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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In 2015, the California state legislature approved a new groundwater management law known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). SGMA requires local agencies in medium- and high-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and prepare Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). Because the Paso Robles Subbasin¹ (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-4.06) has been designated as a high-priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft, the Paso Robles Subbasin GSP is due by January 31, 2020. Whereas, other medium- and high- priority basins not subject to critical conditions of overdraft are due January 31, 2022. During the GSP preparation process, GSP Regulations require public outreach and engagement with basin users, the public, and other stakeholders (collectively referred to in this document as Interested Parties).

The purpose of this Communication and Engagement Plan (C&E Plan) is to outline the process for Interested Parties' involvement in the development of a GSP for the Paso Robles Subbasin.

About Paso Robles Subbasin

The Paso Robles Subbasin lies in northern San Luis Obispo County and extends into southern Monterey County. The Subbasin is bounded by the Santa Lucia Range on the west, the La Panza Range on the south, and the Temblor and Diablo Ranges on the east. The **Figure 1** shows the Paso Robles Subbasin and the GSAs formed therein.

Basin Boundary Modifications

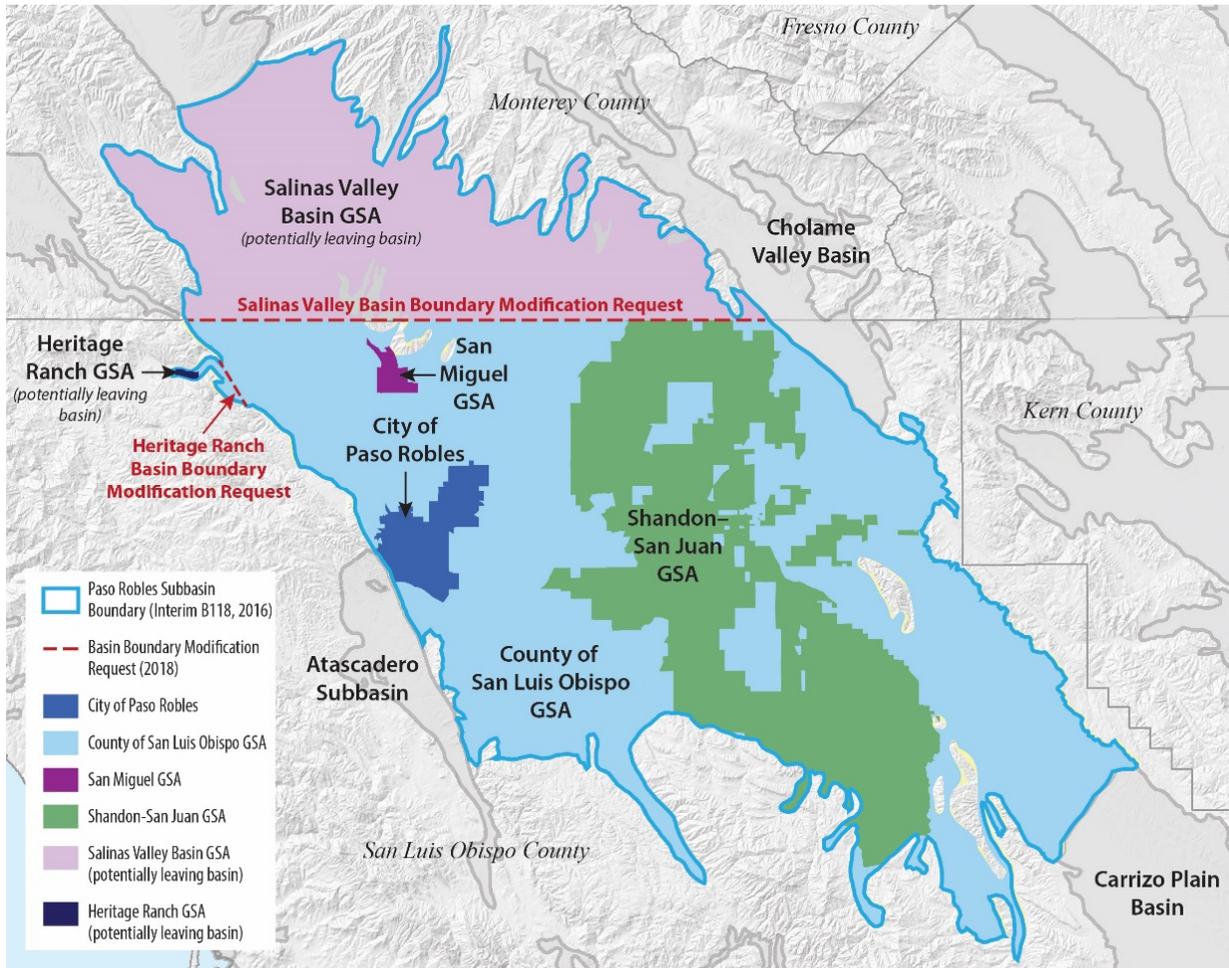
Two GSAs currently included in the Paso Robles Subbasin have filed initial notifications to DWR for a basin boundary modification which would cause them to leave the Paso Robles Subbasin.

- **Salinas Valley Basin GSA (SVBGSA)** submitted an initial notification on May 1, 2018 and a basin boundary modification request on July 5, 2018 to DWR regarding a jurisdictional internal boundary modification at the County line. If SVBGSA is granted the basin boundary modification, they will modify the border between the Upper Valley Aquifer and Paso Robles Subbasin to coincide with the Monterey/San Luis Obispo County line resulting in the Paso Subbasin lying wholly in San Luis Obispo County. The Paso Robles Subbasin GSAs support this request.
- **Heritage Ranch CSD GSA** submitted an initial notification on April 23, 2018 and a basin boundary modification request on June 27, 2018 to DWR regarding a scientific external boundary modification. If the request is granted, the Heritage Ranch CSD GSA area will be excluded from the Paso Robles Subbasin.

If either of these GSAs are granted a basin boundary modification, the Paso Robles Subbasin GSAs will continue to engage and coordinate with them as needed to achieve sustainable groundwater management.

¹ Formally, the Paso Robles Area Subbasin of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Subbasin

Figure 1. **Paso Robles Subbasin and GSA Boundaries**



Formation of a Single GSP Memorandum of Agreement

In September 2017, through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), five GSAs that were formed under the DWR GSA process collectively agreed to develop one GSP for the portion of the Paso Robles Subbasin in San Luis Obispo County. As part of the MOA (Section 4.4(D)) they also decided to collectively develop a stakeholder participation plan that includes public outreach and involves Interested Parties in developing the GSP. These GSAs include:

- Paso Basin – County of San Luis Obispo GSA
- City of Paso Robles GSA
- San Miguel Community Services District GSA
- Shandon–San Juan GSA
- Heritage Ranch Community Services District GSA (*currently seeking basin boundary modification*)

The GSAs above will work together to develop the Paso Subbasin GSP. To streamline GSP development, each GSA provides a representative to serve on the Paso Subbasin Cooperative Committee (“Cooperative Committee”). Details about the Cooperative Committee are discussed in Section 4.0 GSAs’ DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

Our Promise

The Cooperative Committee, comprised of representatives of the five GSAs, *commit to developing a recommended GSP that will safeguard our local groundwater resources through sustainable management and to preserve this invaluable water supply source for future generations. We commit to work with Interested Parties to ensure that their concerns and inputs are considered in GSP development.*

C&E Plan as a Roadmap

This C&E Plan serves as a roadmap to meet the statutory requirements of SGMA and the GSP Regulations as outlined in **Appendix A** and, more importantly, serves to create common understanding and transparency among GSAs and Interested Parties throughout the GSP development process. The GSAs will follow this C&E Plan to engage with and gather input from various Interested Parties to support GSP development. GSP information, meeting schedules, and useful links can be found at the Paso Robles Groundwater Communication Portal (Paso GCP) at: www.pasogcp.com. Anyone may register as an Interested Party to be notified of upcoming events and activities regarding GSP development. For more information on the Paso GCP, refer to **Appendix B**.

2.0 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of Paso Robles Subbasin communication and engagement efforts is to involve broad and diverse Interested Parties, including stakeholders, the public, and beneficial users, throughout the GSP development process to ensure Interested Parties' concerns, issues, and aspirations are consistently understood and considered in the GSAs' decision-making process.

Under the umbrella of meeting the statutory requirements of SGMA and the GSP Regulations, the objectives of the GSAs' engagement efforts are as follows:

- Educate Interested Parties about the importance of a GSP, what is and is not feasible, what must be accomplished, and how success will be measured
- Ensure Interested Parties and beneficial users of groundwater are given the opportunity to contribute meaningful input, which is then considered in the decision-making process
- Involve a diverse group of Interested Parties in the GSP process
- Make public participation easy and accessible



Interested Parties discuss potential options for groundwater management in the Paso Robles Subbasin at a public workshop held on May 14, 2018.

3.0 BENEFICIAL USES AND STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

Among the beneficial groundwater uses supported by the Paso Robles Subbasin are various irrigated and non-irrigated agricultural activities (including but not limited to grazing, vineyards, and orchards); rural domestic/residential wells; municipal and industrial supply; and aquatic ecosystems associated with rivers and streams, some of which provide habitat for threatened or endangered species.

Given its location, the Paso Robles Subbasin has diverse land uses including the following:

- Urban (i.e. City of el Paso de Robles)
- Community Services Districts (2)
- Urban Reserve area (e.g. Shandon)
- Village Reserve area (e.g. Creston)
- Rural Residential areas
- Agriculture
- Industrial areas
- Commercial areas
- Natural landscape

The Paso Robles Subbasin also covers a wide range of Interested Parties, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Land use authorities
- Private well users
- Urban users
- Native American Tribal interests
- Business interests
- Agriculture interests
- Public agencies
- Public water systems/ community water systems
- Environmental interests
- Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) – as identified in **Appendix C**
- General public

California Water Code (CWC) §10723.4 requires GSAs to establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents. Any person may request, in writing, to be placed on the list of interested persons. Additionally, the GSAs developed the Paso Robles Groundwater Communication Portal (Paso GCP) where any person may sign up to be added to the list of Interested Parties. The Paso GCP is available at www.pasogcp.com. **Appendix D** includes an initial list of Interested Parties identified at the time of GSA formation. The updated Interested Parties list, with individual registrants, is stored in the Paso GCP, and will be available to DWR at the time of GSP submittal.

Diverse Outreach Practices

The Paso Robles Subbasin GSAs are committed to encouraging the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic interests of the population within the groundwater basin. As such, outreach practices will be diverse as well, as outlined in Section 7.0.

