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### ADVISORY WATER COMMISSION

**August 19, 2020, 1:00 p.m.**

**Teleconference Only**

**Call-In Information Provided**

#### AGENDA

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Approve Minutes for the Meeting of May 20, 2020**
- III. Discussion Items:**
  - A. SJAFCA Project Update and Status Report (Elias)
    1. Mossdale Track UFFR Study
    2. Lower San Joaquin River Phase 1 Update
    3. Smith Canal
  - B. Project Updates
    1. Community Rating Systems Annuals Report and Program Status (Zidar)
    2. NPDES SWMP (Jones)
    3. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)
      - a) Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (Zidar)
      - b) Tracy Subbasin (Callahan)
    4. IRWMP (Prasad)
    5. SWIF (Prasad)
    6. Upper Mormon Slough Erosion Repair Project
  - C. Grants
    1. Proposition 68- Overview & Funding/Financing Elements
    2. Watershed Coordinator Grant via GWA
    3. WaterSMART Water Marketing
    4. Other Grants and Status
- IV. Action Items: None**
- V. Informational Items (See Attached):**
  - A. DWR Briefing
  - B. News Clipping
- VI. Public Comment: *Please limit comments to three minutes.***
- VII. Commissioners' Comments:**
- VIII. Future Agenda Items**

## IX. Adjournment

### **NOTICE: Coronavirus COVID-19**

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**Next Regular Meeting**  
**September 16, 2020, 1:00 p.m.**  
Location TBD

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**REPORT FOR THE MEETING OF  
THE ADVISORY WATER COMMISSION OF THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
May 20, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Advisory Water Commission of the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, beginning at 1:00 p.m., via Webex Teleconference Call.

Mr. Tom McGurk, Chairman of the Advisory Water Commission (AWC), called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

**I. Roll Call**

Present were Commissioners Roberts, Torres-O'Callaghan, de Graaf, Wright, Winn, Herrick, Holbrook, Hartmann, Price; Alternates Reyna-Hiestand, Henneberry-Schermesser; Secretary Zidar and Chairman McGurk.

Others present are listed on the Attendance Sheet. The Commission had a quorum.

**II. Approval of Minutes for the December 18, 2019 Meeting**

The approval of minutes was moved to the end of the meeting due to time constraints for other agenda items being presented.

Commissioner George Hartmann made the motion and Commissioner Will Price second to approve the minutes of December 18, 2019.

Commission approved with seven votes received. Due to technical difficulties some of the Commissioners present on the line were not able to cast their votes. The motion carried.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS**

Mr. Tom McGurk, Chairman of the Advisory Water Commission (AWC), led the agenda.

**III. Discussion Items:**

**A. Smith Canal Gate Project - Chris Elias, SJAFCA**

Mr. Chris Elias with SJAFCA provided an update on the Smith Canal Gate Project. Mr. Elias discussed the general project background and the hazard area covered, as well as the gate features. Noting the entrance points at San Joaquin River and Delta and planned recreational fishing areas. Mr. Elias explained how the gates will remain open 96% of the time, only closing for protection to the area. Mr. Elias discussed the bids received from contractors and award given to Shimmick Construction Company, who will be providing project schedule this afternoon. It was noted that the State is funding 53% of the project, with the remaining portion coming from local cost share.

Commissioner Price questioned if pumping will be needed during the 4% of the time the gates are open. Mr. Elias advised that the gate is designed to handle flow and adequately equipped to handle sea level rise.

**B. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) – Matt Zidar and Mike Callahan, San Joaquin County**

1. Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin

Mr. Matt Zidar with San Joaquin County provided an update on current activities of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. Mr. Zidar discussed the creation of the Steering Committee and the Budget Ad-Hoc Committee and their functions. Mr. Zidar reviewed the proposed 2020/2021 budget plan to be brought to the GWA Board on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Details on the upcoming Technical Advisory Committee Meeting and the agenda items to be discussed were provided, as well as details on the Flood Mar program and concepts. Mr. Zidar reviewed several potential grant opportunities, the USBR Water Smart Drought Response Program grant and the Watershed Coordinator Grant. The program objectives, projects covered and requirements were presented. Further discussion was had on the Prop 68 Grant and the Component 3 Financing Plan, including details on the plan and what the funds received will be used for. Mr. Zidar opened the discussion for questions from the members.

