

Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

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Communication and Engagement Plan

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for Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development
in the Atascadero Groundwater Basin

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1. SGMA and Stakeholder Outreach

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires local governments and water agencies in California's high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as defined by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and operate under a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) by the year 2022. Basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft must begin to manage groundwater under a GSP sooner – by January 31, 2020.

In May 2018, DWR re-classified the Salinas Valley – Atascadero Area Subbasin (Atascadero Basin) as being very-low priority, exempting it from the requirement to comply with SGMA. However, the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) elected to develop a SGMA-compliant GSP for the basin due to the progress made and momentum gained on developing a GSP before the reclassification occurred; the award of Proposition 1 grant funds to the GSA for development of a GSP; the possibility that the State will at some time require all basins in the state to have some form of management plan, including basins with low priorities; and knowledge that DWR could re-prioritize the Atascadero Basin to either medium- or high- priority during future evaluations of basin conditions.

This Communication and Engagement Plan (C&E Plan) describes the planned activities for engaging interested parties in SGMA implementation efforts in the Atascadero Basin. It is designed to meet the stakeholder engagement requirements of SGMA and GSP Regulations. The ultimate purpose of the document is to facilitate effective communication and engagement with the multiple and varied stakeholders in the Atascadero Basin.

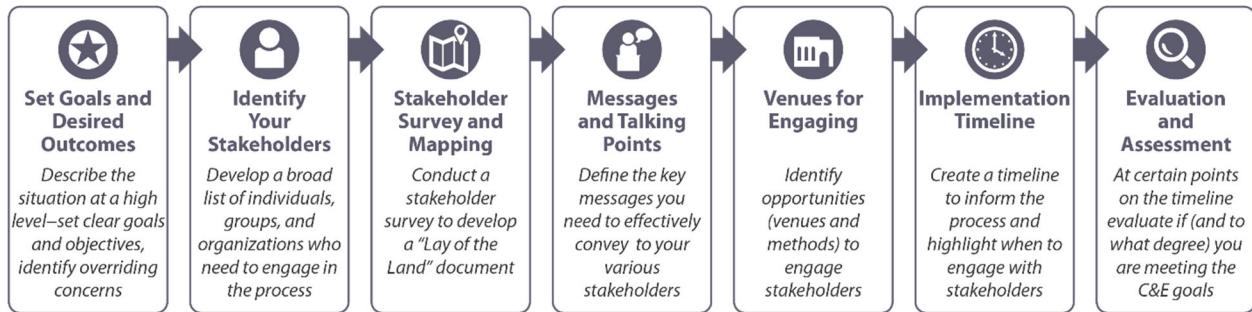
Structure of this C&E Plan

DWR's *Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Guidance Document* describes a seven-step process for communication and engagement. DWR's steps are listed below:

1. ***Set Goals and Desired Outcomes***
2. ***Identify Your Stakeholders***
3. ***Stakeholder survey and mapping***
4. ***Messages and Talking Points***
5. ***Venues for Engaging***
6. ***Implementation Timeline***
7. ***Evaluation and Assessment***

This C&E Plan begins with an introduction to the Atascadero Basin and the SGMA efforts therein. The remainder of the plan is organized to follow the steps suggested above and shown in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1. Engagement Steps from DWR GSP Stakeholder and Engagement Guidance Document



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2. Introduction to the Atascadero Basin

The Atascadero Basin is in central California approximately 13 miles east of the Pacific Coast in San Luis Obispo County. The Atascadero Basin is separated from the Paso Robles Basin by the Rinconada Fault along the eastern boundary; the fault creates a significant barrier to the flow of percolating groundwater between the Atascadero Basin and the Paso Robles Basin. The northern boundary is near the City of Paso Robles and the southern boundary is just south of the community of Garden Farms. The Paso Robles Basin is the only adjacent groundwater basin.

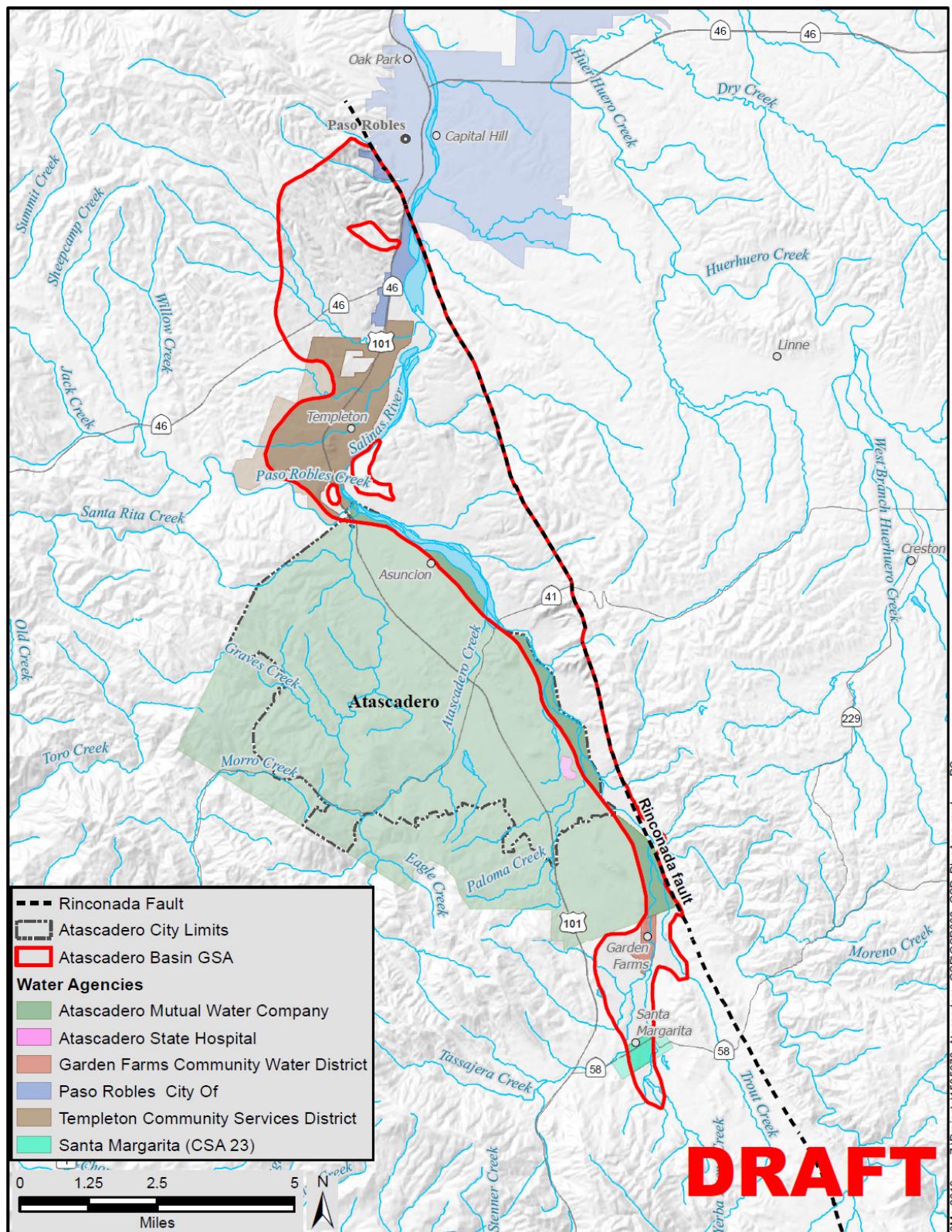
The Atascadero Basin includes a portion of the City of Paso Robles, the City of Atascadero, the communities of Templeton and Garden Farms, and unincorporated portions of the County of San Luis Obispo.