4.0 GSAs’ DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

The MOA, as introduced in Section 1.0, lays the framework for governance and decision-making. The MOA established the Cooperative Committee made up of representatives of the five GSAs to develop a single GSP that will be considered for adoption by each individual GSA. It is important to note that the MOA automatically terminates upon the State’s approval of the GSP.

To provide for consistent and effective communication among the GSAs, each GSA agreed to designate one Cooperative Committee Member to conduct activities related to GSP development and SGMA implementation. **Table 1** lists the Primary and Alternate Members of the Cooperative Committee, as well as a point of contact for each GSA’s staff. Each Cooperative Committee Member represents their respective GSA in the development of a recommended GSP that will be considered for adoption by each individual GSA and subsequently submitted to DWR for approval. GSA Staff works with the GSA Consultant on administrative matters to move the GSP process forward. A copy of the MOA and detailed Cooperative Committee responsibilities in the development of the GSP is available at https://slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/SGMA/paso/pdf/FinalMOA_FullyExecuted.pdf

Table 1. Cooperative Committee Members and Weighted Vote for Decision-Making

GSA (% Weighted Vote)	Cooperative Committee Member	Cooperative Committee Alternate	GSA’s Staff Point of Contact
County of San Luis Obispo (61%)	John Peschong	Debbie Arnold	Angela Ruberto
City of Paso Robles (15%)	John Hamon	Steve Martin	Dick McKinley
Shandon-San Juan Water District (20%)	Willy Cunha	Matt Turrentine	Randy Diffenbaugh
San Miguel CSD (3%)	Joe Parent	Kelly Dodds	Blaine Reely
Heritage Ranch CSD (1%)	Reginald Coussineau	Scott Duffield	Scott Duffield

The Cooperative Committee will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the Subbasin as well as public input during the decision-making process. Each of the GSAs have weighted voting (see **Table 1**) on decision-making, with the exception of MOA amendments or termination and recommendation that the GSAs adopt the final GSP or any amendments thereto which require a unanimous vote. Portions of the MOA addressing voting are provided below.

*MOA Section 4.8: Any action or recommendation considered by the Cooperative Committee shall require the affirmative vote of 67 percent based on the percentages set forth in Section 4.6 or 4.7 above (of the MOA), as applicable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, **the following shall require the affirmative vote of 100 percent** based on the percentages set forth in Section 4.6 or 4.7 above (of the MOA), as applicable: (A) a recommendation that each of the Parties adopt the GSP or adopt any amendment thereto prepared in response to comments from DWR and (B) a recommendation that the Parties amend this MOA.*

MOA Section 9.2: This MOA may be terminated upon unanimous written consent of all current Parties.

A summary of the Paso Robles Subbasin roles and actions for GSP development is depicted in **Figure 2**.

Figure 2. **Paso Robles Subbasin Roles and Example Actions for GSP Development**

Roles in Paso Robles Subbasin	Example Actions for GSP Development
<p style="text-align: center;">Local Agency GSAs</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; text-align: center; width: 15%;">City of Paso Robles GSA</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; background-color: #add8e6; color: black; text-align: center; width: 15%;">County of San Luis Obispo GSA</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; background-color: #800080; color: white; text-align: center; width: 15%;">San Miguel CSD GSA</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; background-color: #70ad47; color: white; text-align: center; width: 15%;">Shandon-San Juan WD GSA</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; background-color: #191970; color: white; text-align: center; width: 15%;">Heritage Ranch CSD GSA</div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint and approve all actions and decisions of CC members • Provide direction to GSA staff • Adopt GSP • Coordinate with DWR • Approve funding
<p style="text-align: center;">Cooperative Committee (CC)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 15%; text-align: center;"> <div style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px;">City of Paso Robles</div> <div style="color: #e67e22; font-size: small;">15% cost and vote share</div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 15%; text-align: center;"> <div style="background-color: #add8e6; color: black; padding: 2px;">County of San Luis Obispo</div> <div style="color: #e67e22; font-size: small;">61% cost and vote share</div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 15%; text-align: center;"> <div style="background-color: #800080; color: white; padding: 2px;">San Miguel CSD</div> <div style="color: #e67e22; font-size: small;">3% cost and vote share</div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 15%; text-align: center;"> <div style="background-color: #70ad47; color: white; padding: 2px;">Shandon-San Juan WD</div> <div style="color: #e67e22; font-size: small;">20% cost and vote share</div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 15%; text-align: center;"> <div style="background-color: #191970; color: white; padding: 2px;">Heritage Ranch CSD</div> <div style="color: #e67e22; font-size: small;">1% cost and vote share</div> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">Voting: 67% required for committee actions and recommendations except 100% for CC recommendation to GSAs to adopt GSP, or to amend GSP or MOA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve formal policies incorporated into the GSP • Approve Sustainable Management Criteria • Approve descriptions of project and programs that will attain sustainability • Approve all GSP text and graphics • Recommend GSP adoption
<p style="text-align: center;">Staff of GSAs</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 15%; text-align: center;">City of Paso Robles staff</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 15%; text-align: center;">County of San Luis Obispo staff</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 15%; text-align: center;">San Miguel CSD staff</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 15%; text-align: center;">Shandon-San Juan WD staff</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 15%; text-align: center;">Heritage Ranch CSD staff</div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide day-to-day guidance to the GSP consultants regarding project direction • Convey the directions of the individual GSAs • Provide strategic guidance on outreach and initial GSP section development • Review draft documents before they go to the CC
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Interested Parties</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend stakeholder workshops • Attend CC meetings • Provide input regarding sustainable management criteria, projects, and programs • Participate in stakeholder surveys
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>GSP Consultants</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day-to-day running of the GSP project • Incorporate information from GSA staff and Cooperative Committee members • Disseminate information as appropriate • Draft the GSP

The following are descriptions of how each GSA makes their individual GSA decisions and which forums are used to devise their decision-making. Once their decisions are made they report to the Cooperative Committee for discussion.

County of San Luis Obispo GSA

Governing body	County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors
Meeting information	Bi-Monthly, on average; San Luis Obispo County Government Center. See the complete schedule online. If matters relating to GSP development will be discussed during a Board meeting, the topic will be shown on the meeting’s agenda.

The Paso Basin – County of San Luis Obispo GSA’s governing body is the **County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors**. The County’s SGMA Strategy supports 1) fair and equitable representation in GSAs decision-making processes that include participation by the County and/or an alternative, stakeholder-driven eligible entity, and 2) adequate consultation between any GSA efforts and related County authorities and/or planning/management efforts. The County supports participating in a GSA in a basin to represent one or more of the following key roles and/or authorities:

- Interest 1: Representation of County Service Area(s)
- Interest 2: Representation of otherwise unrepresented beneficial uses/users of groundwater (e.g., rural domestic, agricultural, environmental, etc. as defined by SGMA)
- Interest 3: Land use authority
- Interest 4: Well construction permitting authority
- Interest 5: Integration and alignment of the County’s discrete management actions (e.g., groundwater export ordinance) to the GSA’s basin-wide, comprehensive management actions

City of Paso Robles GSA

Governing body	Paso Robles City Council
Meeting information	First and third Tuesday of each month, Paso Robles City Hall. If matters relating to GSP development will be discussed during a City Council meeting, the topic will be shown on the meeting’s agenda.

The City of Paso Robles’ GSA covers properties in the City limits except that portion of the City that is west of the Rinconada fault and thus in the Atascadero Basin. The GSA’s governing body is the **Paso Robles City Council**, acting as the Board of the GSA. The City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Council Chamber in City Hall, but only meets as the GSA Board when there is a specific action item for the GSA.

Shandon-San Juan Water District GSA

Governing body	Shandon-San Juan Water District Board of Directors
Meeting information	Third Tuesday of each month, Shandon High School Library. If matters relating to GSP development will be discussed during a Board meeting, the topic will be shown on the meeting’s agenda.

The Shandon San Juan GSA is formed and governed by an “opt-in” California Water District lying in the northeastern portion of San Luis Obispo County. The GSA’s governing body is the **Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District** (SSJWD), acting as the Board of the GSA. SSJWD meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Shandon High School Library.

San Miguel CSD GSA

Governing body	San Miguel Community Services District Board of Directors
Meeting information	Fourth Thursday of each month, San Miguel CSD District Office. If matters relating to GSP development will be discussed during a Board meeting, the topic will be shown on the meeting’s agenda.

The San Miguel Community Services District GSA covers the properties within its District boundaries. The GSA’s governing body is the **San Miguel Community Services District Board of Directors**, acting as the Board of the GSA. The District Board of Directors meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the District office which is located at 1150 Mission St. in San Miguel, CA 93451. The Board of Directors only meets as the GSA Board when there is a specific action item for the GSA on the agenda.

While an initial list of Interested parties was identified for the Paso Robles Subbasin at the time of GSA formation, additional Interested Parties specific to San Miguel CSD include the following:

- Disadvantaged communities, including but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems or ratepayers and domestic well owners – the Community of San Miguel, which lies within the District’s GSA, is designated as a Disadvantaged Community (DAC)
- Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or part of a groundwater basin managed by the GSA – the San Miguel Community Services District files, contributes, and/or maintain California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) monitoring data with the DWR through San Luis Obispo County.

Heritage Ranch CSD GSA

Governing body	Heritage Ranch Community Services District Board of Directors
Meeting information	Third Thursday of each month, Heritage Ranch CSD District Office. If matters relating to GSP development will be discussed during a Board meeting, the topic will be shown on the meeting’s agenda.

The Heritage Ranch Community Services District’s governing body is a **Board of Directors** of five members. Director terms are four years, with staggered elections of three seats and two seats. They meet at 4:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month, in the Board Room located at 4870 Heritage Road, Paso Robles CA, 93446.

The Heritage Ranch Board also has five Committees. The Committees may include two Board members and members of the public. The manager is the staff person assigned to all Committees. The Board President appoints membership to committees at the first regular meeting in December in even number years. Heritage Ranch Committee membership is for two years. The Board President may also appoint ad-hoc committees. In response to SGMA, an ad-hoc SGMA Committee was appointed. The current SGMA Committee is Director Cousineau and Director Barker.

Heritage Ranch Committee motions and recommendations shall be advisory to the Board and shall not commit the District [HRCSD] to any policy, act, or expenditure unless expressly delegated by Board action. Nor may any committee direct staff to perform specific duties unless duly authorized by the Board. The committee chair is authorized to schedule committee meetings as deemed necessary and all such meetings shall be in compliance with Open Meeting Law of California (Brown Act).