Commissioner Herrick advised that the Delta Agencies are involved in another evapo-trans program, which may have useful information to the GWA. Mr. Herrick also suggested that a local RCD has had some experience with the Watershed Coordinator and be able to provide some helpful ideas for the grant application.

2. Tracy Subbasin

Mr. Mike Callahan with San Joaquin County provided an update on the Tracy Subbasin and the progress being made on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan due to DWR January 2022. Mr. Callahan advised that the seven GSA's have already drafted and vetted plan chapters 1 through 3 and they are working on chapters 4 and 5. Mr. Callahan advised that once completed, the first five chapters will be released for public review and comment. They intend to release the chapters in bunches and then the full and complete GSP at the end. Mr. Callahan advised that DWR approved a facilitator through Stantec and provided some details of the position duties. Mr. Callahan provided website details ([tracysubbasin.org](http://tracysubbasin.org)) and advised that an in-person workshop is being planned for July.

**C. IRWM CC and Update - Glenn Prasad, San Joaquin County**

Mr. Glenn Prasad with San Joaquin County provided an overview of the IRWM Coordinating Committee and their efforts in updating the IRWM Plan. Mr. Prasad stated that there are currently 11 members making up the committee which is recognized by DWR for funding. Mr. Prasad advised that there is currently 6.5 million dollars allocated to the region (5.5 million to general resource projects and 1 million to DAC projects) which the committee is responsible for distribution of. Mr. Prasad advised that before the funding can be received, the plan must be updated using current guidelines and is scheduled to be provided to DWR by end of 2020. The committee is working with consultants GEI and Woodard & Curran on the efforts and will be releasing chapters for review as they are completed. Mr. Prasad advised that DAC outreach efforts would begin soon, via flyers and webinars. It was also advised that a call for projects was put out in March and agencies will still be able to submit their projects through July. Mr. Prasad provided information on meeting times and directed members to the website [esjirwm.org](http://esjirwm.org) for additional information.

**D. Federal COVID Relief in Infrastructure – Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County**

Mr. Matt Zidar with San Joaquin County gave an update the Federal COVID Relief in Infrastructure, providing details received through regular tracking with the help of The Ferguson Group, our representatives in Washington. Mr. Zidar provided an overview of the discussed economic recovery efforts and infrastructure bills going through Congress, stating that directive is to have public works projects in order and ready for funding through these infrastructure funding bills.

**E. Storm Water Management Plan – Jessica Jones, San Joaquin County**

Ms. Jessica Jones with San Joaquin County presented slides showing an overview of the Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) and explained where the team is in regards to implementation and what is still to come. Ms. Jones provided details on the development of the new SWMP, including background, objectives and areas covered in work done between City of Stockton and urbanized areas of San Joaquin County.

Ms. Jones provided additional details on the timeline for SWMP development and region wide permit activities, the principles of SWMP development and approach, including historical approach and the current approach.

Ms. Karen Ashby from Larry Walker Associates was on the line to answer any questions pertaining to the presentation slides provided. Ms. Ashby advised there are two big items; SWMP has to include items required by NPDES Permit, which requires funding discussion at the Board of Supervisors level and that some standards have been updated since 2009 which has an impact on development.

Matt Zidar made note that there has been a lot of work done to be in compliance and for effectiveness. Mr. Kris Balaji from San Joaquin County added a note of congratulations to the Water Resources Team for their efforts, stating that he was glad it has come this far.

