Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee

May 30, 2018

2018 Hydrologic Conditions and Water Supply Outlook



North Sierra Precipitation: 8-Station Index, May 23, 2018

San Joaquin Precipitation: 5-Station Index, May 23, 2018



Total Water Year Precipitation



Tulare Basin Precipitation: 6-Station Index, May 23, 2018

















New Melones Lake Storage Levels









Lake McClure Storage Levels

2018 Water Allocations

WEST		EAST		
Federal	45%	SSJID	100%	
State	35%	OID	100%	
		Mod ID	100%	
CCID	100%	TID	100%	
		Mer ID	100%	

Questions & Discussion

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Compliance

Stanislaus County Groundwater Basins



Stanislaus County Water Agencies







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Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin



Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin GSAs

City of Lathrop Oakdale ID City of Lodi South San Joaquin ID **City of Manteca** Woodbridge ID City of Stockton Central Delta WD Linden CWD Linden CWD Stockton East WD Central Delta Water Agency South Delta Water Agency **Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District** North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Eastside San Joaquin GSA

Modesto Groundwater Basin



Stanislaus & Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association GSA

City of Modesto City of Oakdale City of Riverbank City of Waterford Oakdale ID Modesto ID Stanislaus County *Tuolumne County**

*Formed separate GSA and "linked" to STRGBA via separate Cooperation Agreement with Stanislaus County

Turlock Groundwater Basin



West Turlock Subbasin GSA



West Turlock Subbasin GSA

City of Ceres City of Hughson City of Modesto City of Turlock Denair CSD Turlock Irrigation District Merced County Stanislaus County Delhi County Water District Hilmar County Water District

Associate Members: Keyes CSD City of Waterford

East Turlock Subbasin GSA



East Turlock Subbasin GSA Eastside WD **Ballico-Cortez WD** Merced Irrigation District Merced County **Stanislaus County** City of Turlock *

* Associate Member



Delta-Mendota Subbasin – Northern Group



Delta-Mendota Groundwater Basin – Northern Group GSAs

City of Patterson Del Puerto WD West Stanislaus ID Patterson ID *Northwestern Delta-Mendota GSA*

Groundwater Sustainability Plans

50 Year Planning Horizon

- Land Use & Water Demand Nexus
- **Basins in Critical Condition of Overdraft**
- January 31, 2020
- 20 Year Implementation Period (January 2040)
 High & Medium Priority Basins
- January 31, 2022
- 20 Year Implementation Period (January 2042)



Groundwater Sustainability Plans – Grant Funding

Basins in Critical Condition of Overdraft (\$1.5 M cap) High & Medium Priority Basins (\$1 M cap)

Require up to 50% Local Cost Share

- Cost offsets may include Disadvantaged Communities
- Local relevant SGMA activities (since January 1, 2015)

78 applications (Category 1 & 2)

\$86.4 M requested out of \$86.3 M available (\$100,000)

Notice of Award in February

Bulletin 118 Update -

Basin Boundary Adjustment



Groundwater Sustainability Plans – Next Steps

- **Data Compilation**
- **Database Review & Selection**
- **Public Outreach Workshops**
- **Coordination Agreements**
- **Cost-Share Agreements**
- **Developing Local Funding Mechanisms**
- Technical Assistance Monitor well installation
- **Facilitation Assistance**

Questions & Discussion

State Water Board Instream Flow Proposal as an Element of the San Joaquin Basin Plan Amendment (SED)

Questions & Discussion

Programmatic Environmental Impact Report Pertaining to the Stanislaus County Groundwater Ordinance

Purpose of PEIR

- Streamline the Well Permit Application Process
- Provide a robust technical basis for Groundwater Ordinance implementation
- Provide data to help facilitate future groundwater sustainability planning (SGMA)

Status

 Public Draft PEIR Comment Period: 45 day period closed May 7, 2018
 No comments were received
 PEIR is being finalized and scheduled to be adopted and certified by the Board of Supervisors in late June

PEIR Findings

- Evaluated 17 resource areas as required by CEQA.
- For most resource areas, no significant impacts.
- Where significant impacts can't be ruled out at program level, recommend mitigation measures



Evaluations Included in PEIR

PEIR evaluated 11 resource areas, mitigation recommended for 4:

Aesthetics	Mineral Pesources	Population & Housing	Public Services	Recreation
Transportation & Traitic	Greenhouse Gas Emssions	Air Quality	Biological Resources	Cultural Resources
Geology & Soils	Hazards & Hazardous Materials		Hydrology & Water Quality	Land Use 2 Planning
Noise	Utilities & Service Systems		Agriculture & Forestry Resources	

PEIR – Specific Findings

- Groundwater Drawdown and Storage Depletion
- Surface Water Resources
- Subsidence
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Noise

Lessons Learned from the PEIR

- Significant impacts are NOT expected if permitting requirements and mitigation measures are adopted
- Well permitting program can be refined to ease burden on areas/wells with little potential for significant impacts
- Rate of groundwater demand growth in east foothills experienced from 2000 to 2015 is not sustainable in the future
- Reasonable groundwater demand growth can be met through integrated water management approach (conjunctive use)

Future Steps

 Streamline Permitting Program
 Develop flowchart that identifies requirements for different well types and locations
 Checklist to document compliance

Establish "Groundwater Level Management Zones"

- Evaluation methodology developed for Northern Triangle ("chronic lowering of groundwater levels" in Valley Home area)
 - Based on comparing total predicted drawdown over the SGMA implementation horizon, if current groundwater management trends continue, to drawdown significance thresholds (10% "impact" criterion)
 - Very few are expected to be at issue

Available Resources

- Model files compiled and available for use
- Reference library available for download
 - http://files.jacobsonjames.com
 - Login: StanCoL
 - Password: LibraryJJA9083!