Additional Contributors to GSP Development

Interested Parties

Interested Parties can participate in public meetings and hearings, which are posted on the Paso GCP, and communicate with Cooperative Committee members to provide input, obtain information, and review and comment on GSP documents. An initial list of Interested Parties identified for the Paso Robles Subbasin at the time of GSA formation is provided in **Appendix D**. Anyone may register as an Interested Party via the Paso GCP at www.pasogcp.com. Once registered, Interested Parties will receive invitations to meetings and workshops related Paso Robles Subbasin GSP development. The Interested Party list is stored and maintained in the Paso GCP database.

GSP Consultants

A team of consultants will conduct technical studies and investigations, including groundwater modeling, and draft the GSP documents.

Consultant work will be overseen by the GSA staff, who will provide guidance and oversight regarding GSP development, prior to reviewing draft documents with the Cooperative Committee. The consulting firms assisting with GSP development for the Paso Robles Subbasin are listed below.

- Hydrometrics Water Resources, Inc. (lead consultant)
- Montgomery and Associates
- Carollo Engineers
- GEI Consultants, Inc.
- O’Laughlin & Paris, LLP
- Strategy Driver, Inc.
- WestWater Research, LLC

Staff of the GSAs

Staff of the GSAs provide day-to-day guidance to the GSP consultant regarding project direction. Staff of the GSAs review GSP documents before they are passed to the Cooperative Committee. Staff members make interim decisions on the approach and messaging involved in GSP development. Fundamental to this decision-making approach is that staff of each GSA regularly communicate with GSA Boards or Councils and respective Cooperative Committee Members.

Decision-Making Steps

The Paso Robles Subbasin GSP must be developed under a compressed schedule, as the final adopted GSP is due to DWR by January 31, 2020. To ensure the GSP is delivered on time, decision-making during chapter development as well as for final approval must follow a streamlined process. These processes are outlined in **Figure 3** and **Figure 4**, respectively.

Figure 3. *GSP Chapter Development Process*

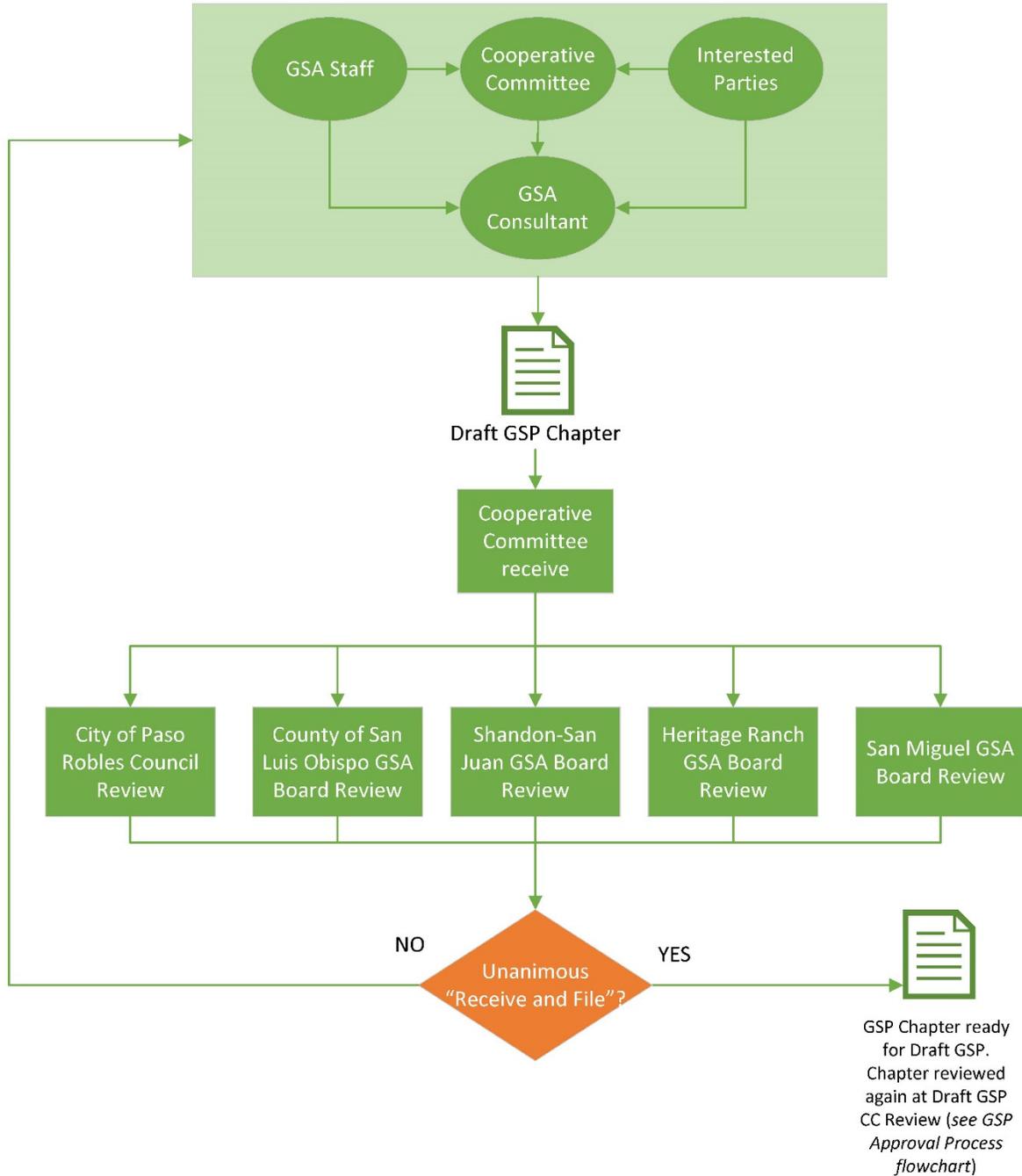
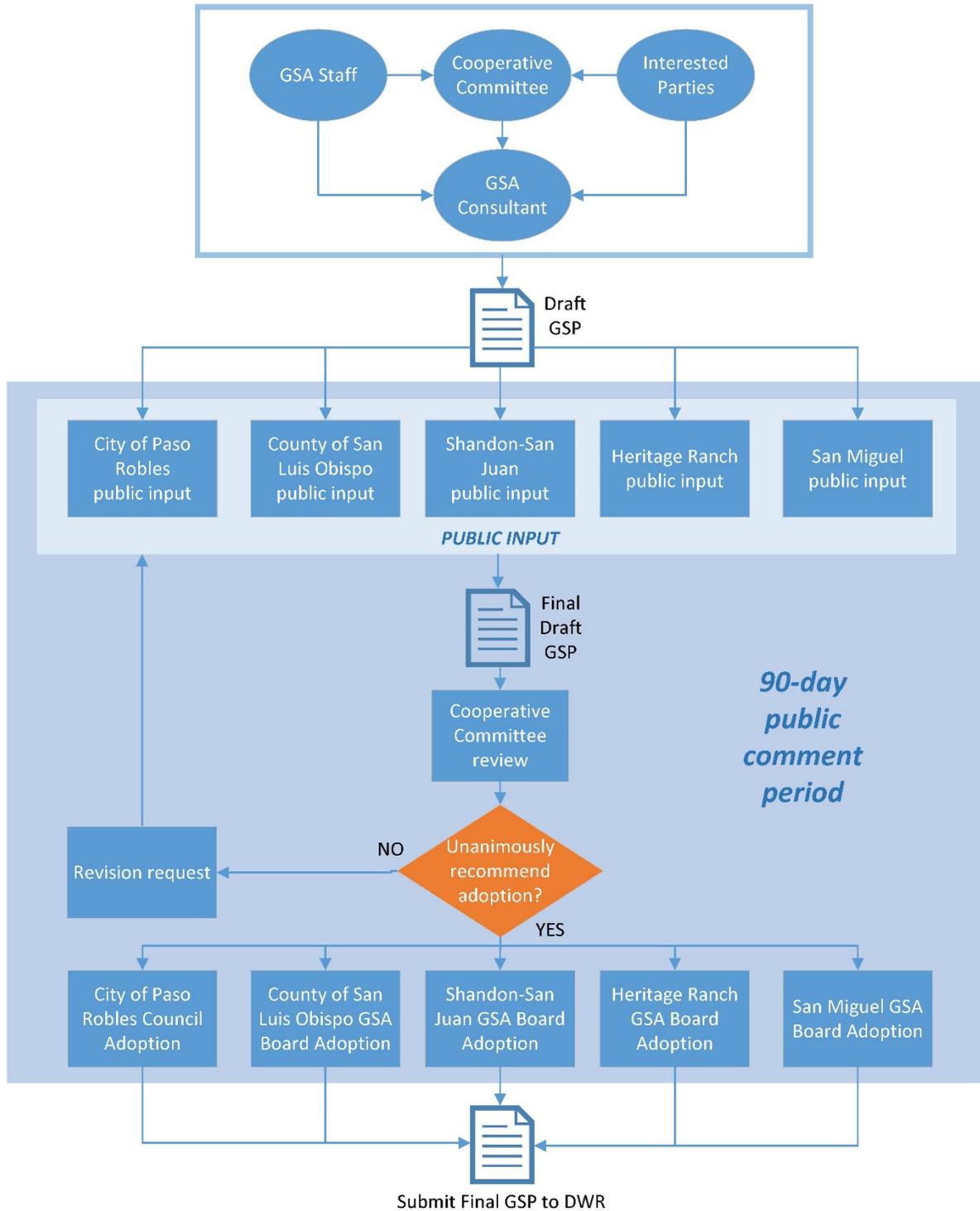


Figure 4. **GSP Approval Process**



5.0 HOW CAN INTERESTED PARTIES AND PUBLIC GET INVOLVED?

The GSP process for the Paso Robles Subbasin includes both the development and implementation of a GSP. Interested Party participation is vital to the success of the GSP. A first step for Interested Parties to get involved is to sign up through the Paso GCP at www.pasogcp.com and review the content on the following websites:

