

Notice of Public Meeting

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Time: 10:00 – Noon

Location: (originally scheduled for Napa County) Meeting via MS Teams:

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AGENDA

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions –Deligiannis (5 min)**
- 2. *Approve Consent Agenda – DeLeon (5 min)**
 - a. Approve Today’s Agenda **To add an item to the agenda, see note below**
 - b. Approve Minutes for March 10 virtual meeting**
 - c. YCRCD Financial Update **and quarterly report****
 - d. Coordinating Committee Financial Report – SCWA**
- 3. *** Public Comment:** This is time reserved for the public to address the Coordinating Committee on matters not on the agenda (5 min)
- 4. Introduction to Alternative Funding Strategies – Wrynski/Lessard (15 min)**
- 5. DWR Update – Matti (10 min)**
- 6. Update on EPA Brownfield grant application status – McCord (15 min)**
- 7. Update on DWR Prop 1 DACI Grant to Lake County – Garibay (10 min)**
- 8. Rotation of Westside Chair Position – Deligiannis (5 min)**
- 9. Update on Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Round 2 - Wrynski**
- 10. Status of Biennial Update of Westside Plan Projects – All CC members (10 Min)**
- 11. CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates – all (10 min)**
- 12. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location – Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 10:00 am, hosted by Solano County Water Agency, virtually.**
- 13. Adjourn**



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Scott DeLeon, Chair _____ Date _____



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REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
WESTSIDE SAC IRWMP Coordinating Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

SCHEDULED TIME: 10:00 AM – Noon

Location: Video only, via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Order. Host – Lake County Watershed Protection District

Coordinating Committee Members Attending:

	County		Representative		Alternate
	Solano	✓	Sabrina Colias, SCWA	✓	Chris Lee, SCWA
	Napa		Chris Silke, NC Flood Control		Richard Thomasser, NC Flood District
	Yolo		Elisa Sabatini, WRA	✓	Max Stevenson, PhD, YCFCWCD/WRA
	Lake	✓	Scott DeLeon, Lake Cty WRD	✓	Marina Deligiannis, Lake Cty WRD and Angela DePalma-Dow

Others present: Angela DePalma-Dow – Lake County Water Resources Dept. (WRD); Scott Harter – Lake County Special District; Yolanda Garibay – Lake County Special Districts; Mattipohto Siltinen – State DWR; Stephen McCord, PhD – MEI; Jeanette Wrynski – Yolo County Resource Conservation District/IRWMP Administrative Coordinator

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions.** Ms. DePalma-Dow called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.
- 2. Approve Consent Agenda.** ACTION: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented; MOTION: Stevenson; SECOND: Colias; AYES: Unanimous (Colias, DePalma-Dow/Deligiannis, Stevenson)
- 3. Public Comment.** Dr. McCord reported that Chris Silke, Napa County Flood Control, is overseeing applications for Measure-A funding. MEI is submitting an application with Tuleyome for work in the Knoxville area. There also is a second proposal for water impacts post-fire. There is still no information on the status of the Brownfields grant. Award notifications are anticipated some time next quarter. Putah Creek Council now has a huge native plant nursery at the Sackett Ranch, on the south side of Putah Creek, which Hannah Snyder is getting up and running. A \$60,000 grant was provided by the Solano County Orderly Growth Committee for the nursery.
- 4. DWR Update.** Mr. Siltinen reviewed items in the report provided in the meeting packet, emphasizing those highlighted and answering questions.
- 5. Use of the ACWA/IRWM-ROR Advocacy Template.** Ms. Wrynski explained the Advocacy Template newly developed through collaboration between the Statewide Roundtable of Regions (ROR) and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). The purpose is to provide a uniform outreach tool for Regions. The first page, with statewide background, is locked; the second page is laid out for articles and photos but is not locked so that local content can be filled in. Photo resources are provided on a third page. Ms. Wrynski requested discussion and guidance on whether to use this in place of the Annual Report, or to do both. CC members concurred that there is value in the Annual Report, so that should be completed, and use info from that report to fill in local information on page 2 of the Advocacy Template. Target for completion of both is approximately 1 month.
- 6. IRWM Roundtable of Regions Network Coordinator Agreement.** Ms. Wrynski recapped the updated letter of agreement that had been circulated for edits and comments, and the Excel list of Region contributions. The signatory for the Westside was updated to Ms. Colias because Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) is the Westside Fiscal Agent. The updates happened between Westside meetings so this official endorsement is on the agenda. ACTION: Approve the updated letter of agreement and annual contribution of \$1,500; MOTION: DePalma-Dow; SECOND: Stevenson; AYES: Unanimous (Colias, DePalma-Dow/Deligiannis, Stevenson)
- 7. Status of Proposal to Delta Science Program.** Ms. DePalma-Dow provided a PowerPoint presentation, providing background on the proposal to the DSP, which is within the Delta Stewardship Council, gave task details, and information on collaboration. Ms. DePalma-Dow and Dr. Hohner – Project Co-Principle-Investigator, gave a joint presentation on this project to the Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC). Dr. McCord commented that the USGS is currently doing some post fire water sampling.



