

MEMO

To: SVGMD Board of Directors

From: Judie Talbot, facilitator

Date: September 16, 2020

Re: Sierra Valley GSP – Project Planning Summary

With the retention of a consultant team, led by Larry Walker Associates (LWA), efforts are underway for continued planning of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Process.

The Project Team members, who guided previous grant agreement and RFP activities, met with consultants to discuss several topics:

- Planning Coordination for the GSP and stakeholder engagement
- Transitioning the current “Project Team” into a “Planning Committee”
- Initial thoughts on convening a Technical Advisory Committee
- Potential timeline for Communication and Engagement through December 31, 2020
- A straw proposal for a possible GSP Charter, to describe roles, responsibilities, timelines and deliverables associated with developing the GSP.

The new Planning Committee is looking forward to briefing SVGMD on these proposals at its upcoming Board of Directors meeting on September 21, 2020. The hope is that:

1. The Directors will review and inform the list of potential organizations and individuals who might serve on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).
2. That If the concept is acceptable, the Board would authorize the Planning Committee to contact interested parties regarding their willingness on the TAC.
3. The Directors would provide guidance and feedback on a proposal for scheduling the in initial TAC meeting.
4. Appoint a sub-committee to work with the Planning Committee to further refine and finalize TAC proposals for presentation to, and adoption by the Board, at the October 19, 2020 meeting.