

MEMO: SVGSP Planning Committee Update, Outreach Update

To: SVGMD, Plumas County

From: Jenny Gant and Judie Talbot (outreach facilitator)

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Re: Sierra Valley GSP – Planning Committee and Outreach Update

The Planning Committee is submitting the following informational items as a monthly update for September 2022.

PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The SVGSP Planning Committee met on September 1. The agenda addressed different aspects of GSP Implementation with Sierra Valley Subbasin:

1. The Data Management System and reporting formats
 - Meetings with Gus Tolley will occur this week with Jenny Gant, Kristi Jamason and Debbie Spangler to discuss how to upload monitoring results into the DWR database – and how to use the data management system for generating different reports, including the monthly monitoring report.
 - The sessions will be recorded and a user guide developed to document the processes.
2. Category D Project Tracking
 - Dwight Smith provided an update on developments related to the locating of subsidence monuments and considerations for the monitoring network.
 - An update and timeline was presented for developing; the preliminary draft for the Technical Report on Pumping Reductions, the Technical Memo on Monitoring, and the Report on the Irrigation Efficiency Program.
3. Round 2 DWR GSP Implementation Grant Funding Application
 - LWA is laying the groundwork in preparing the Round 2 application, meeting with the Subcommittee on September 9 to discuss and refine ideas and concepts. In proposing the funding requests, it has been recommended that basins request more funding than they anticipate – and to prioritize the Projects and Management Actions (PMAs) within the application.
 - The Proposal Submittal Package is expected to open in October; there may only be six weeks to submit the applications. It will be a tight response time, since the Technical Report on Pumping Reductions will inform the high-level feasibility of – and next steps for – the Projects and Managements addressed in the application.
 - The funding cycle is expected to be highly competitive and LWA is trying to anticipate how SGMA may evolve going forward.

4. Additional Funding Options

- The process for evaluating grant applications through the Plumas Watershed Forum continues to advance: a call went out to solicit TAC members for grant application review.

5. Technical Assistance to Underrepresented Public Water Supply Systems

- Jane Gray and Matt Naftaly met with Tracey Ferguson, Kristi Jamason, Debbie Spangler and Judie Talbot on Monday, September 12th. While the technical assistance offered does not align directly with GSP Implementation, it is an additional resource for under-served Public Water Supply systems.
- There has been an exchange of information and contacts after the meeting and a summary of the discussion is being finalized to share with the Board and local Public Water Supply systems.

6. Grant and Program Evaluation

- The GSA representatives on the Planning Committee will be conducting a review of the grant process and overall GSP development activities to consider lessons learned: what worked, what challenges arose, how challenges were addressed, and what might be done differently going forward.