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8. **Update on DWR Prop 1 DACI Grant to Lake County.** Ms. Garibay reported that on March 1st the Prop 1 DWR DACI Implementation grant was officially fully executed. Five projects are in the agreement, with one placeholder. The tank-replacement project needs permits and a completion of the environmental process and then will be in the agreement. She attended the DWR virtual grant kick-off meeting March 25th. The first report is due at the end of May. Mr. Harter said that engineering work had previously been done on the Quail Trail water-line replacement project and they are in negotiations with the contractor for design/engineering phase of Spring Valley Lake.
9. **White Paper on Alternative Funding Strategies.** Ms. Wrynski provided background on this deliverable for the DACI grant for the entire Sacramento River Funding Area. A small team has been working on non-traditional funding options to get forest health, fire prevention, DAC and other types of projects done through private bonds. She will send the report to CC members. She is planning to arrange for a presentation on this topic at the May Westside meeting.
10. **YCRCD Proposal for Westside Support 2021-22.** Ms. Wrynski indicated that this is the time period when she usually checks in with the CC on having the YCRCD submit a proposal and scope of work to SCWA for work during the next fiscal year. If there are no objections or requests for a changed approach she will do so. None were expressed. She also announced that she is on a slow trajectory toward retirement by or before the end of the calendar year, gradually reducing her percent work time. Expressions of dismay, congratulations and appreciation were expressed (and very much appreciated). This project will be assigned to one of YCRCD's other Project Managers. This will be the last project she turns over, and a difficult one to let go of. She intends to have some overlapping mentoring time with the new Administrative Coordinator.
11. **Biennial Update of Westside Plan Project Status.** Ms. DePalma-Dow reminded CC members to review and update the list of projects for their respective county's, as provided by Ms. Wrynski and to get them back to her by the end of the month. Ms. Wrynski will send out a reminder on March 24th about the March 31 due date.
12. **CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates.** Mr. Stevenson said that Yolo County Flood Control water accumulations in Clear Lake and Indian Valley Reservoir are way behind. The gauge at Rumsey is at 1-1/2 and needs to be at 3.22 for releases. Indian Valley is at 55,000 and is usually at 225,000 a-ft to have water to sell. Coordination is needed for water releases. He will set up a phone meeting with Mr. DeLeon early next week. Ms. Colias reported that Lake Berryessa levels are about 22 ft. below the level of the glory hole. Last year at this time water was about 6-1/2 ft. below. Their engineering staff is collecting water chemistry portfolio data. They are working on developing a zebra-quagga mussel rapid response plan. This is a high priority. If mussels do show up in the lake they intend to be ready to respond quickly. Lake County attendees expressed interest in this as well. Napa County has officially taken over management of some of the concessions around Lake Berryessa. They are putting out requests for proposals (RFPs) for re-development of some of the burned/damaged sites. Some concessionaires have just left their gates open. There have been no permits issues for fishing tournaments, but there has been an excess of boats in some locations so there may be some "unofficial" tournaments going on. Ms. DePalma-Dow said that Quagga mussel monitoring started last weekend in Clear Lake. There had been a record fish catch so they are expecting to see increased traffic on the lake. Ms. Deligiannis made a 30-minute presentation to their Board of Supervisors on Big Valley Water Management: <https://youtu.be/hWn9ps7HVY> and Ms. DePalma-Dow presented on their Zebra-Quagga Prevention Program: <https://youtu.be/Atp9kLqkSwk> . She showed a short Youtube video that she made on how to take post-burn soil samples.
13. **Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location –** Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 10:00 am, hosted virtually by Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
14. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 AM by Ms. DePalma-Dow.

