person.

The meeting consisted of:

- Project Updates: including Look Ahead Schedule (see: LWA handout in Board packet)
- Proposed Approach for Addressing Groundwater Quality in the GSP (see: LWA handout in Board packet): including Constituents of Concern and Monitoring Considerations
- Introduction to Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs): Presentation by Christian Braudrick, Stillwater Sciences, with comments received on additional data sets for special-status species.

The proposed approach for addressing subsidence was moved to the next TAC meeting on March 8, 2021.

Next TAC Meetings

TAC meetings will occur on the second Monday of the month from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

March TAC Agenda Concepts

- Proposed Approach for Addressing Subsidence in the GSP
- Preliminary model results and water budgets for sub-models
- Introduction on groundwater levels and trends, with description of preliminary approach for evaluating groundwater level conditions

Feedback and Next Steps on Meeting Formats

There are challenges with the meeting formats. We will be sending out a survey asking what type of difficulties participants are experiencing during meetings, and what preference there may be for combination in-person/virtual (hybrid) meetings or virtual-only meetings.

We appreciate the participation of the Board and welcome feedback on this question about meeting formats.