- **City of Paso Robles.** The City of Paso Robles is located near the intersection of Highway 101 and Highway 46. Most of the City of Paso Robles is in the adjacent Paso Robles Basin, with only a small portion of the city in the Atascadero Basin. In the Atascadero Basin, the City land uses consist primarily of commercial and residential areas.
- **City of Atascadero.** The City of Atascadero is located along Highway 101, between the City of Paso Robles and City of San Luis Obispo. The City of Atascadero consists of a mix of residential, commercial, and recreational areas. The City of Atascadero has a significant number of large residential lots (>1 acre) and was originally designed to be a self-sustaining, agrarian community.
- **Community of Templeton.** Templeton is an unincorporated community located along Highway 101 between the City of Paso Robles and City of Atascadero. Templeton consists of a mix of residential, commercial, agriculture, and recreational areas. The Templeton area has a number of homes on larger lots.
- **Community of Garden Farms.** Garden Farms is a small residential community of 240 residents with 113 water service connections. Besides two small commercial establishments, all connections are residential.

The primary sources of water supply include groundwater from the Atascadero Basin (Paso Robles Formation), the Salinas River Underflow, recycled water, and the Nacimiento Water Project. The Salinas River is the major hydrologic feature in the basin.

Water users in the basin include municipalities, communities, rural domestic residences, and agricultural users. The major water purveyors are the Atascadero Mutual Water Company (Atascadero MWC), Templeton Community Services District (Templeton CSD), and Garden Farms Mutual Water Company (Garden Farms MWC). **Figure 2** shows the location of Atascadero Basin, the GSA boundaries, and the surrounding municipalities.

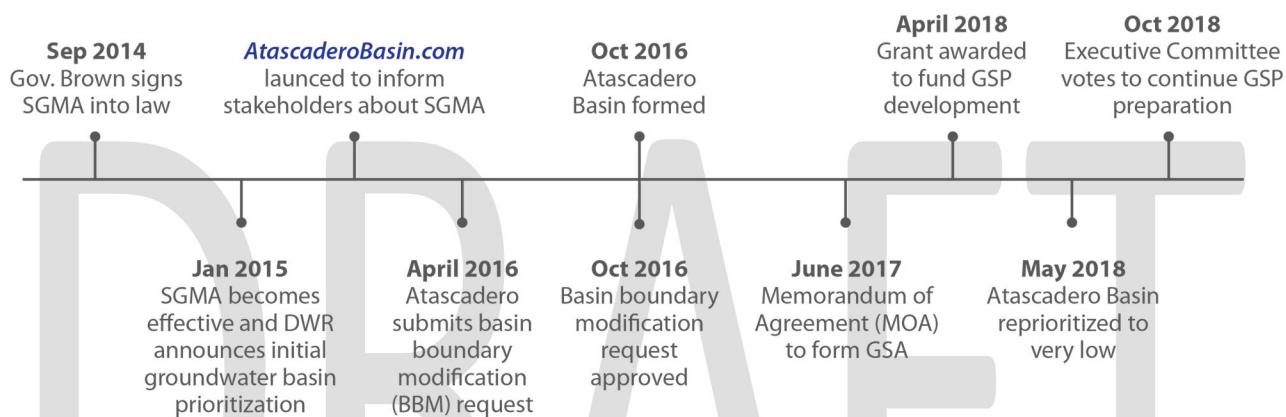
Figure 2. Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Boundary



3. Initial SGMA Efforts in the Atascadero Basin

SGMA compliance efforts began in the Atascadero Basin almost immediately after SGMA was enacted. Local agencies in the area launched a website, www.atascaderobasin.com, and began to solicit public input and educate stakeholders about the new law. The sections below follow Atascadero Basin's timeline (**Figure 3**) of SGMA efforts to date. Understanding these initial efforts provides the necessary context for planning future outreach activities.

Figure 3. Timeline of Initial Atascadero Basin SGMA Efforts



Basin Boundary Modification (2016)

At the time SGMA took effect, the Atascadero area was part of the Paso Robles Subbasin, a critically overdrafted basin designated as high priority. Understanding that the Atascadero area was geologically distinct from the Paso Robles Subbasin, the Templeton Community Services District (TCSD), Atascadero Mutual Water Company (AMWC), and other stakeholders in the Atascadero area submitted a Basin Boundary Modification request to DWR, seeking to modify the Paso Robles Subbasin boundary to distinguish Atascadero as a separate basin.

Outreach conducted during the basin boundary modification effort included launching a website (atascaderobasin.com), communicating with stakeholders about the basin boundary modification process, development of a SGMA FAQ handout, and a public hearing to receive input.

DWR granted the basin boundary modification request and the Atascadero Basin was formed in 2016. The Atascadero Basin remained high priority after being separated from the Paso Robles Basin because basin prioritization was not reassessed at that time. However, DWR recognized the Atascadero Basin was not in a critical state of overdraft in the Bulletin 118 Interim Update 2016.

GSA Formation (2017)

Once the Atascadero area was recognized as a separate basin, the next step in SGMA implementation was forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). In May 2017, the City of Atascadero, City of Paso Robles, County of San Luis Obispo, and Templeton Community Services District entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to form the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Atascadero GSA). In addition to this group of "Forming Parties," a number of "Participating Parties" also

signed the agreement. The initial Participating Parties include AMWC, Atascadero State Hospital, Garden Farms Community Water District, and Walnut Hills Mutual Water Company (**Table 1**). The MOA outlines the structure of an Executive Committee to manage the development of the GSP and govern the GSA. More information about the structure of the GSA, the GSA's decision-making process, and voting members of the Executive Committee is discussed in Section 4.

Table 1. Forming and Participating Parties in the Atascadero Basin GSA

| ATASCADERO BASIN GSA PARTIES | |
|---|---|
| Forming Parties | Initial Participating Parties |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Atascadero • City of Paso Robles • County of San Luis Obispo • Templeton Community Services District | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atascadero Mutual Water Company • Atascadero State Hospital • Garden Farms Community Water District • Walnut Hills Mutual Water Company • Santa Ysabel Ranch Mutual Water Company • SMR Mutual Water Company |

Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant (2017)

In 2017, DWR made funding available through Proposition 1 for the planning, development, and preparation of GSPs. AMWC submitted a grant application on behalf of the Atascadero GSA and was awarded \$809,250 to help offset the cost of GSP development. The Atascadero GSA is required to cost-match any grant funds used (50% grant, 50% match) with a combination of local in-kind services and out-of-pocket expenditures. GSP cost allocation among the GSA parties is detailed in the MOA.

Basin Reprioritization (2018)

In May 2018, DWR presented the Draft 2018 SGMA Basin Prioritization based on 2016 Basin Boundary Modifications and opened a public comment period. Draft prioritization indicated that Atascadero Basin will be reprioritized from “high” to “very low.” This presented the Executive Committee with a choice: to cease or continue GSP development. At the October 3, 2018 meeting of the Executive Committee, GSA staff presented a recommendation to continue with the preparation of a GSP for the Atascadero Basin in accordance with SGMA requirements. This Recommendation is provided with the Executive Committee Meeting Agenda as **Appendix A**.

A list of outreach activities conducted during the events described above is provided below as **Table 2**.