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YCRCD Budget - Westside Sac IRWMP Facilitation Support 2020-21			3/31/2021	Amount	Amount	Percent
Task	Item	Starting Budget	Invoice 30	Spent	Remaining	Remaining
1 MEETING FACILITATION AND SUPPORT						
	Develop meeting agendas, supporting materials; meeting preparation, Facilitation/support at meetings; Prepare meeting summary; meeting follow-up					
	Labor	\$39,316.20	\$8,239.50	\$20,731.00	\$18,585.20	47
	Materials	\$1,425.00	\$0.00	\$163.46	\$1,261.54	89
	Travel	\$421.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$421.66	100
	Task Subtotal	\$41,162.86	\$8,239.50	\$20,894.46	\$20,268.40	49
2 PUBLIC OUTREACH						
	Support all outreach efforts by IRWM CC, Quarterly Newsletters					
	Labor	\$8,484.00	\$1,987.50	\$3,948.50	\$4,535.50	53
	Materials	\$960.00	\$240.00	\$720.00	\$240.00	25
	Task Subtotal	\$9,444.00	\$2,227.50	\$4,668.50	\$4,775.50	51
3 DATA MANAGEMENT						
	Tracking Sheet #1 - IRWM Project Progress, Tracking Sheet #2 - IRWMP Regional Progress					
	Tracking Sheet #3 - Funding Opportunities					
	Labor	\$12,726.00	\$901.00	\$6,673.25	\$6,052.75	48
	Task Subtotal	\$12,726.00	\$901.00	\$6,673.25	\$6,052.75	48
4 OTHER DUTIES AS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE CC						
	Support the CC in Administering the Westside IRWMP					
	Labor	\$10,605.00	\$2,999.00	\$8,957.00	\$1,648.00	16
	Travel	\$161.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161.82	100
	Task Subtotal	\$10,766.82	\$2,999.00	\$8,957.00	\$1,809.82	17
	Subtotal	\$74,099.68	\$14,367.00	\$41,193.21	\$32,906.47	44
	Administration (15%)	\$445.27	\$36.00	\$132.52	\$312.75	70
	Grand Total	\$74,544.95	\$14,403.00	\$41,325.73	\$33,219.22	45

Updated as of 4/4/21

\$28,237.00 37.88



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April 15, 2021

Mr. Scott DeLeon, Director
Chair, Westside Sacramento IRWMP Coordinating Committee
Lake County Dept. of Public Works and Water Resources
255 N. Forbes St., Lakeport, CA 95453

Subject: Invoice #30 for Westside Sac IRWMP Administrative Support

Mr. DeLeon,

Attached you will find Invoice #30 for work completed from January 1 through March 31, 2021 for a total of \$14,403.00. If you approve this invoice, please forward it electronically, with a request to pay on behalf of the Westside Sac IRWMP Coordinating Committee, to:

Ms. Sabrina Colias, Senior Water Resources Specialist
Solano County Water Agency
810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203, Vacaville, CA 95688, scolias@scwa2.com

Upcoming activities during the final quarter of the fiscal year will include development of a budget and scope of work for the next fiscal year and hiring or placing a new staff member and training them up in preparation for Ms. Wrynski's retirement near the end of the calendar year.

During this reporting period RCD Deputy Director Jeanette Wrynski provided the following services, among others, to the Coordinating Committee (CC):

Regular administrative activities

- Prepared Invoice #29 and Report #29.
- Coordinated date/time/Zoom logistics, agenda content, financial reports, DWR reports, presenters, and meeting materials for the January 13 and March 10 Regular meetings, held virtually due to coronavirus compliance requirements. Rich Thomasser from Napa County Flood Control joined the CC as an Alternate, as did Scott Harter, Manager of Lake County Special Districts.
- Prepared and distributed minutes for these two meeting within two weeks of meeting date.
- Completed post-meeting follow-up tasks.
- Reviewed and facilitated completion of a renewed agreement with IRWM Roundtable of Regions Network Coordinator.
- Maintained compliance with statewide and county-based COVID-19 safety requirements through virtual meeting logistics.