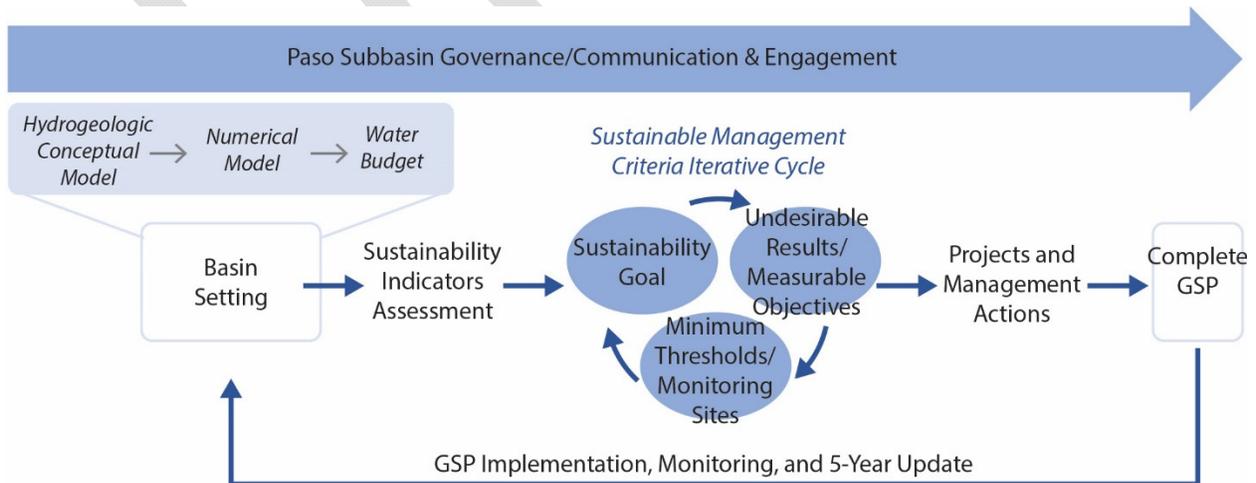
- Paso Robles Subbasin Groundwater Communication Portal (Paso GCP) – www.pasogcp.com
- GSA websites
 - County of San Luis Obispo – www.slocountywater.org
 - Shandon-San Juan Water District – www.ssjwd.org
 - Heritage Ranch CSD – www.heritageranchcsd.com
 - San Miguel CSD – www.sanmiguelcsd.org
 - City of Paso Robles – www.prcity.com
- DWR’s SGMA Portal – <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/>

Meetings of the Paso Subbasin Cooperative Committee are scheduled on a regular basis to provide information to the public and Interested Parties and provide opportunities to ask questions and make suggestions. These meetings are posted on the Paso GCP and announced via email. See **Section 7.0** to learn more ways the GSAs are engaging Interested Parties and inviting participation.

GSP Development Process

The GSP development process for the Paso Robles Subbasin shown in **Figure 5** outlines key tasks and their relationship to one another in developing the GSP. These main tasks roughly follow what will ultimately be the GSP’s chapters. GSP development will also include: listing data gaps and how they will be filled during GSP implementation, conducting technical studies, defining the Subbasin’s characteristics, accounting for current and planned groundwater uses, considering groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs), incorporating land use planning, and developing sustainable management criteria.

Figure 5. **GSP Development Process**



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Appendix E includes a preliminary schedule showing milestones and Interested Party engagement activities. As shown on the schedule, Cooperative Committee meetings will be held at regular intervals. Cooperative Committee meetings are open to the public. Focused workshops will be held as needed. In addition, technical staff will be available throughout the process to communicate and engage with Interested Parties. Interested Parties can be involved in GSP development by providing input throughout the process of completing these tasks. Periodic updates and materials will be posted on the [Paso GCP](#) and presented at Cooperative Committee meetings for Interested Parties review and comment.



Above, Interested Parties participate in an interactive workshop (May 14, 2018) about projects and actions.

6.0 DESIRED OUTCOMES

DWR's [Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Guidance Document](#) suggests answering a series of questions when setting desired outcomes for GSP Interested Party outreach. The questions and responses for the Paso Robles Subbasin are listed below.

What are we trying to accomplish?

We aim to make opportunities available for Interested Parties to provide input during development of the Paso Robles Subbasin GSP, and ensure the GSP considers input from Interested Parties.

How will we know if we are successful?

We will be successful when various Interested Parties have opportunities to provide their input, ask questions, receive up-to-date information, and comment on GSP development and draft documents.

What are the challenges or barriers?

One of the challenges is making a complete list of Interested Parties and being able to effectively communicate with them. We will make efforts to reach a broad set of Interested Parties and expand the list. We will use several forms of communication outreach such as: meetings, calendar updates with notification automatically sent to Interested Parties, radio and newspaper advertising, and email blasts. For a list of media contacted regarding Paso Subbasin GSP events, see **Appendix F**.

What are the opportunities for communication and engagement?

Available communication and engagement opportunities for Interested Parties include public workshops and hearings, communication through individual GSA webpages, registration as an Interested Party or contact through the [Paso GCP](#), correspondence, phone calls, emails, and Cooperative Committee meetings.

What is the timeframe?

GSP development began in spring 2018 and will progress to adoption before January 31, 2020. During that period, Interested Party communication and engagement will be a continuous process, including the public review period for GSP approval. The Draft Paso Subbasin GSP will be available for 90 days of review during Fall 2019.

When will public input be relevant?

During GSP development, public input will be most relevant when the GSAs are framing the scope of studies, setting sustainable management criteria, developing management actions, identifying groundwater-dependent ecosystems (GDE), collecting existing and planned groundwater use information, and during public review of the draft GSP prior to DWR approval. Workshops and/or surveys will be held or conducted during GSP development for public input when it is most relevant.

How will public input be used?

GSP Regulations (Section 355.4) require that GSAs consider the interests of the beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the Subbasin. In addition, the GSAs as part of the GSP, will consider land use and property interests. Public input is essential in understanding and considering these interests and effects. During the GSP review and approval process, DWR will take public comments into account when determining whether interests within the Subbasin have been considered in the development and implementation of the GSP (Section 353.8).

7.0 COMMUNICATION + ENGAGEMENT TOOLS AND VENUES

Communication and engagement with Interested Parties may include Subbasin-wide outreach as well as engagement specifically within the individual GSA areas. Each GSA area may include a set of Interested Parties with specific interests. Each GSA will decide required levels of communication for its own GSA area and engage with Interested Parties in its GSA area as appropriate.

For Subbasin-wide interests and issues, the Cooperative Committee will communicate with Interested Parties. The Paso Robles Subbasin GSAs are committed to encouraging the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the groundwater basin. Therefore, outreach will be conducted through multiple and varied venues. Descriptions of these venues are presented below.

Paso GCP

Interested Parties are invited to register using the Paso GCP at www.pasogcp.com. Registrants will automatically be invited by email to activities regarding GSP development. Interested Parties may also view a calendar of events, register for upcoming events, and view materials from past events.

GSA Web Pages

Dedicated SGMA webpages for each GSA are listed below and also accessible at www.pasogcp.com. The webpages are designed to provide background information, maps, documents, status updates, useful links, contact information, and a means of communicating between the GSAs and the public.

- City of Paso Robles – www.prcity.com
- County of San Luis Obispo – www.slocountywater.org
- Heritage Ranch CSD – www.heritageranchcsd.com
- San Miguel CSD – www.sanmiguelcsd.org
- Shandon-San Juan Water District – www.ssjwd.org

Cooperative Committee Special Meetings

The Paso Robles Subbasin Cooperative Committee will host Special Meetings as-needed to cover time-sensitive GSP topics. For example, Special Meetings were hosted by the Cooperative Committee in Spring 2018 to launch the GSP process on the following topics:

- GSP Timeline, GSP requirements, and an introduction to Sustainable Management Criteria (April 23, 2018)
- Groundwater law and its connection to SGMA, State of the Subbasin (April 30, 2018)
- Projects and programs for groundwater management (May 14, 2018)
- Further information on the state of the Subbasin, and follow-up to the first three meetings (May 21, 2018)

Unless noticed as a Special Meeting, GSP-related discussions will take place during the regular meetings of the Cooperative Committee.

Cooperative Committee Regular Meetings

The Cooperative Committee meets regularly to carry out GSP activities. Regular Cooperative Committee meetings locations vary, but are typically held in the Paso Robles City Council Chambers. Meeting information, agendas, and other relevant documents are posted on the [Paso GCP](#). The Cooperative Committee prepares and maintains minutes of its meetings, and all meetings of the Cooperative Committee are conducted in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code §§ 54950 et seq.).

Public Surveys

Public surveys will be conducted when GSP development requires specific input from Interested Parties. Two public surveys were identified as of May 2018. The first was a C&E Survey, the results of which are discussed in **Appendix A** and many suggestions have been incorporated into this C&E Plan. The second survey centered around Sustainable Management Criteria/Minimum Thresholds and was conducted in Summer 2018.

Meeting feedback forms are available at public workshops to encourage Interested Party feedback on how the workshops are conducted. These feedback forms have been useful in helping the Cooperative Committee, GSA staff, and GSP consultants adapt to meet needs of Interested Parties along the way. For example, one meeting feedback form indicated that signage was needed at the meeting location to help find the correct building. Reusable directional signs were produced and displayed at the next meeting and will be available for future meetings. An example of the meeting feedback form is provided in **Appendix H**.

GSA’s Board of Directors/Supervisors/Council Meeting

Table 2 lists meetings of the governing bodies of the GSAs where interim updates regarding GSP development may be discussed as needed. See the linked websites below for the meeting agendas which may list SGMA as a topic. Stakeholders and members of the public may choose to comment at those meetings.

Table 2. GSA Regularly Scheduled Meetings

GSA / WEBSITE	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
County of San Luis Obispo www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Board-of-Supervisors/Board-Meetings,-Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx	On average, twice per month	County Government Center Board of Supervisors Chambers 1055 Monterey Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
City of Paso Robles www.prcity.com	As-needed on the agenda of the City Council Meetings, held the first and third Tuesday of each month	Paso Robles City Hall Council Chambers 1000 Spring Street Paso Robles, CA 93446
Shandon-San Juan Water District www.ssjwd.org	As-needed on the agenda of the District Board Meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month	Shandon High School 151 S. 1st Street Shandon, CA 93461

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GSA / WEBSITE	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Heritage Ranch CSD www.heritageranchcscd.com	As-needed on the agenda of the District Board Meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month	Heritage Ranch CSD District Office 4870 Heritage Road Paso Robles, CA 93446
San Miguel CSD www.sanmiguelcscd.org	As-needed on the agenda of the District Board Meetings, held on the fourth Thursday of each month	San Miguel CSD District Office 1150 Mission Street (Fire Station) San Miguel, CA 93451

eMail

Email blasts (emails to the entire list of Interested Parties) will be sent when there is significant information to communicate regarding GSP development. For example, email blasts are sent when Special Meetings of the Cooperative Committee are scheduled.

Individual emails will also be sent to invite known Interested Party groups to participate. For example, a letter was sent via email to local Native American Tribal governments inviting participation in the GSP process. A copy of the letter is included as **Appendix I**.

Postal Mail

Postal mail will be utilized to reach areas of the groundwater basin that may not otherwise be informed of GSP activities. For example, a postcard was mailed to Interested Parties in the San Miguel CSD GSA service area to announce the Special Meetings and launch of the Paso GCP, because the existing contact list for the San Miguel GSA included postal addresses, but not email addresses. The postcard invited these known Interested Parties in the San Miguel GSA to attend the Cooperative Committee Special Meetings and register their email address online with the Paso GCP. This postcard was also available at the Shandon-San Juan Water District Office for Interested Parties to pick up when they stopped by and was distributed to the rural communities of Jardine, Ground Squirrel Hollow, and Geneseo. The postcard is included with **Appendix J**.