**F. Delta**

Mr. Matt Zidar provided brief details on the DCC and the request submitted for an exception to the outreach requirements due to the COVID situation.

Commissioner John Herrick provided some additional details on the agenda item, stating that west side irrigation unable to divert due to low levels, adding that water quality has been violated for several weeks. Commissioner Herrick also briefly discussed legal issue with MID.

**IV. Action Items:**

None

**V. Informational Items:**

Informational items were not discussed.

A. News Clipping

**VI. Public Comment: Public comments, adopted by the Advisory Water Commission on January 17, 2018, will be limited to 3-minutes, unless extended to the discretion of the Chair.**

Ms. Mary Elizabeth with the Sierra Club questioned the progress of the Flood CALM and how she can obtain a copy of the plans. Matt Zidar advised that the Flood CALM project was put on hold due to the COVID issues and the concern of ability to obtain the needed votes.

**VII. Commissioner's Comments:**

Commissioner Price questioned the scheduling of future meetings, asking if they will be on the regular monthly schedule or just as needed. Matt Zidar advised that the regular monthly meetings will be kept on the calendar, but only hold the meetings as agenda items need discussion. Commissioner Price advised that he will communicate further with Mr. Zidar directly.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items:**

None.

**Next Regular Meeting:** June 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.  
Location TBD

**IX. Adjournment:**

Chairman McGurk adjourned the meeting at 2:39 pm.

Roll call

## 2020 ADVISORY WATER COMMISSION ROSTER, ROLL CALL & VOTE SHEET

(5 members necessary for quorum)

AGENCY	REP	TERM	ALT	TERM	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
					15	19	18	15	20	17	15	19	16	21	18	16
CDWA <i>N</i>	Nomellini, Dante J.	12/11/23	Nomellini, John Dante, Jr.	12/10/19												
CSJWCD	Roberts, Reid •	12/11/18	Thompson, Grant	12/11/18	C	C	C	C	X							
City of Escalon <i>✓</i>	Murken, Walter	02/24/20	Alves, Edward B.	02/24/20	A	A	A	A								
City of Lathrop	Torres-O'Callahan, Jennife •	12/12/22	Lazard, Diane	12/12/22	N	N	N	N	X							
City of Lodi <i>N</i>	Swimley, Jr., Charlie	02/21/21	Richle, Andrew	02/21/21	C	C	C	C								
City of Manteca <i>N</i>	Breitenbucher, David	03/13/23			E	E	E	E								
City of Ripon	de Graaf, Daniel •	06/27/21	Uecker, Dean	06/27/21	L	L	L	L	X							
City of Stockton	Wright, Dan •		<del>Reyna-Hiestand, Stephanie</del> Canepa, Paul		L	L	L	L	X							
City of Tracy	Sharma, Kuldeep	01/16/23	Reyna-Hiestand, Stephanie •	01/16/23	E	E	E	E	X							
NSJWCD	Starr, Charlie	12/10/19	Valente, Joe	12/11/23	D	D	D	D								
OID <i>✓</i>	Doornenbal, Herman	01/26/16														
BOS	Sup. Winn, Chuck • <i>Late</i>	01/01/21	Sup. Miller, Kathy	01/01/21					X							
SDWA	Herrick, John •	01/25/20							X							
SSJID	Holbrook, John •	01/17/21	Weststeyn, Mike						X							
S/W County <i>✓</i>	Weisenberger, David	09/26/18														
WID	Christensen, Anders	12/12/22														
Enviro/Fish/Wildlife Org	Salazar, Joseph	03/13/23	N/A													
Urban Flood Control RD	Hartmann, George •	08/20/23	N/A						X							
Urban Flood Control RD	VACANT		N/A													
General Bus Com	Price, Will •	08/21/23	N/A						X							
Bldg & Constr Industry	Neudeck, Christopher	08/20/23	N/A													
SECRETARY	Zidar, Matt •	N/A	N/A						X							
At-Large Rep	AT LARGE REP Wells-Brown, Terry	01/16/23	AT-LARGE ALT Annette Henneberry Schermesser • <i>Late</i>	01/16/23					X							
CHAIRMAN	SEWD McGurk, Thomas •	12/11/23	SEWD Sanguinetti, Paul	12/11/23					X							
<b>STOP HERE ON ROLL CALL</b>																
CA Water Service Co <i>✓</i>	Freeman, John (Ex-officio)	PERM														