Table 2. Summary of Outreach Activities Prior to 2018

| Area | Date | Organizations / Outreach Type |
|-------------------|-----------|---|
| Atascadero | 9/23/2014 | AMWC – public meeting regarding SGMA in the Atascadero Basin |
| Atascadero | 12/9/2014 | Atascadero City Council – Atascadero Basin Support |
| Paso Robles Basin | 3/19/2015 | Paso Robles Basin Advisory Committee – Paso Robles Water District Formation |
| Paso Robles | 9/5/2015 | Paso Robles Basin Advisory Committee – Basin Boundary Modification Discussion |

| Area | Date | Organizations / Outreach Type |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|
| Paso Robles | 1/21/2016 | Paso Robles Basin Advisory Committee – Basin Boundary Modification Discussion |
| Paso Robles/ Atascadero | 3/1/2016 | Public Hearing on Basin Boundary Modification to Separate from the Paso Robles Basin |
| Atascadero | 8/11/2016 | Atascadero Basin Update (public ranchers/stakeholders outreach) |
| Atascadero | 12/1/2016 | Atascadero Basin GSA formation meeting (public stakeholder outreach) |
| Atascadero | 4/5/2017 | Public Meeting regarding SGMA in the Atascadero Groundwater Basin |
| Templeton | 5/2/2017 | Templeton CSD Board of Directors' public hearing, support of Atascadero Basin GSA |
| Atascadero | 10/4/2017 | GSA Executive Committee Meeting (first GSA meeting) |
| Atascadero | 10/25/2017 | GSA Executive Committee Meeting |
| Paso Robles | 11/19/2017 | Paso Robles Basin Advisory Committee – Basin Boundary Modification Discussion |
| Paso Robles | 12/17/2017 | Paso Robles Basin Advisory Committee – Basin Boundary Modification Discussion |

4. Current SGMA Efforts in the Atascadero Basin

Atascadero Basin was reprioritized as “very low” in the Final 2018 SGMA Basin Prioritization¹ and is no longer subject to SGMA requirements. However, there are benefits to continuing GSP development and the Executive Committee chose to keep moving forward.

Benefits of GSP Development for Atascadero Basin

- Sustainably managing the community’s groundwater will help protect local natural resources and increase the reliability of water supply for businesses and residences.
- Guidance from DWR in the basin prioritization Frequently Asked Questions² document encourages basins ranked as low or very low priority to form GSAs and manage basins under GSPs.
- Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant funds awarded to Atascadero Basin are still available for GSP development.
- If groundwater conditions or Basin Prioritization criteria change, Atascadero Basin may be reprioritized to a higher rank and become subject to SGMA requirements.
- Considerable momentum to develop a GSP is already established among stakeholders.

GSP Development

GSP development is underway and will continue through Summer 2021. The draft project schedule indicates the GSP sections will be completed in three phases as shown in **Table 3** below.

Table 3. GSP Chapters and Phases

| Phase 1 January – September 2019 | Phase 2 October 2019 – June 2020 | Phase 3 July 2020-July 2021 |
|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 1. Introduction• Section 2. Agency Information• Section 3. Description of Plan Area• Section 4. Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model• Section 5. Groundwater Conditions• Section 11. Notice and Communications | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 6. Water Budget• Section 7. Sustainable Management Criteria• Section 8. Monitoring Network• Section 9. Projects and Management Actions• Section 10. Implementation Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 12. Interagency Agreements• Section 13. Reference List• Appendices• Draft GSP• Final GSP |

¹ <https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization/Files/2018-Sustainable-Groundwater-Management-Act-Basin-Prioritization.pdf?la=en&hash=B9F946563AA3E6B338674951A7FFB0D80B037530>

² https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization/Files/SGMA-Basin-Prioritization-FAQs_09142018.pdf?la=en&hash=A530C56D6A47F92946C267EE4CB059429B149D50

A project update brochure will be developed for each phase describing the GSP development activities, input needed, and next steps. These brochures will be available at public meetings and posted online for easy access.

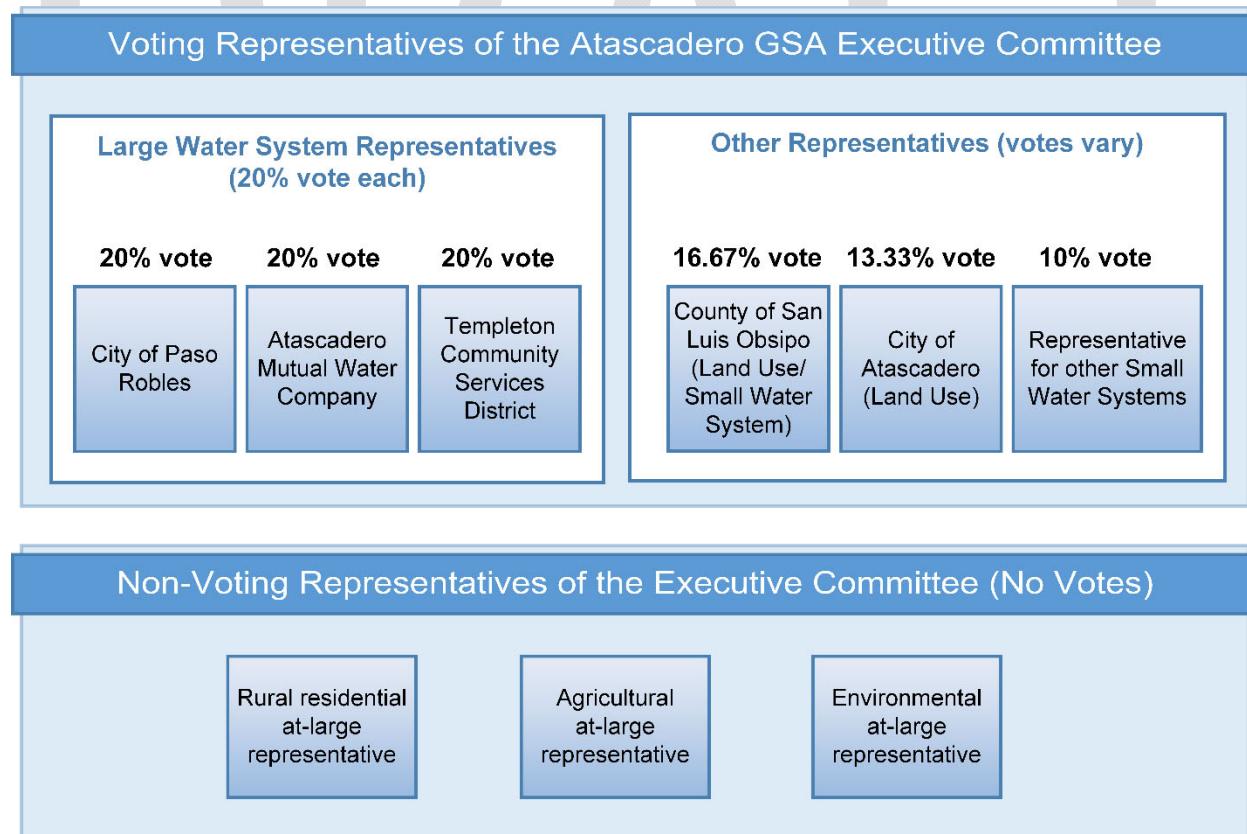
Governing Body

The GSA Executive Committee is the governing body of the GSA. It consists of large water system, small water system, land use, and other representatives. The Executive Committee was created as a part of the MOA. There are voting and non-voting members. Non-voting members represent at-large areas of interest in the basin: agricultural, rural-residential, and environmental. You must live on a parcel of land within the Atascadero Basin to serve as one of the at-large representatives.