Spanish Language Materials

The Cooperative Committee identified that there are potential Interested Parties who may be primarily Spanish-speaking. Because of this input, additional materials for communication about GSP development will be created in Spanish. Items identified initially for Spanish-language communications include the following:

- Postcard in Spanish to advertise Paso GCP (see **Appendix J**)
- Web page on Paso GCP written in Spanish
- Link on Paso GCP Spanish-language web page to request materials in Spanish

Adjacent Basin Meetings

Members of adjacent basins are welcome to participate in regularly scheduled Cooperative Committee meetings as well as special meetings. In addition, coordination between adjacent basins and individual GSAs will occur as needed. The names and GSP deadlines for basins adjacent are shown in **Table 3**.

Table 3. Basins Adjacent to the Paso Robles Subbasin

Basin	Basin Prioritization	GSP Due Date
Atascadero Subbasin	Draft 2018 DWR basin prioritization as Very Low (subject to change)	Pending final DWR basin prioritization
Lockwood Valley Basin	Very Low	N/A
Salinas Basin - Upper Valley Aquifer	Medium	January 31, 2022
Cholame Valley Basin	Very Low	N/A
Carrizo Plain Basin	Very Low	N/A

Public Hearings

Notices of public hearings are published in a variety of media, including radio and local newspapers, informing the public on meeting information, subject, and how to provide comments prior to decision making. Public hearings will also be noticed through the [Paso GCP](#). At a minimum, a Public Hearing will be held when adopting or amending the GSP, or imposing or increasing a fee.

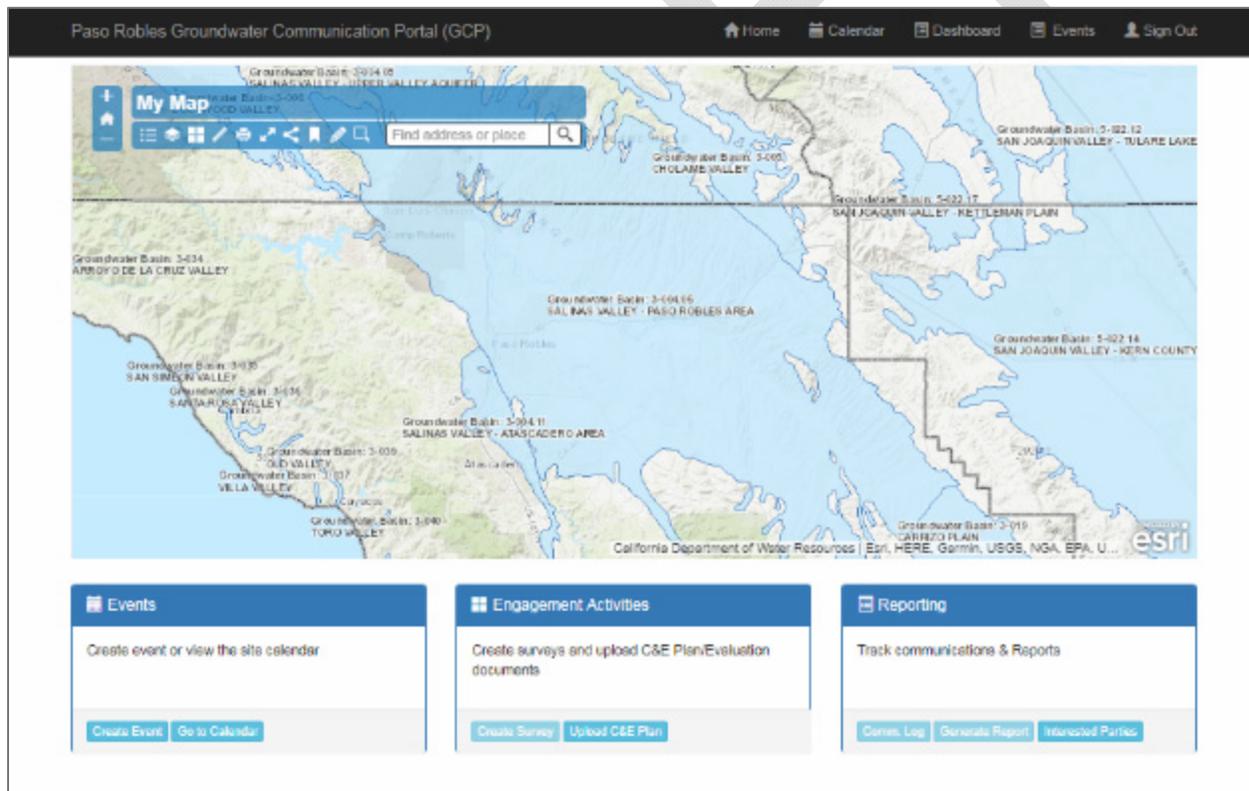
8.0 TRACK AND EVALUATE COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

The [Paso GCP](#) (see **Appendix B**) tracks communications and engagement efforts for the Paso Robles Subbasin GSAs.

The Paso GCP serves as a repository for information about public meetings and interested parties. It tracks outreach efforts by the GSAs in its database; storing meeting attendance information, logging targeted outreach, and hosting the Interested Parties list.

Tool administrators can generate reports about meetings related to GSP planning. The reports include items such as attendance sheets, RSVPs, agendas, minutes, handouts, and presentations. Reports such as these will be included with the final Paso Robles Subbasin GSP as submitted to DWR.

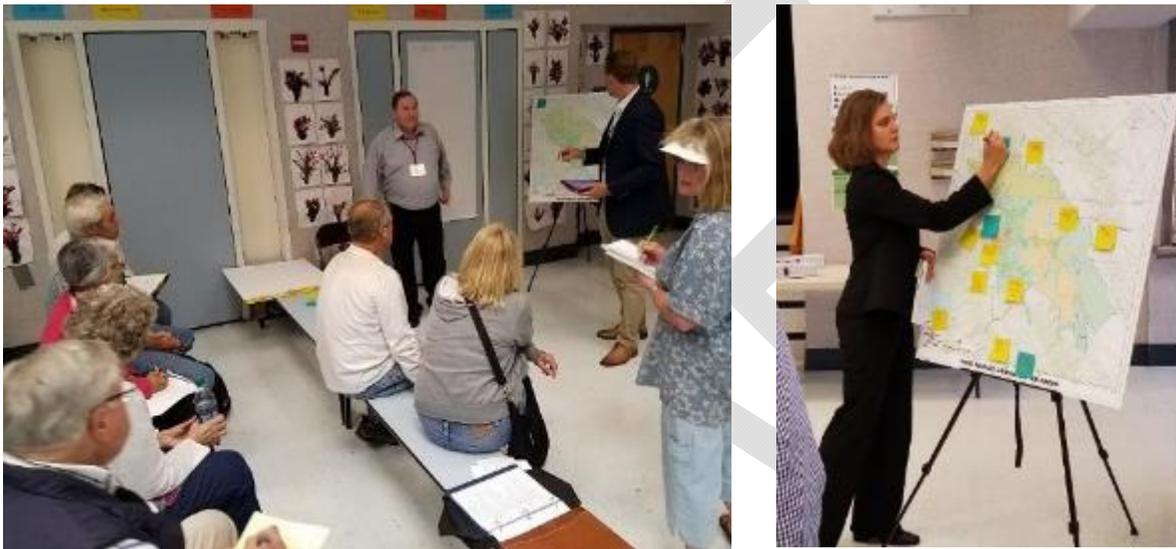
GSAs continually evaluate communications and engagement efforts as they are executed following this C&E Plan. This evaluation is conducted through the Cooperative Committee, GSA Staff, and GSP Consultant observations, as well as through feedback from Interested Parties via online surveys and meeting feedback forms. The Cooperative Committee, GSA Staff, and GSP Consultants will assess needs and update this C&E Plan as necessary.



The Paso GCP is the primary tool for tracking communication and engagement in the Paso Robles Subbasin. Above is a view of the Administrator’s dashboard, where site administrators can post events, upload documents, and generate reports regarding communication and engagement.

9.0 SUMMARY

Interested Parties' communication and outreach activities are essential in GSP development. Only through effective communication and outreach can Interested Parties' concerns, issues, and aspirations be consistently understood and considered in the GSAs' decision-making process. Moreover, the C&E Plan process will be ongoing, starting with GSP development and continuing through implementation of the approved GSP for the Paso Robles Subbasin. As in GSP development, periodic reviews and adjustments of the C&E Plan process may be necessary. The goal is to develop and implement a robust Interested Parties C&E Plan process so we may achieve sustainability and manage our valuable shared groundwater resource for future generations.



Interested Parties, GSA Staff Member Dick McKinley of City of Paso Robles GSA, and consultants Matthew Payne and Lydia Holmes at a public workshop in May 2018.

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Appendix A. Statutory Table

Legislative/Regulatory Requirement	Legislative/Regulatory Section Reference	C&E Plan Section
Publish public notices and conduct public meetings when establishing a GSA, adopting or amending a GSP, or imposing or increasing a fee.	SGMA Sections 10723(b), 10728.4, and 10730(b)(1).	7.0
Maintain a list of, and communicate directly with, interested parties.	SGMA Sections 10723.4, 10730(b)(2), and 10723.8(a)	4.0
Consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater.	SGMA Section 10723.2	4.0
Provide a written statement describing how interested parties may participate in plan [GSP] development and implementation, as well as a list of interested parties, at the time of GSA formation.	SGMA Sections 10723.8(a) and 10727.8(a)	4.0
Encourage active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the groundwater basin.	SGMA Section 10727.8(a)	7.0
Understand that any federally recognized Indian Tribe may voluntarily agree to participate in the planning, financing, and management of groundwater basins – refer to DWR’s Engagement with Tribal Governments Guidance Document for Tribal recommended communication procedures.	SGMA 10720.3(c)	7.0
Description of beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the basin	GSP Regulations §354.10	3.0
List of public meetings at which the Plan [GSP] was discussed or considered	GSP Regulations §354.10	Appendix E
Comments regarding the Plan [GSP] received by the Agency and a summary of responses	GSP Regulations §354.10	N/A at time of publication
A communication section that includes the following (GSP Regulations §354.10):		
Explanation of the Agency’s decision-making process	GSP Regulations §354.10	4.0
Identification of opportunities for public engagement and discussion of how public input and response will be used	GSP Regulations §354.10	7.0
Description of how the Agency encourages active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the basin	GSP Regulations §354.10	7.0
The method the Agency will follow to inform the public about progress implementing the Plan [GSP], including the status of projects and actions	GSP Regulations §354.10	7.0