*We Have Quorum*







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**ADVISORY WATER COMMISSION  
MEETING OF MAY 20, 2020**

ATTENDANCE SHEET

INITIAL	NAME	AFFILIATION	E-MAIL ADDRESS	PHONE
	Nomellini, Dante J	CDWA		
	Nomellini, John Dante Jr	CDWA		
	Roberts, Reid *	CSJWCD		
	Thompson, Grant *	CSJWCD		
	Murken, Walter	City of Escalon		
	Alves, Edward B	City of Escalon		
<i>Present</i>	Torres-O'Callaghan, Jennifer	City of Lathrop		
	Lazard, Diane	City of Lathrop		
	Swimley, Charlie Jr	City of Lodi		
	Richle, Andrew	City of Lodi		
	Breitenbucher, David	City of Manteca		
		City of Manteca		
<i>Present</i>	De Graff, Daniel	City of Ripon		
	Uecker, Dean	City of Ripon		

Present	Wright, Dan *	City of Stockton		
	Canepa, Paul *	City of Stockton		
	Sharma, Kuldeep	City of Tracy		
Present	Reyna-Hiestand, Stephanie	City of Tracy		
	Starr, Charlie	NSJWCD		
	Valente, Joe	NSJWCD		
	Doornenbal, Herman	OID		
Present	Sup. Winn, Chuck	BOS		
	Sup. Miller, Kathy	BOS		
Present	Herrick, John	SDWA		
Present	Holbrook, John	SSJID		
	Weststeyn, Mike *	SSJID		
	Weisenberger, David *	SW County		
	Christensen, Anders	WID		
		WID		
	Salazar, Joseph	Enviro/Fish/Wildlife Org		
Present	Hartmann, George *	Urban Flood Control RD		
		Urban Flood Control RD		
Present	Price, Willard	General Bus Com		
	Neudeck, Christopher	Building & Construction Industry		
Present	Zidar, Matt	Secretary		
	Wells-Brown, Terry	At Large Rep		
Present	Henneberry-Schermesser, Annette	At Large Alternate		





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NAME	AFFILIATION	E-MAIL ADDRESS	PHONE
Chris Elias	SJAFC		
Brandon Nakagawa	SSJID		
Mel Lytle	COS		
Jessica Jones	SJC		
Kristy Smith	SJC		
Jane Wagner-Tyak	LOWV		
Mary Elizabeth	Serra Club		
Betty Wilson			
M. Porter	ERMUD		
Karen Ashby			
Glenn Prasad	SJC		
Alicia Connelly	SJC		
Mike Callahan	SJC		

## August 2020 DWR Updates

### Grants

#### NEW California Grants Portal

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

#### NEW DWR: Prop 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grants for Critically Overdrafted Basins

Public comment is open for the draft Proposal Solicitation Package for the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program. The public comment period will close at 5 p.m. on September 18, 2020. During the first round of funding, \$26 million will be available for critically overdrafted basins for projects that will assist with the implementation of groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs). A second round of funding will be available beginning in 2022 and will have approximately \$62 million available for projects for high- and medium-priority basins. Public Webinar will be held September 3, 2020 10 a.m. to Noon. The meeting will be recorded for later viewing. [Register here](#). Comments can be emailed to Kelley List at [SGWP@water.ca.gov](mailto:SGWP@water.ca.gov).