Decision-Making Process

The MOA describes the decision-making process for the GSA Executive Committee. **Figure 4** is a diagram of the voting and non-voting members of the Executive Committee and their respective voting percentages. Refer to MOA Article 4, “Executive Committee and Technical Support Group,” for discussion on the appointment of the representatives and alternate representatives for the Voting Representatives and the appointment of the representatives for the Non-Voting Representatives.

Figure 4. Executive Committee Voting Percentages



The voting members of the Executive Committee are the ultimate decision makers. Their decisions will consider the interests of beneficial uses and users of groundwater. Meetings of the Executive

Committee are open to the public. The Executive Committee will consider input from technical experts and interested parties (**Table 4**).

Table 4. Roles in GSP development

| Group | Who | Role in GSP Development |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| GSA Executive Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointed representatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voting decision makers |
| Technical experts | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisory committee• Technical group• Consultant team | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine / communicate facts• Analyze outcomes of potential projects and actions |
| Interested Parties | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beneficial users of groundwater• Anyone affected or impacted by groundwater in or around the basin• Public | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participate in meetings• Share input• Answer surveys• Comment on draft plan |

5. Goals and Desired Outcomes

The goal of this C&E Plan is to describe the planned activities for engaging interested parties in SGMA implementation efforts in the Atascadero Basin and to provide opportunities for interested parties to participate in GSP development. This plan will serve as a roadmap to support achieving the desired outcomes identified below.

- **Educate the public about the importance of the GSP and their input.** Stakeholder input is a critical part of the GSP development process. The basin stakeholders define the values of the basin and the priorities for groundwater management. This valuable input is what guides decision-making and development of projects and management actions. The C&E Plan is designed to encourage stakeholder participation and spread information about GSP development.
- **Engage a diverse group of stakeholders.** The C&E Plan is developed with thoughtful consideration about how to engage the diverse array of stakeholders in the basin. One size does not fit all when it comes to stakeholder engagement. The C&E Plan outlines multiple venues for communication with varied audiences.
- **Make stakeholder participation easy and accessible.** One way to increase engagement is to make participation easy for the stakeholders. Ways the stakeholders can engage in GSP development should be clear and accessible. The C&E Plan provides methods to make engagement easy for the stakeholders.
- **Allow stakeholders the opportunity to provide meaningful input.** Aligning the engagement schedule with the GSP development schedule allows stakeholders to engage at key decision points in the GSP development process. Public meetings will inform interested parties about what decisions need to be made, provide relevant technical information, and request feedback.
- **Provide a roadmap for GSA leadership.** Without planning, stakeholder engagement is at risk of being sporadic or non-existent. The C&E Plan provides a clear roadmap and schedule for GSA leaders to follow, keeping engagement efforts consistent and on track.

The goal and desired outcomes listed above are the drivers for this planning document. They inform and shape the remainder of this C&E Plan.

6. Stakeholder Identification

Pursuant to California Water Code sections 10723.8 and 10723.2, the Atascadero Basin GSA has considered, and will continue to consider, the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those that are responsible for implementing the actions that will be developed within the Atascadero Basin's GSP. The Atascadero Basin GSA is committed to an open process including active and open discussions with all interested parties during the GSP development process. The following is the initial list of stakeholders submitted at the time of GSA formation.

Public Agencies

- County of San Luis Obispo (water and land use authority)
- City of Atascadero (land use authority)
- City of Paso Robles (water and land use authority)
- Templeton Community Services District (water authority)

Other Water Entities (Corporations Regulated by PUC, Mutual Water Companies, etc.)

- Atascadero Mutual Water Company
- Atascadero State Hospital
- Garden Farms Community Water District
- SMR Mutual Water Company
- Santa Ysabel Ranch Mutual Water Company
- Templeton Cemetery District
- Walnut Hills Mutual Water Company

Individuals, Rural Residents, etc.

- Signup lists from outreach meetings were used to record information for interested individuals

Stakeholder Group Identification

The stakeholder list above was used to form the Basin's initial interested parties list. Interested parties will be contacted via email when events related to GSP development are scheduled in the Atascadero Basin.

The interested parties list was expanded by adding the information collected via the contact form hosted at www.atascaderobasin.com. The contact form has been available for multiple years on the website for stakeholders to indicate interest in being added to the Basin's mailing list.

The interested parties list was supplemented further by information gathered for the stakeholder groups identified in the Stakeholder Engagement Chart for GSP Development provided in DWR's Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Guidance Document. The stakeholder groups provided on DWR's chart included:

- General Public
- Land Use
- Private Users

- Urban/Agricultural Users
- Industrial Users
- Environmental and Ecosystem
- Economic Development
- Human Right to Water
- Native American Tribes
- Federal and State Lands
- Integrated Water Management

At-Large Areas of Interest

There are three recognized at-large areas of interest in the Atascadero Basin and a non-voting position on the Executive Committee is reserved for a representative from each. The areas are identified in the MOA and include the following:

- Agricultural
- Rural-residential
- Environmental

Interested parties must live on a parcel of land within the Atascadero Basin to serve as one of the at-large representatives.

Groundwater Communication Portal (GCP)

A web-based outreach tool called the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Communication Portal (GCP) will be used to maintain the interested parties list. The GCP electronically notifies interested parties when the GSA hosts events regarding groundwater management. Interested parties can add themselves to the list at any time online.

The GCP will track outreach engagements and store the information in a database for GSA retrieval. The database will include meeting dates, locations, times, documents such as meeting agendas. The GCP is not meant to replace, but to enhance, outreach efforts. A description of the GCP is provided in **Appendix B**.

7. Stakeholder Survey

DWR created a stakeholder survey template hosted at the Communication and Engagement Digital Toolkit³ webpage. The survey is designed to learn about stakeholder interests, issues, and challenges. The survey asks the following questions:

- Are you familiar with SGMA regulations?
- Are you currently engaged in activity or discussions regarding groundwater management in this region?
- Do you own or manage land in this region?
- Do you manage water resources? If yes, what is your role?
- What is your primary interest in land or water resources management?
- Do you have concerns about groundwater management? If so, what are they?
- Do you have recommendations regarding groundwater management? If so, what are they?
- What else do you want me to know?
- Who else should we listen to?

The survey has been customized for Atascadero Basin GSP Development and is included as **Appendix C**.

The survey is scheduled to be distributed to interested parties in May 2019. The results of the survey will be used to supplement this plan and will be included in the Final C&E Plan submitted with the Final GSP.

³ <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>

8. Venues and Tools: Opportunities for Engagement

Venues and tools will be selected to encourage the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population. The groups listed below will be given focused interest when considering proper venues and tools for engagement.

- **At-Large Areas of Interest.** There are three predominant at-large areas of interest in the Atascadero Basin: agricultural, rural-residential, and environmental.

Focus: A non-voting position on the Executive Committee is reserved for a representative from each area of interest. Interested candidates must live on a parcel of land within the Atascadero Basin to serve as one of the at-large representatives.

- **Disadvantaged Communities.** There is an area in the southwest portion of the Atascadero Basin that is recognized as a disadvantaged community.

Focus: Meetings will be held in proximity to areas identified as Disadvantaged Communities to allow easy access. Venues the communities are already familiar with, such as schools, will be considered for meeting locations. Information will be gathered regarding the languages spoken in the communities and materials will be provided in those languages as appropriate.