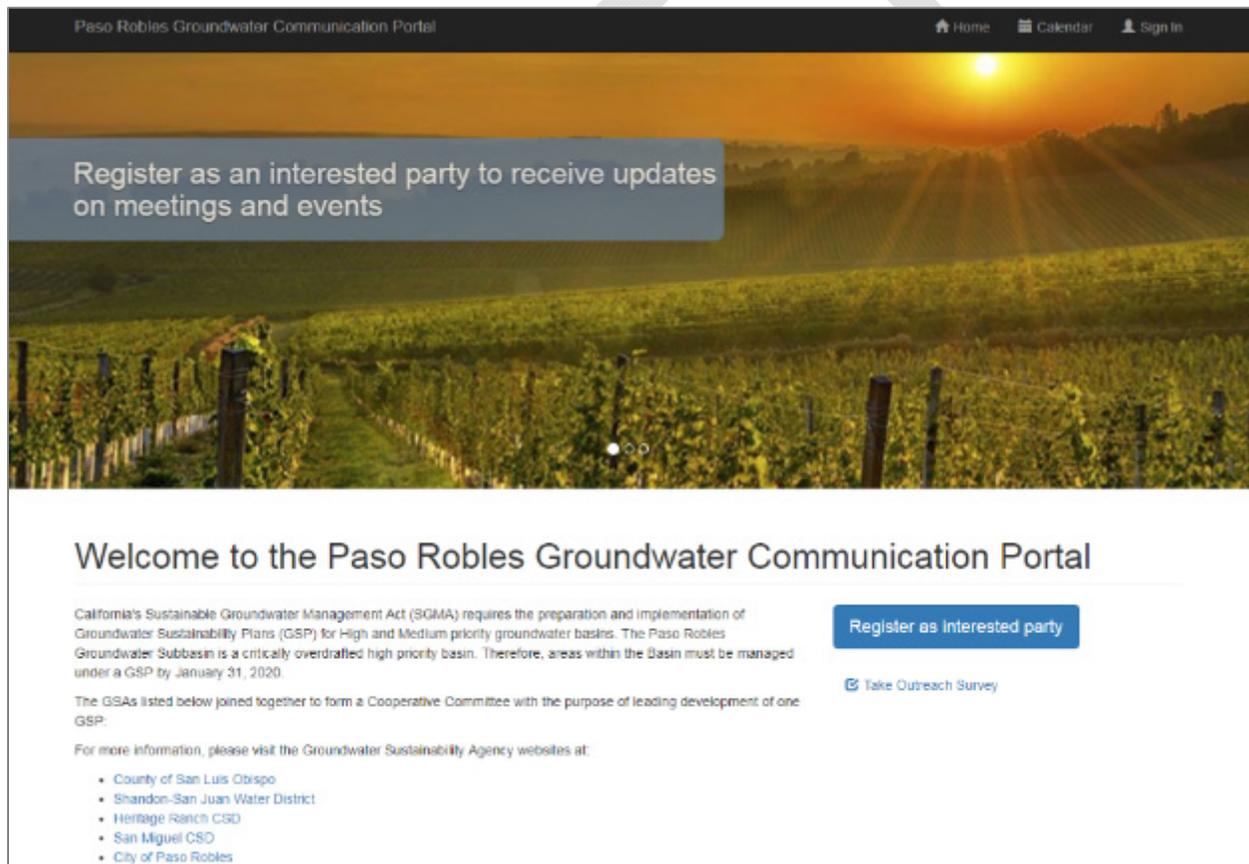
Appendix B. Paso Robles Subbasin Groundwater Communication Portal

The Paso Robles Subbasin Groundwater Communication Portal (Paso GCP) is a web-based outreach tool for Paso Subbasin GSAs to post events and automatically inform Interested Parties about GSP development. Interested Parties can visit the website and register their email address to stay informed about upcoming activities.

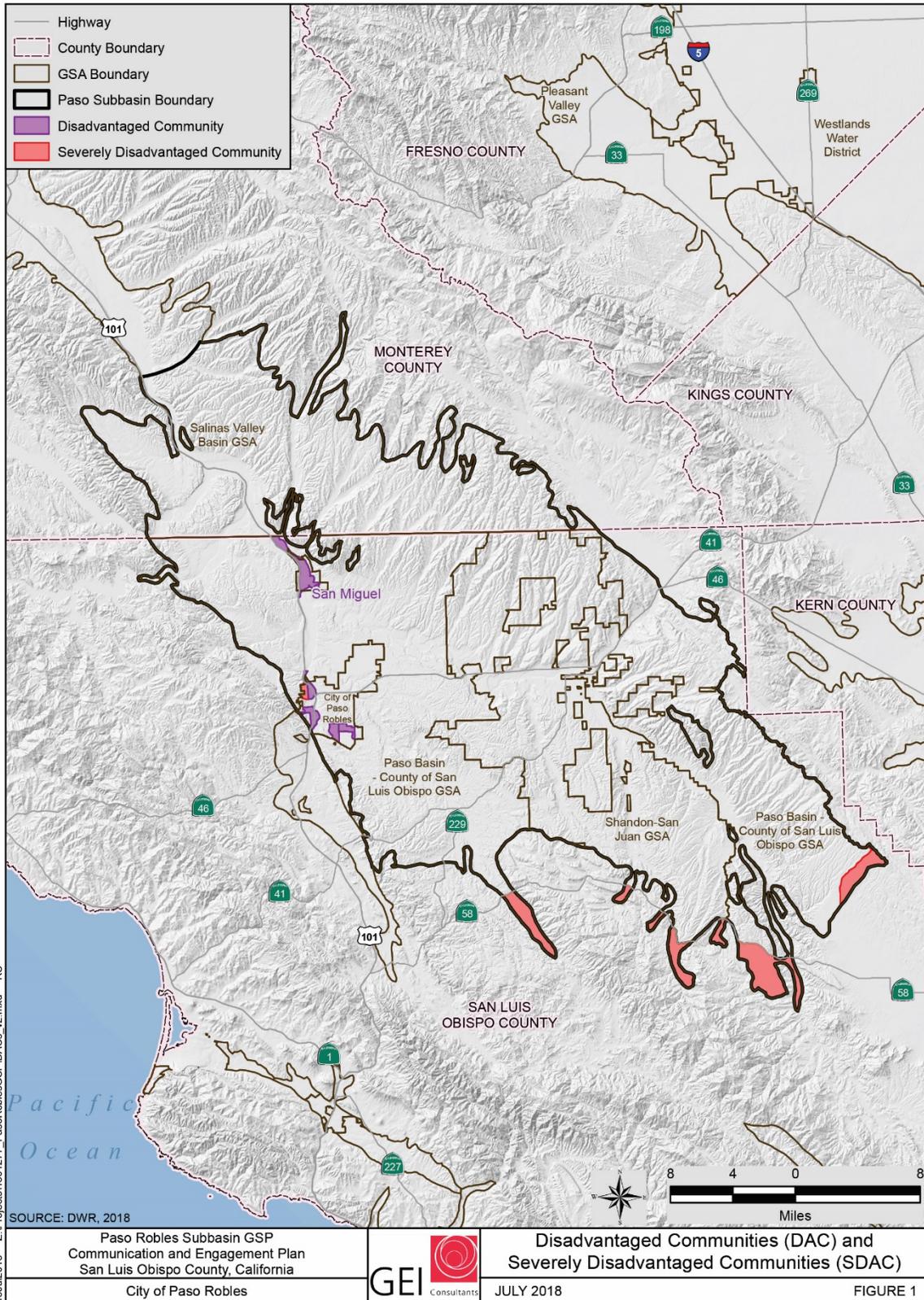
The Paso GCP serves as a repository for GSA information about Paso Robles Subbasin meetings, communications, and Interested Parties. It tracks outreach efforts by the GSAs; storing meeting attendance information, logging targeted outreach, and hosting the interested parties list.

Tool administrators can generate reports about GSP outreach activities. The reports include items such as attendance sheets, RSVPs, agendas, minutes, handouts, and presentations.

Paso GCP Home Page



Appendix C. Disadvantaged Communities in the Paso Robles Subbasin



Appendix D. Initial Interested Parties List

Pursuant to the California Water Code Section 10723.2, the Paso Robles Subbasin GSAs will consider the interest of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater when developing and implementing the Paso Robles Subbasin GSP.

The five Paso Robles Subbasin GSAs², party to the MOA, developed lists of Interested Parties and submitted those lists to DWR at the time of GSA formation. A compiled list of those submissions is provided below. This initial list, plus individuals who expressed interest in receiving updates about GSP development via the San Luis Obispo County website, were imported into the Paso GCP (presented in **Appendix B**) in May 2018. The Paso GCP automatically notifies the Interested Parties list via email when GSP-related events are scheduled in the Paso Robles Subbasin. The list continues to grow as additional Interested Parties self-register or are otherwise identified.

Agency

- Atascadero Basin GSA
- City of Paso Robles
- County of Monterey
- County of San Luis Obispo
- Creston School District
- Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District
- Heritage Ranch CSD
- Monterey County Parks Department
- Monterey County Water Resources Agency
- Paso Robles Unified School District
- Salinas Valley GSA
- San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
- San Miguel CSD
- San Miguel Joint Union School District
- Shandon San Juan Water District
- Shandon Unified School District
- Templeton CSD
- U.S. Department of Commerce – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Water Corporations Regulated by PUC or a Mutual Water Company

- Atascadero Mutual Water Company
- Green River Mutual Water Company
- Mustang Springs Mutual Water Company
- Rancho Salinas Mutual Benefit Water Company
- Santa Ysabel Ranch Mutual Water Company
- Spanish Lakes Mutual Water Company
- Walnut Hills Mutual Water Company

² City of Paso Robles GSA, County of San Luis Obispo GSA, Shandon-San Juan GSA, San Miguel GSA, and Heritage Ranch GSA

Agricultural users

- Agricultural landowners (individuals)_
- Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board (ALAB)
- Central Coast Vineyard Team
- Central Coast Wine Grape Growers Association
- Farm Bureau
- Grower-Shipper Association
- Independent Grape Growers of Paso Robles
- Local Chapter California Certified Organic Farms
- North County Farmers Market Association
- Paso Robles Vintners and Growers Association
- Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance
- SLO County Cattlemen
- SLO County Cattlewomen
- SLO County Farm Supply
- UC Cooperative Extension
- Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District
- USDA Conservation Service
- USDA Farm Service Agency
- 4-H Clubs

Domestic well owners

- Individual rural residential/suburban landowners

Municipal well operators

- Covered in other categories

Public water systems (per EHS records)

- Almira Water Association
- Arciero Winery
- Cal Trans Shandon Rest Stop
- Camp Roberts
- Creston Country Store
- Creston Elementary School
- El Paso De Robles Youth Correction Facility
- Huerhuero Ranch
- Hunter Ranch Golf Course
- Jack Ranch Cafe
- Links at Lista Del Hombre
- Loading Chute
- Longbranch Saloon
- Los Robles Mobile Estates
- Meridian Vineyard
- North River Road
- Paso Robles RV Ranch
- Paso Robles Truck Plaza (San Paso)

- Pete Johnston GM
- Pleasant Valley Elementary
- SATCOM
- Shandon CSA

Local land use planning agencies

- City of Atascadero
- City of Paso Robles
- County of San Luis Obispo
- San Luis Obispo Council of Government (SLO COG)

Environmental users of groundwater

- Various agencies on this list address environmental concerns related to groundwater and the Paso Robles Subbasin GSAs will work with them to consider and protect such interests.