#### CA Department of Conservation: Watershed Coordinator Grant

The CA Department of Conservation has a 2020 Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator Grant Program. Application period open June 15<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>. Workshops will be held August 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 and August 11 at 1:00 pm. To register for the workshops email [wcp@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:wcp@conservation.ca.gov) or call (916) 324-0850. More information can be found here: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs/watershed>

#### Wildlife Conservation Board: Stream Flow Enhancement Program

\$200 Million will be available for projects that result in enhanced stream flows (i.e., a change in the amount, timing, and/or quality of water flowing down a stream, or a portion of a stream, to benefit fish and wildlife). The Proposal Solicitation Notice is now posted with application templates. Applications must be submitted by 5pm on September 10, 2020. More information here: <https://wcb.ca.gov/Programs/Stream-Flow-Enhancement>

#### USBR: WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Opportunity

Reclamation provides 50/50 cost share funding to irrigation and water districts, tribes, states and other entities with water or power delivery authority. Projects conserve and use water more efficiently; increase the production of hydropower; mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict; and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability in the western United States. Projects are selected through a competitive process and the focus is on projects that can be completed within two or three years. The application deadline is Thursday, Sept. 17. More information here:

<https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=71343>

#### DWR Prop 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grants

- Final funding list announced March 13<sup>th</sup>. The full list can be viewed here: <https://water.ca.gov/sgmgrants>.
- The final Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) are available here: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Sustainable-Groundwater>
- An implementation round will have at least \$88 million. \$26 million will be available to Critically Over Drafted basins with a draft PSP expected in August of 2020 and grants to be awarded in early 2021. The Draft PSP for the remaining funds is expected in 2021 and grants to be awarded in early 2022.

#### Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, DWR

- DWR released the FINAL grant awards for North Coast, Tulare-Kern, Colorado River, Lahontan, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Central Coast, San Diego, San Joaquin River, Sacramento River, and Mountain Counties funding

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areas. DRAFT funding recommendations have been made for Los Angeles funding area. Details can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Proposition-1/Implementation-Grants>

- Questions should be directed to Maria Lorenzo-Lee at [Maria.Lorenzo-Lee@water.ca.gov](mailto:Maria.Lorenzo-Lee@water.ca.gov) or (916) 657-4893

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

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

### **SGMA**

GSPs have been submitted by all Critically Over-drafted basins.

GSPs and public comments have been posed on the SGMA portal here: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsp/all>.

### Draft Report on Drought and Water Shortage Vulnerability Released

DWR recently released the draft *Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities at Risk of Drought and Water Shortage Vulnerability and Recommendations and Guidance to Address the Planning Needs of these Communities* report. The report provides information for GSAs to consider and incorporate into future updates to GSPs and will help inform management decisions as these plans are implemented. More information can be found here including 2 recorded webinars: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/Making-Conservation-a-California-Way-of-Life/County-Drought-Planning>

### SVSim Beta Model Released

DWR has released the beta version of the [Sacramento Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation Model \(SVSim\)](#) that can be used during GSP development. Instructions for use are included in the [Roadmap to Running SVSim](#) document. A calibrated version of SVSim is expected in fall 2020.

### Brown Act Modifications to enable Virtual Meetings

Governor Newsom recently issued [Executive Order N-25-20](#) encouraging elected officials to conduct public meetings by teleconference or other electronic venue. The order also temporarily waives requirements in the Bagley-Keene Act and Brown Act as long as specific requirements are met. This order would apply to GSAs and others involved in the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

### 2019 Groundwater Level Change Reports & Maps Available

The [Groundwater Level Change Report](#) and accompanying Dot Maps for [spring 2019](#) and for [fall 2019](#) are available on the DWR website and present a summary of groundwater level data. The report and Dot Maps include a discussion of groundwater level trends with multi-year comparisons which can assist with the development of GSPs.

