

MEMO: SVGSP Planning Committee Update, Outreach Update

To: SVGMD, Plumas County
From: Jenny Gant and Judie Talbot
Date: November 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 November 2023.

PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Planning Committee met on November 1st and addressed the following items:

1. Administrative Action Items

- Request for Qualifications: Revisions to the purchasing policies will be presented to the Board in November regarding on-call list procurement.
- Updates on contracting for technical services supporting 1) the Annual Report and 2) application to the Water Boards for a permit for excess flows.

2. Grant Funding for Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Implementation

- DWR Round 2 Implementation Grant: The DWR grant agreement was received on November 13, 2023 and is undergoing legal review.
- CDFW Grant: The CDFW grant agreement is fully executed and the District can invoice for work under the agreement.
- Plumas Watershed Forum: The Forum met on Monday, November 13, 2023 to discuss full proposals. The Sierra Valley proposal and budget is being amended to reflect a total funding request of \$1,220,000.
- DWR Facilitation Support Services (FSS): There are remaining funds in the current grant agreement to support public workshops and ad hoc working sessions in 2024, as needed. Additional outreach and engagement activities would be covered under the DWR Round 2 Implementation Grant.

3. Technical Activities for Sierra Valley GSP

- Work is underway for pursuing temporary permits for water rights, from the Water Boards, for diversion of excess winter flows. A diversion recharge map is being prepared.
- A small number of stream gages are being installed for data collection.
- A location for another DWR monitoring well, under Technical Services Support (TSS) has been proposed on Sierra County property.