Surface water users (if hydrologic connection)

- Atascadero Community Services District (CSD)
- City of Paso Robles
- City of San Luis Obispo
- Heritage Ranch CSD
- Templeton CSD

Federal government

- Camp Roberts
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife

California Native American tribes

- Chumash
- Salinan

Disadvantaged communities

- There are disadvantaged communities in the Paso Robles Subbasin, particularly in the southern portion of the Subbasin, where there are severely disadvantaged communities.

Entities monitoring and reporting groundwater in the Subbasin

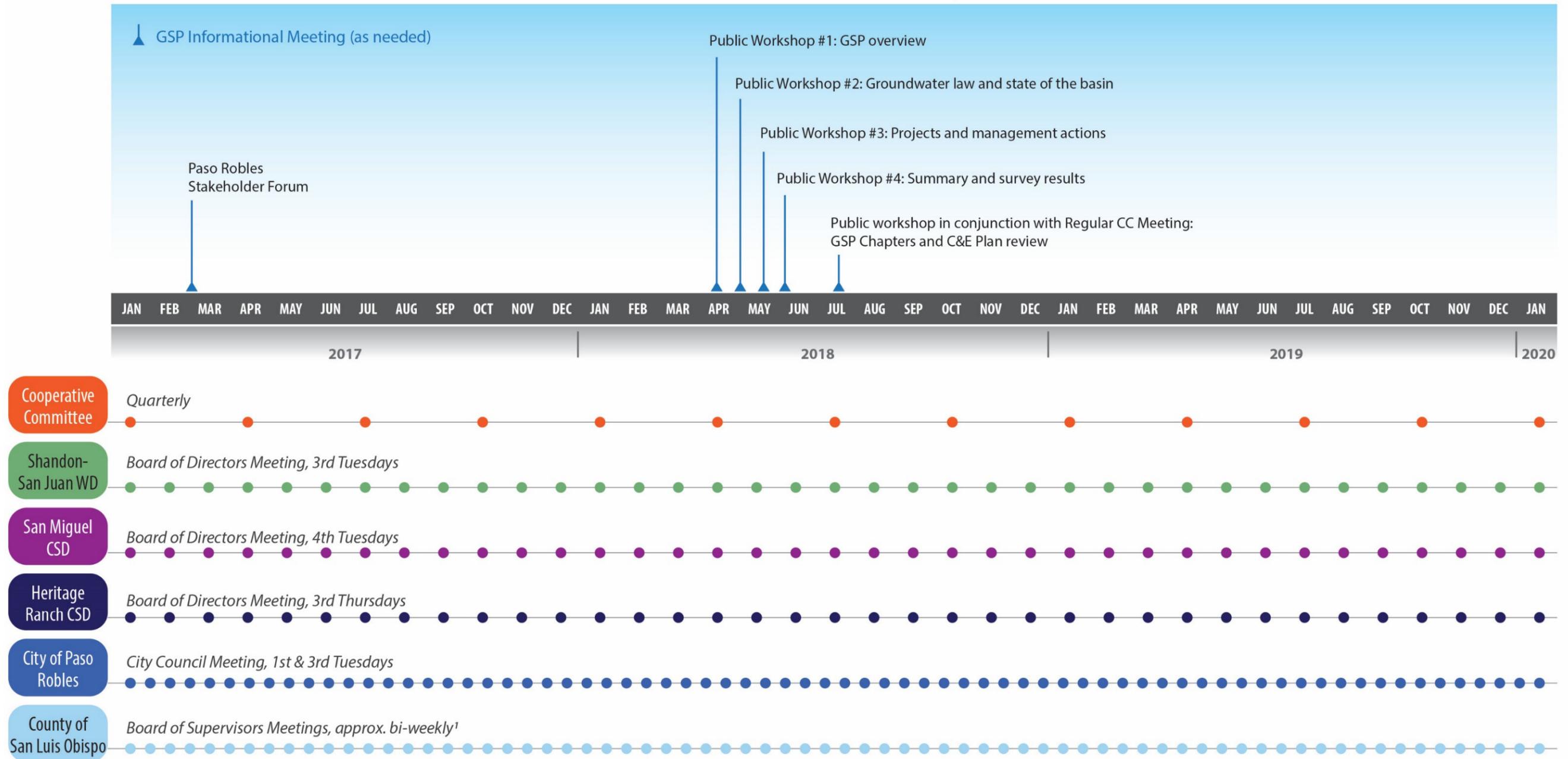
- Various of the agencies and water companies listed above collect and report groundwater data including at the County and State level (CASGEM).

Appendix E. Preliminary Engagement Schedule

Paso Robles Subbasin GSP Development Preliminary Stakeholder Engagement Schedule

NOTES

1. See San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors meeting schedule online at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Administrative-Office/Board-of-Supervisors-Agenda.aspx>
2. Schedule is representative. Dates subject to change.
3. Visit the Paso Robles Groundwater Communication Portal (Paso GCP) at www.pasogcp.com to see up-to-date information on Interested Party engagement opportunities.



Appendix F. Media Contacts List

Press releases regarding GSP development public workshops are sent to the following contacts.

- Atascadero Mutual Water Company
- Atascadero News
- City of Atascadero
- City of Paso Robles
- County Administrator
- County Blade
- Cuestionian - Cuesta College
- KCBX
- KCOY-TV (NPG of California)
- KCPR
- KEYT KCOY KKFX
- KGUR
- KIDI FM/ KTAP
- KKJG/ KZOZ/ KKAL/KSTT/KVEC
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- KSBY-TV
- KSMA/ KVEC/KJUG
- KTAS-TV, Telemundo
- KUHL-AM
- Los Osos Bay News; SLO City News; Coast News
- Monterey County Water Resources Agency
- Monterey Herald
- Mustang Daily
- New Times
- Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce
- Paso Robles Daily News
- Paso Robles Press
- Paso Robles Unified School District
- Pleasant Valley Joint Union School Dist.
- San Luis Obispo County Admin Analyst
- San Luis Obispo County Public Works
- San Miguel Community Services District
- San Miguel Joint School District
- SGMA/Calif Department of Water Resources & RWQCB
- Shandon Unified School District
- SLO County Board of Supervisors Secretary
- Soaring Eagle Press
- Templeton Chamber of Commerce
- Templeton Community Services District
- Templeton Unified School District
- The Tribune / County Digest

Appendix G. C&E Survey Results

From May 4 to May 18, 2018 a public survey was conducted to evaluate best methods for communication and engagement in the Paso Robles Subbasin. An invitation was sent to over 500 Interested Party contacts in the Paso GCP database. Over 100 Interested Parties responded and completed the survey. The results of the survey guided the formation of this C&E Plan and were presented at the May 21, 2018 Special Meeting of the Cooperative Committee. The presentation slides from that meeting are presented on the following pages.

How the Survey Results Were Used

The C&E Survey identified many methods in which the Interested Parties could receive information and provide input into the GSP process. As a result of the Survey, certain communication methods are emphasized in the C&E Plan, such as the development of the Paso Groundwater Communication Portal (Paso GCP) where Interested Parties can receive information in one consolidated location rather than seek information from all five individual GSA websites. Information posted to the Paso GCP includes meeting announcements, notes and materials provided at the meetings, FACT Sheets, frequently asked questions (FAQ), and important documents related to the SGMA GSP development process. In addition, the Paso GCP will provide input opportunities for Interested Parties to comment on the GSP process.

Many of the Interested Parties requests were accommodated through a meeting feedback form (see **Appendix H**) that was available at the four Informational Meetings held in Spring 2018. Subsequent actions as a result of the meeting feedback forms included:

- Providing clear signage to the meeting location
- Incorporating topics of interest expressed by Interested Parties to be discussed at the meetings
- Adding station-facilitated exercises where the Interested Parties could participate in smaller groups with the Cooperative Committee, GSA Staff, and Consultants on-hand for open dialog and interactive discussion for input.
- Developing specific outreach postcards for communities identified by Interested Parties, including both Disadvantaged Communities and Rural communities which may not have received electronic information.

We are appreciative of all those Interested Parties that participated in the online C&E Survey and the meeting feedback forms to improve the Paso GSP outreach process to be most effective.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

Paso Robles Basin GSAs
City of Paso Robles
County of San Luis Obispo
Heritage Ranch CSD
San Miguel CSD
Shandon-San Juan Water District

May 21, 2018

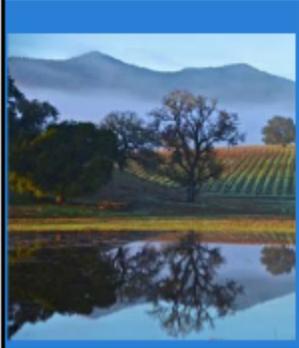
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COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

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Total Responses

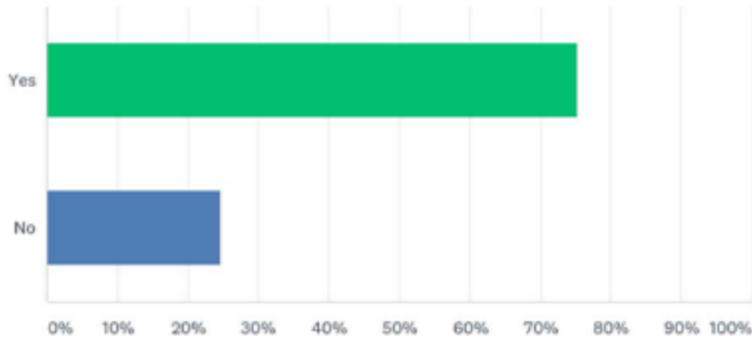


- Date Opened: Friday, May 04, 2018
- Date Closed: Friday, May 18, 2018
- Complete Responses: 103

Q1: Have you participated in a public process before?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.25%	76
No	24.75%	25
TOTAL		101