- **Tribal Governments.** Per SGMA §10720.3(c), any federally recognized Indian Tribe may voluntarily agree to participate in the planning, financing, and management of groundwater basins. There are no federally recognized Native American Tribes in the Atascadero Basin.

Focus: The Atascadero GSA will refer to DWR's [Engagement with Tribal Governments Guidance Document](#) for Tribal recommended communication procedures.

Stakeholder Meetings and Workshops

Stakeholder meetings or workshops should be held at key decision points in the GSP development process. This will create an opportunity for stakeholders and other interested parties to provide meaningful input. The outreach schedule is aligned with the GSP development schedule for this purpose. The schedule (**Figure 5**) identifies key points in the process when the stakeholders should be engaged.

Meeting venues, dates, and times will be chosen to maximize stakeholder participation. The GCP will be utilized to communicate information about meetings regarding GSP development and implementation.

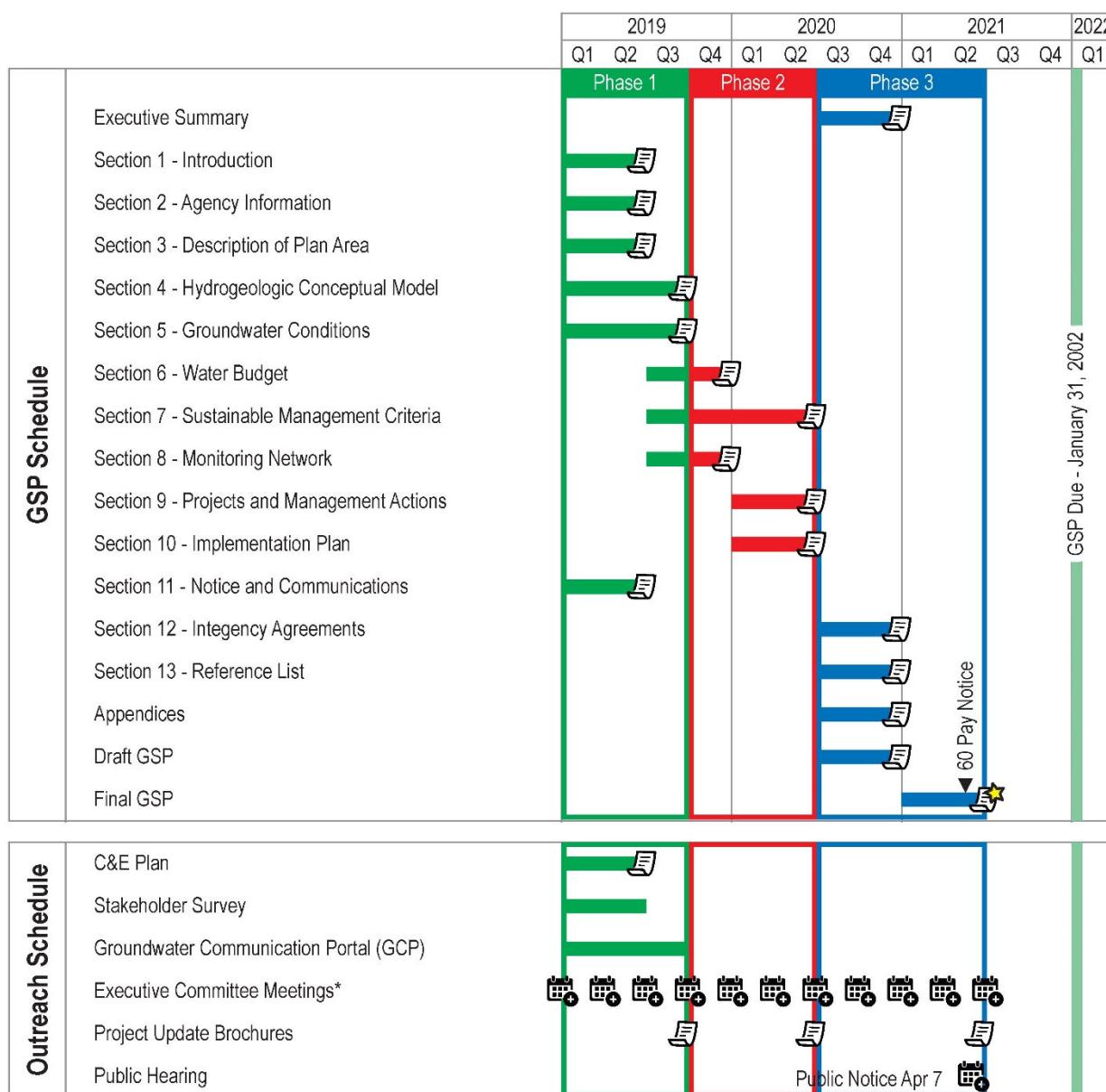
Public Notices and Hearings

Meeting notices will be sent in advance of stakeholder meetings, including Executive Committee meetings. SGMA requires a publicly noticed hearing at three distinct points in GSP development:

- At GSA formation §10723(b) – this process is complete
- When a GSP is adopted or amended (§10728.4)
- Before imposing or increasing fees

The GCP will be used to increase awareness of upcoming hearings and meetings.

Figure 5. Engagement Schedule Aligned with GSP Development



**First Wednesday of first month of each quarter*

Informational Materials

The Stakeholder Survey discussed in the previous section will ask stakeholders how they would like to receive information. Initially, the GSA anticipates producing the informational materials listed below.

[GSA Website](#)

A website was created for the Atascadero Basin shortly after SGMA was enacted. The website, atascaderobasin.com, has been providing information to residents for years. Therefore, the GSA will continue to utilize the site. The web address for the site will be included on printed materials and announced at public meetings. The site will be supplemented by a communication portal, discussed below.

Groundwater Communication Portal (GCP)

GSA management and/or staff will use the Atascadero Basin GCP as a tool to communicate with interested parties. The GCP will store interested party information and distribute e-mail invitations for events posted to the calendar. The GCP will integrate with the existing website (discussed above) to increase ease of use for the public.

There are additional tools within the GCP that will be used to enhance communication. These tools include the following:

- **E-Blast.** E-mails will be sent to interested parties using the e-blast tool. E-blasts will be effective for sending reminders of upcoming deadlines, such as the close of a survey or comment period.
- **Public Comment.** During public comment periods, a form will be available on the GCP for interested parties to submit comments. The form allows comment by Section and automatically stores the information for GSA review, reducing the risk of misplaced comments.
- **Direct Mailing.** Direct mailings will be sent to stakeholders at key points in the GSP development process.

Project Update Brochures

Project update brochures will be produced and discussed at public meetings as shown on the Outreach Schedule (**Figure 5**). The brochures will discuss the subjects listed below.

- Progress of GSP development
- Decisions made to date
- Decisions to be made

The brochures will be posted online and available for download by interested parties.

FAQ

A frequently asked questions (FAQ) document will be created and updated periodically throughout GSP development. The FAQ will address questions about SGMA, Atascadero Basin GSA, and the development of the GSP.

Talking Points

The project update brochures and FAQ will serve as guides for talking points to share information about GSP development with local agencies and interested parties.

9. Evaluation and Assessment

The activities identified in this C&E Plan are designed to meet the goals and objectives identified earlier in **Section 5**. Below, **Table 5** lists tasks compiled from the contents of this C&E Plan. This is a working list that will be modified and updated as needed throughout GSP development.

