

Subbasin Announcements

The Delta-Mendota Subbasin continues with groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) implementation despite the GSPs being deemed “Inadequate” by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). During the second quarter of 2023, the Subbasin completed spring water level monitoring and submitted the Water Year 2022 Annual Report.

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Staff Releases Draft Schedule for Inadequate Subbasin Probationary Hearings

Six Subbasins in the San Joaquin Valley with GSPs determined to be inadequate by DWR must now work through SWRCB to achieve “approved” status, per SGMA. SWRCB staff released a draft schedule for holding probationary hearings for all, including the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. Per the draft schedule, the Subbasin probationary hearing is tentatively scheduled for September, 2024. GSAs in the Subbasin may be able to avoid a probationary hearing by submitting revised GSPs prior to SWRCB issuing additional draft deficiencies, expected next spring.

Responding to DWR’s Inadequate Determination for Subbasin GSPs

Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs have agreed to pursue a single GSP for the Subbasin as a way to

achieve “approved” status. A consultant was retained to address the Subbasin’s water budget and Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs) in the first step toward addressing “deficiencies” identified by DWR in the six GSPs that now cover the Subbasin.

The Coordination Committee released a request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant to complete the task of condensing those GSP’s into one document. The response to that RFP was still under review as the quarter came to a close.

SGMA Grant Activities

Work continues on the SGMA Round 1 Implementation Grant, funded through DWR. Grant funds will reimburse GSAs for a variety of projects and activities dating back to December of 2021, when the grant proposal was submitted.

In addition to larger projects, the Subbasin will use the funding to conduct monitoring and fill data gaps to help water managers sustainably manage the Subbasin’s precious groundwater resources for all beneficial uses and users.

Water Quality Monitoring

GSAs are in the process of collecting water quality monitoring data. Data will be submitted to DWR as required by SGMA in the fall.

Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

Coordination Committee
Second/Fourth Mondays
1:00 PM SLDMWA Boardroom

Northern Management Committee
First Wednesday
2:00 PM Patterson City Hall

Central Management Committee
Fourth Thursdays
10:00 AM SLDMWA Boardroom

Questions? Contact your local groundwater sustainability agency or send an email to dmsgma@sldmwa.org

Visit deltamendota.org for current and upcoming meeting information