Organization, program and/or project management and/or development

- Assisted with grant application development – including map development – to the Delta Science Program by Lake County Water Resources Department and Washington State University. Topic: *"Water Quality Degradation of Delta Headwaters from Multiyear Wildfires: Implications for Management Actions."*
- Provided outreach services for training and technical assistance available to DACs in the Westside Region.

- Assisted Lake County Special Districts with contract review prior to contract execution and attended the grant management training.
- Developed final billing for DACI Coordinator services prior to contract shift from Cramer Fish Sciences to Yuba Water Agency.
- Divided Westside Sac IRWM Plan Project List by county and distributed lists to CC members for first step in updating project status.
- Communicated with CC Members about specific webinars, trainings, and meetings related to special topics in IRWM and related topics.

Outreach Activities

- Forwarded several Tribal meeting and webinar information to new Tribal Contacts list.
- Attended, on behalf of the Westside, meetings of the Statewide IRWM Roundtable of Regions on January 20, March 10 and March 17 and passed along to CC members related legislative support opportunities and other information.
- Distributed workshop and training opportunities, as received from the SRFA DACI Coordinator, for small water system operators.
- Wrote 5 articles for Westside Annual Report and acquired a few photos (but need more). Solicited one additional article.
- Attended a virtual training on use of the ACWA/Roundtable Template for Statewide IRWM/Regional IRWM outreach and reporting

Regional funding opportunities

- Reviewed weekly the DWR Delta eNews, Water Plan eNews, Maven's Notebook Weekly (Water) Digest list-serves, California State Library Portal and other list-serves for current funding opportunities and for topics to share with targeted IRWM participants.
- Sent individual grant opportunities to specific organizations or individuals based on familiarity with their funding needs and fit of grant program.
- Updated the grant-opportunity spreadsheet one to two times per month, sent updated versions to Sabrina Colias, SCWA, for website posting, and distributed updated versions to the Project Proponent email list.

We appreciate the opportunity to do this important work for the Westside Coordinating Committee through the Solano County Water Agency.

Your partner in conservation,



Heather Nichols, Executive Director
Yolo County Resource Conservation District

WESTSIDE SACRAMENTO IRWMP DEPOSITS AND INVOICES

SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY LAKE COUNTY WATER RESOURCES NAPA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS WATER RESOURCES ASSOC OF YOLO Total

DEPOSIT DATE		Contributions						
10/1/20	IRWMP BY 2020/2021	PREPAYMENT OF OPERATING BUDGET FOR ADMINISTRATION OF WESTSIDE IRWMP BY 2020-21	86,000.00	21,500.00	21,500.00	21,500.00	21,500.00	86,000.00
Total Contributions			86,000.00	21,500.00	21,500.00	21,500.00	21,500.00	86,000.00
Rollover amount			72,437.46					
Total Available			158,437.46					

INVOICE DATE		INVOICE	Expenditures	INVOICE AMOUNT					
9/17/20	9406		SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AU - NETWORK COORDINATOR FOR THE CA IRWM	1549.38	387.35	387.35	387.35	387.35	1,549.38
10/22/20	28		ROUNDTABLE OF REGIONS CONTRACT	12,434.48	3,108.62	3,108.62	3,108.62	3,108.62	12,434.48
1/6/21	29		YOLO COUNTY RCD - WESTSIDE SAC IRWMP ADMIN 7/1/20-9/30/20	15,287.75	3,821.93	3,821.94	3,821.94	3,821.94	15,287.75
			YOLO COUNTY RCD - WESTSIDE SAC IRWMP ADMIN OCT - DEC 2020		0.00				-
					0.00				-
					0.00				-
					0.00				-
Total Expenditures				29,271.61	7,317.90	7,317.91	7,317.91	7,317.91	29,271.61
REMAINING BALANCE				129,165.85					

Less RCD Invoice #30 3/31/21 - \$14,403

April 2021 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)

Grants

California Grants Portal

The California State Library, in partnership with the Department of Water Resources and other state grantmaking agencies, has launched the California Grants Portal – your one destination to find all state grant and loan opportunities provided on a first-come or competitive basis. Visit grants.ca.gov to find funding opportunities for you and your community.