### Draft Handbook for Water Budget Development

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

### DWR is developing eight Proposition 68-funded technical projects

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

### SGMA Data Viewer Updated with Subsidence Information

New subsidence information covering the period of June 2018 to September 2019 has been added to the [SGMA Data Viewer](#) under land subsidence. This information can help groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs), water managers and the public implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

DWR and SWRCB hosted joint workshops in early January. A video of the meeting is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-EYbyJ7-RU&feature=youtu.be> The workshops will focused on:

1. GSP evaluation and assessment process.
2. DWR and SWRCB interaction during GSP evaluation.
3. Annual reporting requirements and process.
4. DWR and SWRCB assistance programs that will support GSP implementation and future GSP updates.

2016 Statewide Crop Mapping data released by DWR January 3<sup>rd</sup>. This data can be accessed here: <https://data.cnra.ca.gov/dataset/statewide-crop-mapping>. The 2018 data set is expected to be released mid-2021 and will be the first ever multi-crop data set.

### Facilitation Support Services (FSS): Funding still available

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

### Technical Support Services (TSS): Funding still available

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

### Data and Tools

- Compilation of maps, modeling, climate change, reports: <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools>
- Natural Communities Commonly Associated with Groundwater map viewer: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/NCDatasetViewer/>

### Best Management Practices and Guidance Documents

- <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management/Best-Management-Practices-and-Guidance-Documents>

DWR has a SGMA listserv. If you are not on the list and would like to be added you can join here: [https://listserv.cnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR\\_SGMP&A=1](https://listserv.cnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR_SGMP&A=1)

## August 2020 DWR Updates

### Other

#### Governor Newsom Releases Final Water Resilience Portfolio

The Governor released the final version of the Water Resilience Portfolio on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>: <https://waterresilience.ca.gov/>. Given the recent drastic downturn in the state's budget situation, the final version acknowledges that the pace of progress on the actions in the portfolio will depend upon the resources available. The portfolio is a comprehensive, aspirational document, but there are several priorities the state will focus on including:

1. Implementing the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Act of 2019
2. Supporting local communities to successfully implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014
3. Achieving voluntary agreements to increase flows and improve conditions for native fish in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and its watersheds
4. Modernizing the Delta water conveyance system to protect long-term functionality of the State Water Project
5. Updating regulations to expand water recycling
6. Accelerating permitting of new smart water storage
7. Expanding seasonal floodplains for fish and flood benefits
8. Improving conditions at the Salton Sea
9. Removing dams from the Klamath River
10. Better leveraging of information and data to improve water management

#### Flood-MAR (Managed Aquifer Recharge)

A new survey on forming a Flood-MAR network is available: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FloodMAR\\_2020](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FloodMAR_2020). This survey is being conducted on behalf of DWR. There is also a new Lunch-MAR monthly speaker series. If you are interested in attending please email [Jennifer.Marr@water.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Marr@water.ca.gov) (916) 651-9229 to be added to the calendar invite. To join the Flood-MAR listserv follow this link:

[https://listserv.cecnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR\\_FLOODMAR&A=1](https://listserv.cecnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR_FLOODMAR&A=1)

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has released its draft Technical Assistance Guidelines for State Agencies. The guidelines include best practices in capacity building and technical assistance to assist State agencies in developing their own technical assistance programs. The public comment period will run through July 20. The draft document and how to comment can be found here: <https://sgc.ca.gov/news/2020/06-30.html>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has taken the wraps off a new tool called How's My Waterway. It can assemble a wide range of water quality data into user-friendly packages. Information is available on community, state, and national levels. Details are available in this news release: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-dynamic-new-water-data-transparency-tool>

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research has updated the General Plan Guidelines to include revised guidance on environmental justice. The revisions provide more specific guidance on identifying and engaging with disadvantaged communities. There is also additional clarity on when environmental justice requirements are triggered.