Table 5. Outreach Tasks

| Task | Description |
|---|---|
| Phase 1 Project Update Brochure | Describe GSP development activities, input needed, and next steps. Bring copies to public meetings and post online for easy access. |
| Phase 2 Project Update Brochure | Describe GSP development activities, input needed, and next steps. Bring copies to public meetings and post online for easy access. |
| Phase 3 Project Update Brochure | Describe GSP development activities, input needed, and next steps. Bring copies to public meetings and post online for easy access. |
| Launch Groundwater Communication Portal (GCP) | Integrate GCP with existing website, post meetings to calendar, send invitations |
| Direct Mailing | Send direct mail invitations to join the GCP |
| Identify Disadvantaged Communities | Explore how this audience is best communicated with |
| Identify Native American Tribes | Explore how this audience is best communicated with |
| Conduct Stakeholder Survey | Modify DWR's stakeholder survey for this basin, send out for feedback |
| Outreach Schedule | Keep outreach schedule aligned with GSP development to provide opportunities for meaningful input |
| Hold a public hearing for GSP adoption | Per SGMA Section 10728.4, give 60-day notice and hold a public hearing to adopt the final GSP before submitting to DWR |
| Include website on printed materials | Educate public about where they can find information and updates related to groundwater management in the basin |
| Announce website at public meetings | Educate public about where they can find information and updates related to groundwater management in the basin |

Like the list above, this C&E Plan is a living document to be updated as needed throughout GSP development. Successful use and implementation of the task list and C&E Plan will indicate success.

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11. Appendices

Appendix A. Executive Committee Meeting Agenda, October 3, 2018

Appendix B. Groundwater Communication Portal (GCP)

Appendix C. Atascadero Basin Stakeholder Survey

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Appendix A.

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda, October 3, 2018

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**Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Meeting Time: 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Templeton CSD Board Meeting Room
206 5th Street
Templeton, California 93465

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Order of Business
Executive Committee members may request to change the order of business.
4. Introductions
5. General Public Comments
The Executive Committee invites members of the public to address the committee on any subject that is within the purview of the committee and that is not on today's agenda. Comments shall be limited to three minutes.
6. Consent Agenda
The following items are considered routine and non-controversial by staff and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Executive Committee wishes an item removed. If discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by an Executive Committee member and will be considered separately. Questions or clarification may be made by the Executive Committee members without removal from the Consent Agenda. Individual items on the Consent Agenda are approved by the same vote that approves the Consent Agenda, unless an item is pulled for separate consideration. Members of the public may comment on the Consent Agenda items.
 - a. Minutes – April 4, 2018
7. New Business:
 - a. Basin Prioritization & SGMA Compliance Efforts
 - b. Non-Voting Representatives
 - c. Request for Future Items
8. Adjournment

ATASCADERO BASIN

*Groundwater
Sustainability Agency*



TO: Executive Committee

FROM: GSA Staff

DATE: October 3, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 6.a - Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the minutes from the April 4, 2018, GSA EC meeting

MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) held a meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. in the board meeting room of the Templeton Community Services District located at 206 5th Street, Templeton, CA.

Roll Call: Present at the GSA meeting were Committee Members Roberta Fonzi, Navid Fardanesh, Debbie Arnold, John Hamon, and Robert Jones. A quorum was present when Chairperson Fonzi opened the meeting shortly before 4:30 p.m.

General Public Comments: Chairperson Fonzi opened public comment and, seeing none, closed public comment.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes – January 3, 2018: The GSA reviewed the minutes from the January 3, 2018, meeting. No changes were noted and Member Hamon motioned to approve the minutes with a second by Member Arnold. Roll Call: Ayes – Committee Members Jones, Fardanesh, Arnold, and Fonzi. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Non-Voting Representative Application Process: At the request of Chairperson Fonzi, the Non-Voting Representative Application Process was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. Chairperson Fonzi asked whether the three public seats (Agricultural At-Large, Rural Residential At-Large, Environmental At-Large) could be consolidated into a single public seat. John Neil, General Manager of the Atascadero Mutual Water Company (AMWC), informed that the three seats are required per the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that forms the GSA and that the change would require amendment and subsequent approval by each of the constituent agencies. City of Paso Robles (PR) Director of Public Works, Dick McKinley, adds that SGMA requires outreach to many stakeholder groups

and that this contributed to the inclusion of multiple public seats on the GSA EC. Chairperson Fonzi asks how the GSA will ensure appropriate representation for rural residential, noting that this is especially important in the Atascadero Basin, with John Neil responding that the application and vetting process will allow for the GSA to select the best candidate. Member Fardanesh asks that the statement in the application regarding filing of disclosures be modified to reflect its' status as a requirement. Member Arnold asks about the deadline to submit the applications with General Manager of AMWC, John Neil, and County Staff, Angela Ruberto, responding that the deadline to submit applications will be posted and distributed with the Application and will be dependent on the scheduling of the next meeting. General Manager of AMWC, John Neil, reminds the GSA that the next quarterly meeting is scheduled for the 4th of July Holiday and suggests canceling it since there likely won't be enough material to merit holding a meeting.

Member Hamon motioned to approve the Non-Voting Member application with a second by Member Fardanesh. Roll Call: Ayes – Committee Members Jones, Fardanesh, Arnold, and Fonzi. Nays – none. Motion carried.

New Business – a) Groundwater Protection Ordinance: John Neil, General Manager of AMWC, confirmed to the GSA that the “Citizens for San Luis Obispo County Groundwater Protection” have officially withdrawn their initiative petition for the County of San Luis Obispo Groundwater Protection Ordinance Initiative Measure. John Neil, General Manager of AMWC, gave a brief overview of the withdrawn initiative’s proposed changes to how groundwater is defined when compared to SGMA’s definition, how groundwater is handled by the water purveyors, and the corresponding challenges to the GSA’s management that would arise under it; he explains that he believes the intent of the initiative was simply to prohibit exportation of water from the County and that the language of the initiative had further reaching implications on, among other things, land-use decisions, the ability of the purveyors to help one another during emergencies and the City of Paso’s recycled water program. The GSA discusses the County’s existing Ordinance prohibiting export from the basin, noting that the Group was likely concerned with having a more permanent solution and that this may have been achieved more effectively and with fewer ramifications than what was proposed by the initiative. The GSA and staff discuss that the initiative, though officially withdrawn, may be revisited in the future and that the GSA would be glad to work with them at that time.

New Business – b) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Compliance Activities Update: John Neil, General Manager of AMWC, presented this report and notified the GSA that DWR has released the Final Grant Awards, awarding the Atascadero Basin the full amount requested (\$809,250). Chairperson Fonzi requests clarification of the proposed “support for the Paso Robles Groundwater Model Update” and explanation of the “Land Use Conditions”, as found on Table 4 – Atascadero Subbasin Project Budget in the Agenda packet. General Manager of AMWC, John Neil, clarifies that the Atascadero Basin will work with Paso Robles to support and leverage their modeling effort and explains that the Land Use Conditions references the analysis of zoning, existing and proposed land use patterns and corresponding impact on water use, confirming that land use authority stays with the GSA’s constituent agencies, per the MOA. Chairperson Fonzi opens public comment during which Willy Cunha, public, compliments General Manager of AMWC, John Neil, and his work in the Atascadero Basin. Chairperson Fonzi adds that, if allowable under Brown Act, she would like to suggest use of some of the Grant

Funds to support administration efforts of the GSA. General Manager of AMWC, John Neil, responds that current administration of the GSA and contributions of the constituent agencies have run smoothly and proposes no change. Member Arnold requests confirmation that the Grant Funding will cover the full cost of the GSP with General Manager of AMWC, John Neil, stating that these costs are just estimates and could potentially change. The GSA asks about the basin's prioritization and the implications of it (potentially) changing. General Manager of AMWC, John Neil, states that the basin is currently designated by the state as a medium priority basin, not subject to conditions of critical overdraft and, as such, is required to develop a GSP by 2022; though the Department of Water Resources (DWR) may re-prioritize, the Atascadero Basin has momentum developing a plan and should carryon regardless; DWR's Ben Gooding, in attendance, confirms support of this approach especially in light of the grant funding opportunity.