SWRCB Division of Financial Assistance (DFA): Funding for O&M costs for DAC's treating contaminated groundwater

DFA is working on a new program to fund the operations and maintenance (O&M) costs of specific disadvantaged community (DAC) drinking water systems over three to five years. There is up to approximately \$27.5 million in remaining Proposition 68 Groundwater funds that may be used for this purpose. For consistency with Proposition 68 requirements, the program will be focused on systems that are treating contaminated groundwater. If your organization would like to participate in this important effort to support DAC systems, the first step is to submit a Letter of Interest by **July 12, 2021**. The [Request for Letters of Interest](#) has more information.

DWR IRWM Funding Webinar

Join us for a virtual workshop, co-hosted by the IRWM Roundtable of Regions and the CA Department of Water Resources. Learn about the Round 1 survey results and proposed concepts for the Round 2 grant solicitation process, which will begin this summer, making **over \$190 million (in remaining Prop 1 funds)** available for the implementation of IRWM projects. The webinar will be May 6th, 9:30 – 11:30 and you can [register here](#).

California Financing Coordinating Committee: Virtual Funding Fair

May 20 and 27, 2021. The funding fair will provide the opportunity to learn more about available grant, loan and bond financing options for infrastructure projects from federal, state, and local agencies. [Register and learn more here](#).

CalEPA: [Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#)

These grants may be up to \$50,000. Applications are due **June 30, 2021**. Projects objectives may include:

- Disseminating information about environmental challenges and decision making processes
- Enhancing local capacity to respond, adapt and prepare for climate change impacts
- Ensuring safe drinking water
- Guarding against toxic exposures and increasing resource conversation locally
- Designing and implementing collaborative efforts to preserve the State's natural and cultural resources with an emphasis on traditional ecological knowledge and tribal sciences

CalFIRE: Fire Prevention Grants Now Open

Contingent upon appropriation from the California Climate Investments, or other fund source, up to \$165 million will be awarded. The program provides funding for projects and activities that address the risk of wildfire, reduce wildfire potential, and increase community resiliency. Funded activities include hazardous fuel reduction, wildfire prevention planning, and wildfire prevention education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Applications must be submitted **no later than May 19th, 2021 by 3:00 PM PDT**. Overview of the grant program, application process and workshop details will be posted on the [Fire Prevention Grants](#) webpage.

UC Berkeley: Funding Opportunity for Government Innovators

[The People Lab](#) at UC Berkeley invites applications from government agencies and nonprofits across California to co-design and test innovative policy ideas that have the potential to meaningfully improve the lives of Californians. Grant awards will include 2 years of technical support from UC Berkeley's The People Lab and \$100,000 - \$150,000 for project implementation. **Applications are due June 15th**, and [more info can be found here](#).

April 2021 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)

DWR's Floodplain Management, Protection, and Risk Awareness (FMPRA) Grant Program

There is \$25M available to provide financial assistance for flood risk reduction activities related to stormwater, mudslide, and other flash flood related protections. The final grant guidelines are expected to be published in summer of 2021. <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Flood-Management-Protection-Risk-Awareness-Program>

State Water Resource Control Board, Groundwater Grant Program: Amendment to Funding Guidelines

The SWRCB has recently updated its funding guidelines for administering the \$720 million dollars in prop 1 groundwater grant funding. More info on this grant program can be found here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/groundwater_sustainability.html

DWR: Prop 68 Round 1 Groundwater Implementation Grant FINAL awards announced

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is pleased to release the final award recommendation for the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program's Proposition 68 Implementation – Round 1 grant solicitation. The awards will provide \$26 million in Proposition 68 grant funding to 6 Awardees. DWR received 15 applications requesting a total of approximately \$70 million in grant funds and approximately \$36.5 million in Local Cost Share. For additional information can be found on the SGM Grant Program [website](#).

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC): Free well assessments for private well owners

Assessments include inspection and vulnerability assessment, potential contamination source identification, well construction inspection, water quality screening for nitrate, a written report with recommendations. To register contact Jerry Tinoco at (661) 401-1857 • jtinoco@rcac.org or [register online](#).