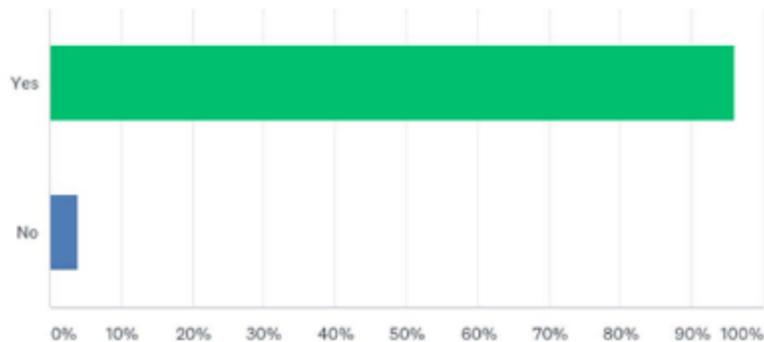
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Skipped: 2



Q2: Have you heard about the SGMA GSP process?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.08%	98
No	3.92%	4
TOTAL		102

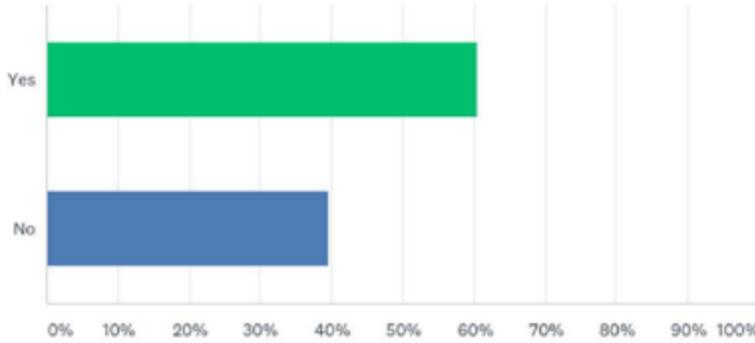
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Skipped: 1



Q3: Have you been involved in other water supply public processes in the past?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.40%	61
No	39.60%	40
TOTAL		101

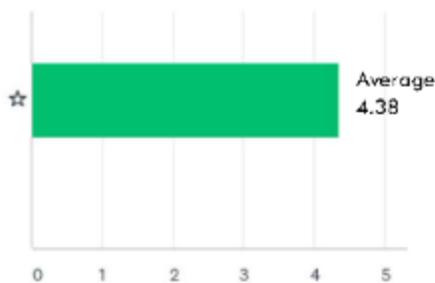
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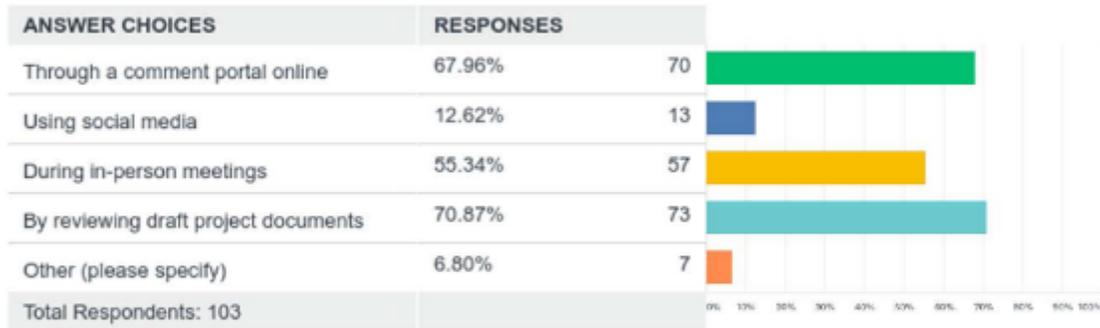
Q4: What is your level of interest in providing input on the planning and implementation of the SGMA GSP process?

	LEAST INTEREST		MOST INTEREST			TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
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☆	1.96%	1.96%	13.73%	23.53%	58.82%	102	4.35
	2	2	14	24	60		

Answered: 102
Skipped: 1

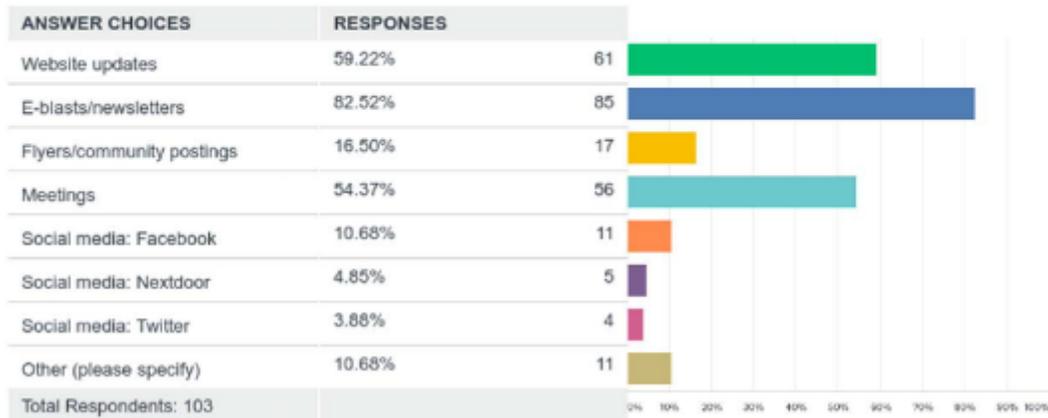


Q5: How would you like to provide input on the SGMA GSP process? Choose all that apply.



Answered: 103 Skipped: 0

Q6: How would you like to receive information about the GSP process? Choose all that apply.



Answered: 103 Skipped: 0

Appendix H. Meeting Feedback Form

Paso Robles Basin Meeting Survey

Name: _____

Contact: _____

Date: _____

Please provide feedback to improve our communication and engagement process.

Survey Questions	Agree	Disagree
1 Information provided was useful and understandable?		
2 Meeting noticing was timely, informative about location and meeting topic(s)?		
3 Opportunity was provided to comment/ask questions?		
4 Can we contact you regarding your survey to follow up?		
5 Other SGMA topics and information of interest to you include: a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____		
6 Other suggestions on communication and engagement that would be helpful for the SGMA process: _____ _____ _____		

Example Meeting Feedback Form

Appendix I. Letter Distributed to Native American Tribal Governments

[Variable greeting]

We are writing to notify you that a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin is under development and we are inviting you to participate in the GSP process.

In 2015, the State legislature approved a new groundwater management law known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). SGMA required local agencies to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) by June 30, 2017 and prepare a GSP. SGMA allows any federally recognized Indian tribe to voluntarily participate in the preparation or administration of a GSP. A federally recognized tribe's actions during participation will be based on the tribe's independent sovereign authority and not the authorities that SGMA provides to local agencies^[1]. Regardless of whether a tribe opts to coordinate their groundwater management with SGMA implementation, SGMA requires GSAs to consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, including tribes^[2]. For more information on Tribal Government Engagement with GSAs, please see the [Discussion Questions](#)^[3] paper prepared by the California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Tribal Advisory Group.

We invite you to participate in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin GSP. If you wish to be included on the list of Interested Parties to receive further information on ways to meaningfully participate in processes related to GSP development in the Paso Robles Basin, please register at the following web address: www.pasogcp.com and feel free to contact our Public Outreach Facilitator, Ellen Cross, with any questions or comments by email at crosse@strategydriver.com or by phone at (510) 316-9657.

Thank you.

The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Cooperative Committee

- *City of Paso Robles GSA*
- *County of San Luis Obispo GSA*
- *Shandon-San Juan GSA*
- *Heritage Ranch GSA*
- *San Miguel GSA*

^[1] [Water Code §10720.3\(c\)](#)

^[2] [Water Code §10723.2](#)

^[3] <http://www.water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/About/Tribal/Files/Publications/Tribal-Engagement-with-GSA-Discussion-Questions.pdf>

^[1] [Water Code §10720.3\(c\)](#)

^[2] [Water Code §10723.2](#)

^[3] <http://www.water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/About/Tribal/Files/Publications/Tribal-Engagement-with-GSA-Discussion-Questions.pdf>

Appendix J. Postcard Mailers

JOIN THE DISCUSSION

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In accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is being developed for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

The Paso Basin Cooperative Committee invites you to register as an Interested Party to be notified about events concerning GSP preparation and to provide your insights.

For more information and to register as an Interested Party, please visit the website below.

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REGISTER TODAY!

Sent on behalf of the Paso Robles Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies:

- County of San Luis Obispo GSA*
- City of Paso Robles GSA*
- San Miguel Community Services District GSA*
- Heritage Ranch Community Services District GSA*
- Shandon San Juan Water District GSA*

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PASO ROBLES, CA 93446

Postcard sent to announce the Paso GCP

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Sustainable Groundwater Management in the
Paso Robles Groundwater Subbasin



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In accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin is in the process of preparing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

Interested Parties are encouraged to attend the following workshops to learn more:

**Projects and Programs for
Groundwater Management Workshop**
Monday, ~~May 14, 2018~~ at 5:30 PM

**Summary of the Paso Basin
GSP Process Workshop**
Monday, ~~May 21, 2018~~ at 5:30 PM

The workshops above will be held at:
Kermit King Elementary
700 Schoolhouse Cir, Paso Robles, CA 93446

For more information, contact the San Miguel CSD offices at (805) 467-3388 or visit www.sanmiguelcsd.org

After May 15, for all *future* GSP information, register as an Interested Party at www.pasogcp.com.

SAN MIGUEL C.S.D.
1150 MISSION ST.
SAN MIGUEL, CA 93451

Postcard sent to invite Interested Parties to attend public workshops

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De acuerdo con la ley de Gestión Sustentable del Agua Subterránea (SGMA), se está desarrollando un Plan de Sustentabilidad de Agua Subterránea para la Cuenca de Paso de Robles (GSP).

El Comité Cooperativo de la Cuenca de Paso de Robles lo invita a registrarse como una Parte Interesada para recibir notificaciones sobre eventos acerca de la preparación del GSP y para proporcionar sus ideas.

Para más información y para registrarse como una Parte Interesada, visite el sitio web a continuación.

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¡REGÍSTRESE AHORA!

Enviado en nombre de las Agencias de Sustentabilidad de Agua Subterránea de la Cuenca de Paso de Robles:

GSA del Condado de San Luis Obispo

GSA de la Ciudad de Paso de Robles

GSA del Distrito de Servicios Comunitarios de San Miguel

GSA del Distrito de Servicios Comunitarios de Heritage Ranch

GSA del Distrito de Agua de Shandon-San Juan

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Spanish language postcard for Interested Parties