New Business – c: Request for Future Items: the GSA discussed:

1. Canceling the meeting, 7/4/18, due to the Holiday
2. Changing the semantics/use of the “Executive Committee” to more clearly articulate that the EC is the main decision-making body of the “Groundwater Sustainability Agency”

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the EC will be on October 3, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. in the board meeting room of the Templeton Community Services District located at 206 5th Street, Templeton, CA.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Fonzi adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Committeeman Hamon, Secretary

ATASCADERO BASIN

*Groundwater
Sustainability Agency*



TO: Executive Committee

FROM: GSA Staff/ John Neil, Atascadero Mutual Water Company

DATE: October 3, 2018

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 7.a - Basin Prioritization & SGMA Compliance Efforts

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Continue with the preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Atascadero Basin in accordance with SGMA requirements.

DISCUSSION:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) *for all medium- and high-priority basins as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).* [Emphasis added.]

In 2014, the DWR prioritized groundwater basins through its California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program.

In October 2016, the DWR approved a basin boundary modification creating the Atascadero Basin, officially designated in the DWR's Bulletin 118 as Basin No. 3-004.11, Atascadero Area Groundwater Sub-basin of the Salinas Valley Basin. At the time of its creation, the Atascadero Basin was classified medium- to high-priority, which subjected the basin to compliance with SGMA requirements.

SGMA requires that the DWR reassess the prioritization of groundwater basins anytime it updates Bulletin 118 basin boundaries. In May 2018, the DWR released its draft prioritization of groundwater basins in the state. The prioritization classified basins as high, medium, low, or very low based on the following factors:

1. Existing population
2. Population growth
3. Number of public water supply wells
4. Total wells
5. Irrigated acreage
6. Groundwater use in relation to groundwater supply
7. Groundwater pumping impacts (i.e. declining groundwater levels, deteriorating water quality, etc.)
8. Habitat and other information

The DWR re-classified the Atascadero Basin as being very-low priority, exempting it from the requirement to comply with SGMA. The re-prioritization of basins statewide will be finalized by fall 2018.

Now that the DWR considers the Atascadero Basin is a very low priority, the EC has some significant decisions it needs to make:

- Does the EC want to continue with the development of a SGMA-compliant groundwater sustainability plan?
- Does the EC want to dissolve the GSA now that SGMA compliance is not mandatory?

The GSA has gained momentum with its SGMA compliance efforts. At its last meeting, the EC was provided with an update showing the progress made towards SGMA compliance since the legislation was adopted in 2014. With that update was a summary of stakeholder outreach activities.

Funds are available from the State to offset the costs of GSP development. The DWR awarded \$809,250 Proposition 1 grant to the GSA to prepare a GSP for the Atascadero Basin. These funds are available should the GSP elect to develop a SGMA-compliant GSP. The GSP must be completed by January 21, 2022.

Even though SGMA does not require a GSP for the Atascadero Basin at this time, staff anticipates that the State will likely require all basins in the state to have some form of management plan, including basins with low priorities. Additionally, the DWR could re-prioritize the Atascadero Basin to either medium or high priority during future evaluations of basin conditions. For example, if pumping within the basin were to increase by 1,000 AFY, the priority would change based on today's evaluation criteria. For these reasons, staff is recommending that the GSA continue with its efforts to prepare GSP for the Atascadero Basin and take advantage of the funding that is currently available.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Prop 1 grant significantly decreases the costs Atascadero Basin GSA must pay to develop and submit a GSP. The grant provides a 50% grant with a 50% local match, but part of the local match can be met with in-kind services, including staff time spent in meetings and in preparing documents retroactively to 2014. The parties to the GSA formation memorandum of agreement (MOA) will still have their allocated cost share of towards the expense of the plan's development per the MOA, but these costs will be reduced if the grant is awarded.

For example, if the GSP preparation cost were \$1,000,000, and the grant covered 50% of that cost, then the local match would be \$500,000. If the local in-kind costs were \$100,000 then the total local match, out-of-pocket costs by the parties to the GSA formation MOA would total \$400,000, allocated among the GSA parties per the MOA.

ATASCADERO BASIN

*Groundwater
Sustainability Agency*



TO: Executive Committee

FROM: GSA Staff/ John Neil, Atascadero Mutual Water Company

DATE: October 3, 2018

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 7.b - Non-Voting Representative Application Process Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- A. Appoint Thomas Mora as the agricultural at-large, non-voting member of the Executive Committee
- B. Direct staff to continue seeking nominees for the rural residential at-large, and environmental at-large non-voting member positions of the Executive Committee

DISCUSSION:

On October 4, 2017 The Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Executive Committee (EC) reviewed and approved, with minor changes, the Non-Voting Representative Application Form and Process. Non-voting members were to be representatives of the agricultural at-large, rural residential at-large, and environmental at-large stakeholder groups.

On April 4, 2018, the EC approved the final application form for the non-voting representatives and directed staff to proceed with solicitation of applicants.

On July 11, 2018, a public notice was posted in the Tribune requesting nominations for the three non-voting representative positions (see Attachment A). Notices were posted on the websites of the GSA participants, and on the GSA's website - www.atascaderobasin.com. Staff also emailed notices directly to stakeholders who attended the various informational meetings held since the adoption of the SGMA legislation.

The deadline for submitting applications for the non-voting representative positions was August 31, 2018. No applications were received for the rural residential at-large, and environmental at-large non-voting member positions.

BACKGROUND:

Article 4 of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) forming the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) states that the Agency shall be governed by an Executive Committee (“EC”). It further states that the EC shall be comprised of both Voting and Non-Voting Representatives, calling for the appointment of the Non-Voting Representatives by the Voting Representatives via an application process established by the EC (MOA Section 4.3.7, 4.3.8 and 4.3.9).

Article 4.1.2 of the MOA provides that the Non-Voting Representatives on the EC shall include representatives from the following stakeholder groups: Rural Residential At-Large, Agriculture At-Large and Environmental At-Large. Pursuant to MOA section 4.5, each Non-Voting Representative shall be appointed for a term of four years and may be removed from his or her term or reappointed for multiple terms at the discretion of the Agency. While not required to appoint Alternate Representatives for the Non-Voting Representatives, Article 4.4 of the MOA provides the EC with the option to do so in the future by simple majority vote.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. 06/11/2018 Public Notice
- B. Application for Non-Voting Member Appointment, Thomas Mora

ATTACHMENT A

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ATASCADERO MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ss.

County of San Luis Obispo

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen and not interested in the above entitled matter; I am now, and at all times embraced in the publication herein mentioned was, the principal clerk of the printers and publishers of THE TRIBUNE, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily at the City of San Luis Obispo in the above named county and state; that notice at which the annexed clippings is a true copy, was published in the above-named newspaper and not in any supplement thereof – on the following dates to wit;; JULY 11, 2018 that said newspaper was duly and regularly ascertained and established a newspaper of general circulation by Decree entered in the Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County, State of California, on June 9, 1952, Case #19139 under the Government Code of the State of California.

