

MEMO: SVGSP Planning Committee Update, TAC Update

To: SVGMD, Plumas County

From: Jenny Gant and Judie Talbot (outreach facilitator)

Date: March 21, 2022

Re: Sierra Valley GSP – Planning Committee and Technical Advisory Committee updates

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The SVGSP Planning Committee met on March 14, 2022 and discussed the following :

1. Sierra Valley residents were informed through several email lists that the GSP had been submitted to DWR and that a formal DWR Public Comment period was open through April and all comments submitted during that time would be considered in review of the GSP. The notice was sent using SVGMD, TAC, Interested Parties and Tribal email lists.
2. It was noted that the current MOU between Plumas County and the District was focused on GSP development. The GSAs can discuss whether an Implementation MOU should be considered.
3. Having Feather River Land Trust schedule a call to learn more about the DWR-USGS stream monitoring effort. This might cover stream stage gauges, soil moisture probes or rain gauges. Homeland Security is now adding wildfire alerts into the monitoring program. Some of those may be placed in Sierra Valley. It could potentially benefit understanding of connections between surface and groundwater.
4. Updates on the status of the Annual Report (LWA item)
5. Updates on grant funding opportunities
6. Updates on monitoring approach for subsidence and shallow groundwater (McGinley item)
7. Opportunities to expand awareness of the ag irrigation efficiency pilot project (McGinley item)

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) UPDATE

The TAC met on February 28th, the agenda focused on recent updates

- DWR Subsidence Report for Water Year 2021
- Approach to the Annual Report
- Anticipated AEM timeline
- GSP Implementation: monitoring components for subsidence, shallow groundwater
- Ag irrigation efficiency pilot project

The TAC did not have time to evaluate the outreach approach for GSP development (TAC and public workshops). A two-hour TAC meeting is being scheduled as the last formal TAC session to cover the following topics:

- Annual report
- TAC members experiences
- Options for Implementation outreach
- Potential monitoring locations for subsidence and shallow groundwater