<https://opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>

#### 2020 DACTI Lessons Learned Summit

The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) is hosting the 2020 Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement (DACTI) Lessons Learned Summit from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on October 8, 13 and 14. This virtual Summit is intended for IRWM practitioners, Community members, Tribal representatives, and State agencies. More information will be provided in the near future. Update sign ups here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/lt5cddR/DCI>



## Steering Committee

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### Agenda Item III.2 News Clippings

**New winery wastewater regulations could cost small and midsize wineries thousands every year.** *“The California state water board is working on an update to the winery general order to provide a permitting process with water discharge requirements (WDR) that make sure wineries are in compliance with water quality regulation and allows them a pathway to compliance. The new order will affect over 2,000 wineries that discharge winery waste to land for the purpose of disposal or reuse for irrigation and soil amendment. “Unfortunately, it is a very, very extensive permit with an incredibly long list of monitoring requirements and reporting requirements for all wineries that are subject to the order ...”* Read more from Wine Industry Advisor here: [New winery wastewater regulations could cost small and midsize wineries thousands every year](#)

7/28/20. Governor Gavin Newsom has released the final version of California’s [Water Resilience Portfolio](#). It includes 142 actions to help build a climate-resilient water system in the face of climate change. The portfolio provides California with a guide to cope with extreme droughts and floods, over-reliance on groundwater, and other challenges. The actions cover efforts to provide safe drinking water, groundwater sustainability, and water-use efficiency. Details are available in this [news release](#).

7/21/2020 SACRAMENTO - SAN JOAQUIN DELTA DIAZINON AND CHLORPYRIFOS TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD ATTAINMENT ASSESSMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN PHASE II AREA, DATED 29 APRIL 2020

On 29 April 2020, the County of San Joaquin submitted the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos Total Maximum Daily Load Attainment Assessment (Assessment) for the County of San Joaquin Phase II Area. The Assessment meets the requirements of Attachment G of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Waste Discharge Requirements for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, Water Quality Order 2013-0001-DWQ and is hereby approved.

**River agreements stall amid focus on Delta litigation:** *“With state and federal administrations fighting in court about delta water operations—and with a pandemic and election year both underway—work has slowed on voluntary agreements meant to avoid severe cuts to northern San Joaquin Valley water supplies. At issue is the first phase of a State Water Resources Control Board plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Adopted in 2018, the regulatory regime would require water users in San Joaquin River tributaries to leave 30% to 50% of unimpaired flows in the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced rivers to benefit protected fish. Water users have pressed the state to pursue voluntary agreements that could achieve the same fisheries goals without the significant water-supply impacts. California agency leaders say conversations on voluntary agreements continue, though slowly. ...”* Read more from Ag Alert here: [River agreements stall amid focus on Delta litigation](#)

**Report: California groundwater sustainability plans are inadequate:** *“Though California has allocated billions of dollars in taxpayer-funded bonds to clean up its drinking water and make it more available, one report says it is not working. Even with implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) under way, upwards of 12,000 drinking wells may go dry by 2040, causing over 120,000 people to lose their primary source of water. The grim report by the Water Foundation, a charitable organization based in California that is focused on clean, reliable water for people and nature, predicts the groundwater*

sustainability plans written by the various districts in the San Joaquin Valley will not achieve what SGMA purports to do – that is, sustainably manage groundwater resources. ... ” Read more from the Western Farm Press here: [Report: California groundwater sustainability plans are inadequate](#)

**Colusa County landowners sought for groundwater recharge program:** *“The Nature Conservancy, in partnership with the Colusa Groundwater Authority, is now accepting applications for an on-farm Multi-Benefit Groundwater Recharge Incentive Program scheduled to take place this fall. According to a release issued by the Nature Conservancy, the program provides an opportunity for growers to receive financial compensation for recharging groundwater during the course of normal farming operations on a variety of crops while also providing critical wetland habitat for waterbirds migrating along the Pacific Flyway. ... ”* Read more from the Colusa Sun-Herald here: [Colusa County landowners sought for groundwater recharge program](#)

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