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Jane E. Doward
(Signature of Principal Clerk)

DATE: JULY11, 2018

AD COST: \$169.40

ATASCADERO BASIN
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Request for Nominations For
Non-Voting Members for the Atascadero
Basin Groundwater Sustainability
Agency
Executive Committee

The Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is seeking qualified persons to fill three non-voting representative positions on its Executive Committee (EC), the governing board of the agency.

To be eligible to serve as a non-voting representative, persons must live on a parcel of land within the boundaries of the Atascadero Area Groundwater Sub-basin of the Salinas Valley Basin identified in DWR Bulletin 11B as Basin No. 3-004.11 ("Atascadero Basin"). Persons interested in becoming a non-voting representative may be nominated or may nominate themselves.

The GSA is seeking non-voting representatives from the following stakeholder groups:

- Agricultural
- Environmental
- Rural-Residential

Any person desiring to become a non-voting representative on the EC is required to submit a completed application no later than Friday, August 31, 2018. Interested persons may obtain an application from the GSA website, www.atascaderobasin.com, or by calling John Nell at the Atascadero Mutual Water Company at (805)484-5351. Submit completed applications to:

Atascadero Mutual Water Company
ATTN: Atascadero Basin GSA Executive
Committee
5005 El Camino Real
Atascadero, CA 93422
July 11, 2018 #3751893

ATTACHMENT B

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
ATASCADERO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ATASCADERO BASIN
Groundwater
Sustainability Agency

Date 8/22/2018

Applying for appointment to Executive Committee as: Agricultural
(Name of At-Large Representative Vacancy)

Name Thomas A. MORA

Address [REDACTED]

Business Phone [REDACTED] Home Phone [REDACTED]

Fax Phone [REDACTED] E-mail Address [REDACTED]

Supervisorial District Pershong Years resided in County 50 - owned land 70 yrs

If retired, Past Occupation/Employer

FARMER

Education

Bachelor Science - Animal Science Cal Poly 1965
Masters of Arts Education - 1966

List work experience, training, volunteer activities, skills that relate to your qualifications

College Agricultural teacher 20 years

High School Agricultural teacher 24 years

List dates/names of positions you have held on any advisory body or elected office

Upper Salinas - San Luis - member
Conservation District 30 years

Member S.H.O Co. WRCC Advisory Board
for the past 20 years

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
ATASCADERO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ATASCADERO BASIN
Groundwater
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List Membership to Organizations

Please explain why you would like to serve in this capacity

I irrigate crops year around.
I am concerned about protecting our
water for my next generations who
are already actively involved in this business
This farm started pump irrigation water
Nov 4, 1916

If appointed, are you willing to attend meetings of EC, held at least quarterly and at such other times
as determined by the EC, and if necessary participate in numerous related meetings or
subcommittees?

YES NO

COMMENTS: I am available at any time.

If appointed, are you willing, if required, to file a Statement of Disclosure as a Public Official Under the
standards of the Fair Political Practice Commission?

YES NO

COMMENTS: yes, I have no hidden
financial interest

If appointed, do you want to have your address or telephone number(s) published?

YES NO

Appendix B.

Groundwater Communication Portal (GCP)

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Groundwater Communication Portal



GEI is working with local agencies to meet the requirements of California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). In 2018, GEI developed a tool to help Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) with SGMA-related outreach efforts. The tool, referred to as the **Groundwater Communication Portal (GCP)**, can be customized for your groundwater basin to help track and document engagement efforts. The GCP is a web-based outreach application used to post events related to Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development and automatically inform interested parties with the click of a button. Interested parties register themselves online with the GCP to stay informed.



About the GCP

The GCP is a user-friendly tool designed and built by GEI to help GSAs fulfill the stakeholder and engagement requirements of SGMA and the GSP Regulations in an efficient and cost-effective manner. It is a perfect fit for GSAs managing or participating in GSP preparation with numerous stakeholders and multiple agencies. The GCP houses the SGMA-required interested parties list(s) and allows you, as an administrator, to post meeting notices to a public calendar with attachments (e.g., agendas), send meeting updates and notifications, and create e-mail blasts to interested parties – all from one central location. Interested parties can self-register at any time.

One of the most powerful uses of the GCP is the reporting feature. You can generate reports such as your interested parties list, details about events (e.g., list of notified parties), and communication logs. A transfer function, currently under development, will allow for easy transmittal of outreach documentation to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) with your GSP. Storing all stakeholder engagement information in one place will be beneficial both for creating the communications section of the GSP and for continued tracking of outreach efforts moving forward to GSP 5-Year Updates and implementation. Using the GCP will prevent GSA and/or consultant staff from having to go back and collect documentation at the end of the GSP process and allows for multiple staff to assist in outreach efforts over time. The GCP is easy to use and requires no special training. Once the GCP is customized for your basin, it can be turned over to your servers with all database information and a reference guide. Alternatively, GEI is available to host the GCP for a nominal fee.

Appendix C.

Atascadero Basin Stakeholder Survey

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*After finalized, this survey will be distributed electronically. Survey results will inform
Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development for the Atascadero Basin.*

Atascadero Basin Stakeholder Survey DRAFT

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and concerns with us. All information will be collected, analyzed, and shared in aggregate. Individual responses will remain confidential.

1. Are you familiar with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)?
 Yes
 No
2. Are you currently engaged in activities or discussions regarding groundwater management in this region?
 Yes
 No
3. Do you own or manage land in this region?
 Yes
 No
- 3b. If yes, what is the approximate size (in acres) of the largest land area you own or manage in this region?
 Residential (under 1 acre)
 1-5 acres
 6-20 acres
 21-100 acres
 More than 100 acres
 Decline to state
- 3c. If yes, please tell us about your current land use and are you planning any future changes in land use or water use in the next 20 years? (optional)

4. Where do you get your water supply?
 Private well
 Mutual Water Company or Community Service District
 Unsure
 Other, please specify _____

4b. If private well is selected in Q1, what is your well depth? If you are unsure, please leave this field blank. (optional)

4c. If private well is selected in Q1, has your well ever gone dry?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

5. Please indicate which type(s) of stakeholder best describes you (select all that apply):

- Residential user of water
- Ag user of water
- Environmental user of water
- Entity responsible for monitoring and reporting groundwater data
- Local land use planning agency
- California Native American Tribe
- Disadvantaged/Rural Community
- Federal government
- Other, please specify _____

6. Do you manage water resources?

- Yes
- No

6b. If yes, please tell us more about your role. (optional)

7. What is your primary interest in land or water resource management? (optional)

8. Do you have concerns about groundwater management?

- Yes
- No

8b. If yes, what are your groundwater management concerns? (optional)

9. Do you have recommendations regarding groundwater management?

- Yes
- No

9b. If yes, what are your groundwater management recommendations? (*optional*)

10. Through which mediums would you prefer to receive SGMA updates, public meeting notices, etc.? *Select all that apply.*

- Email
- Direct postal mail
- Direct call
- Along with my water bill
- Newspaper
- Social media
- Website
- Radio
- Public workshops/meetings
- Other, please specify _____

11. Please use the space below to share any other information, thoughts, concerns, etc. regarding groundwater management in your area. (*optional*)

12. Please identify any other individuals, agencies, groups, resources, experts, etc. you'd recommend us being in contact with as we develop the Atascadero GSP. (*optional*)

Please provide your contact information below.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Organization or Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____