Other state & federal grant websites for resources that may be helpful are:

- California Financing Coordinating Committee -- <https://cfcc.ca.gov/>, and
- CalOES grants -- <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/grants-management>
- US EPA -- <https://www.epa.gov/grants/specific-epa-grant-programs>, and
- Economic Development Administration -- <https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>
- The rollout webinars of FEMA's new grant, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (risk reduction), started in July 2020 and can be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/bric>

Upcoming conferences, webinars, new reports and data

Water Board: Drinking water needs assessments

For the first time, the State Water Resources Control Board has completed a comprehensive look at California water systems that are struggling to provide safe drinking water. [The needs assessment](#) identifies failing water systems and those at risk of failing. It also offers the most in-depth view of long-term drinking water safety the state has ever had. Details are available in this [news release](#).

SWRCB Releases 2012-2019 Public Water Supply Datasets

The State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water has released the latest round of electronic annual report datasets from public drinking water systems. The release covers reporting years 2012–2019, including more than 7 million records for reporting year 2019.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/ear.html

DWR has formed a technical advisory committee for the update of California Well Standards

The TAC has 67 members from broad backgrounds. They will meet from March 2021 to March 2022. We anticipate the Public Review Draft will be released in September 2022, followed by the Final Well Standards in

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December 2022. Those interested listening into TAC meetings or providing suggestions may email: Bulletin74@water.ca.gov. More information here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Wells/Well-Standards>

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation: New Data sharing webpage

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has released the new Reclamation Information Sharing Environment (RISE) website. It provides access to Reclamation's water-related data. The site includes maps to help search for data in a particular area. There is also a catalog offering access to datasets and time-series data. <https://data.usbr.gov/>

Flood-MAR (Managed Aquifer Recharge)

A kickoff meeting to establish a Flood-MAR network was held December 10th, 2020 and a second meeting was held March 5th, 2021. There is also an ongoing [Lunch-MAR monthly speaker series](#). If you are interested in attending or getting involved please email Jennifer.Marr@water.ca.gov (916) 651-9229 to be added to the calendar invite. To join the Flood-MAR listserv follow this link: https://listserv.ce.cnr.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR_FLOODMAR&A=1

SGMA

New Outreach and Educational Materials Available

DWR's [SGMA Assistance and Engagement webpage](#) has added new communication and engagement toolkit items including:

- A new video – [Groundwater: California's Vital Resource](#) now available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Punjabi](#), and [Hmong](#)
- A Story Map for a non-technical audience – [Groundwater: Understanding and Managing this Vital Resource](#)
- [Guidance on Engaging and Communicating with Underrepresented Groundwater Users](#)
- [SGMA Communications: Media Relations and Social Media](#), including [DWR's Groundwater Media Contacts](#)
- "DWR's Assistance Role in Groundwater Management" video: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

DWR Releases Draft California's Groundwater – Update 2020, Seeks Public Comment

DWR has released the [draft California's Groundwater – Update 2020 \(Bulletin-118\)](#), containing information on the condition of the State's groundwater. DWR encourages community members and water managers to review the publication and provide input. **Comments can be submitted to CalGW@water.ca.gov and will be accepted through April 26, 2021.** An overview of the document will be presented at a [webinar on March 30th](#), [register here](#)

- Informational Video: [English](#), [Spanish](#)
- Fact Sheet: [English](#), [Spanish](#)
- FAQ: [English](#), [Spanish](#)
- [California's Groundwater Online](#)
- General Information Video: [Groundwater: California's Vital Resource](#)
- [English](#), [Spanish](#) recordings of Public Webinar

California Groundwater Conditions Update Report and Maps Available

The [California Groundwater Conditions Update – Spring 2020](#) report and accompanying [maps](#) are available on the DWR website and present a summary of groundwater level data. The report and maps include a discussion of groundwater level trends with multi-year comparisons which can assist with the development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs).

CASGEM to Monitoring Network Module Transition Frequently Asked Questions Available

The [CASGEM to Monitoring Network Module Transition Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) document covers questions related to the Groundwater Monitoring Law, the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation

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Monitoring (CASGEM) Program, a GSP's required monitoring, the SGMA Portal's Monitoring Network Module (MNM), and a basin's or subbasin's transition from the CASGEM Online System to the SGMA Portal's Monitoring Network Module .

SGMA Water Year Type Dataset Now Available

In the dataset, the water years are labeled as wet, above normal, below normal, dry, or critical based on the amount of precipitation during that water year and the previous one. The information is available for all California watersheds except those underlying the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Hydrologic Regions since that information is already available. [Data](#) and a [development report](#) are now available.

February 18th Webinar: Joint DWR-State Water Board General SGMA Webinar on Groundwater Sustainability Planning
The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board held a virtual General Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) A [video recording of the meeting](#) is available on YouTube and will be posted to the DWR website, along with additional materials, in the near future.

Dry Well Reporting Site

There is a website available to report private wells going dry at <https://mydrywatersupply.water.ca.gov/report/>
This information reported to this site is intended to inform state and local agencies on drought impacts on household water supplies. The Household Water Supply Shortage Reporting System was first created as part of our emergency response efforts to previous droughts, and we are continuing to gather information relating to shortages of household water from private well or surface water sources.

SVSim Beta Model Released

DWR has released the beta version of the [Sacramento Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation Model \(SVSim\)](#) that can be used during GSP development. Instructions for use are included in the [Roadmap to Running SVSim](#) document.

C2VSim Fine Grid Update Published April 2021

DWR has released an update to the Fine-Grid California Central Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation (C2VSimFG) Model, which can be used by Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) developing water budgets for their GSPs. [C2VSimFG Version 1.01](#) utilizes the latest version of the Integrated Water Flow Model software and corrects minor errors in the model files. These updates do not significantly affect the overall model calibration; however, resulting changes to simulated groundwater levels may vary by basin.

Draft Handbook for Water Budget Development

The handbook has been posted on the SGMA webpage and can be viewed at the following link under the "reports" tab: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools>. A recent webinar discussing the handbook with a deeper dive on 4 topics can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1V4V-SG5jY&feature=youtu.be>

DWR is developing eight Proposition 68-funded technical projects

These projects include airborne electromagnetic surveys, improving groundwater elevation and quality monitoring networks, Statewide land use data collection, improved subsidence monitoring network, installing and maintaining stream gauges, maintaining and enhancing statewide well completion reports, managing and reporting sustainable groundwater information, and enhancing and maintaining DWR's modeling tools. Fact sheets on each project can be viewed under the "Prop 68" tab here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools>

- [New Data](#) is available on AEM pilot studies.

April 2021 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)

- **New 2018 Statewide Crop Mapping data dataset** builds on the 2014 and 2016 statewide crop mapping datasets DWR previously released and includes multi-cropping information. The 2018 dataset includes agricultural land use and urban boundaries for all 58 counties in California.

Facilitation Support Services (FSS): Funding still available

- GSA's developing GSPs are eligible to receive funding for identification and engagement of interested parties, meeting facilitation, interest-based negotiation/consensus building, and public outreach facilitation
- More information can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement> New written translation services available in 10 languages for outreach materials (5,000 word maximum).

Technical Support Services (TSS): Funding still available

- COD basins have priority, but this application is open to all high and medium priority basins including those with an approved alternative plan. More information and applications can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>
- Funds can be used for monitoring well installation, geophysical logging, geologic logging, groundwater level monitoring training, borehole video logging, and other field activities.

Round 2 Funding Available

Funding Area	Total Allocation	Previous Awards	Round 2 DAC Fund	Round 2 General Fund*
North Coast	\$26,500,000	\$15,370,000	\$1,060,000	\$7,420,000
San Francisco Bay	\$65,000,000	\$29,250,000	\$6,500,000	\$22,750,000
Central Coast	\$43,000,000	\$19,964,080	\$2,150,000	\$16,585,920
Los Angeles	\$98,000,000	\$47,530,000	\$6,370,000	\$34,300,000
Santa Ana	\$63,000,000	\$29,641,428	\$4,095,000	\$22,963,572
San Diego	\$52,500,000	\$25,257,614	\$3,216,622	\$18,775,764
Sacramento River	\$37,000,000	\$31,622,542	-	\$1,677,458
San Joaquin River	\$31,000,000	\$19,321,752	\$300,000	\$8,278,248
Tulare/Kern	\$34,000,000	\$16,112,990	-	\$14,487,010
North/South Lahontan	\$24,500,000	\$15,364,732	\$1,169,460	\$5,515,808
Colorado River	\$22,500,000	\$11,711,735	\$1,462,500	\$7,075,765
Mountain Counties	\$13,000,000	\$5,800,388	\$845,000	\$5,054,612
Total	\$510,000,000	\$266,947,261	\$27,168,582	\$164,884,157
		Total Round 2		\$192,052,739

*This total may change slightly as agreements are executed for Round 1.



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