

Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

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Long-Term Funding for Operations and GSP Implementation

CSGSA Member Agencies



Monroeville Water District

Who is the Corning Sub-basin GSA?

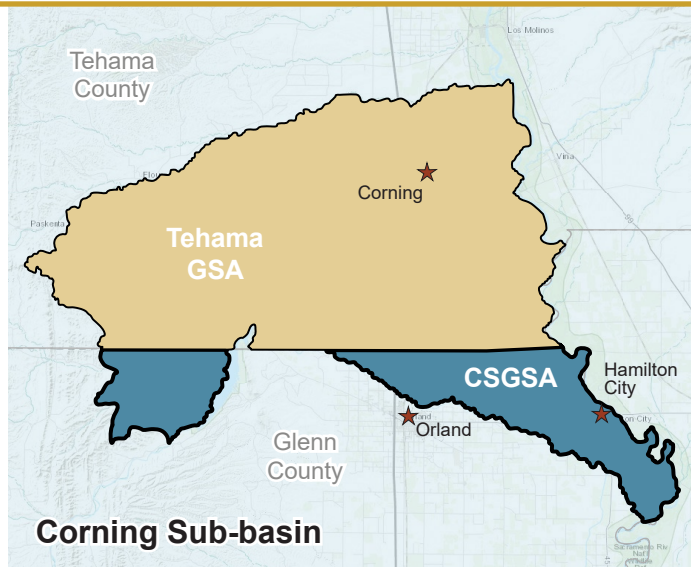
The Corning Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CSGSA) is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) responsible for developing and implementing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Glenn County portion of the Corning Sub-basin. The CSGSA works cooperatively with the Tehama GSA, the GSA that manages the Tehama County portion of the Corning Sub-basin.

GSP Implementation Funding for Years 2024-2028

The Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) has been adopted by the GSAs and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The GSAs are working together to develop the most efficient manner to implement the GSP and comply with Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) regulations through cost sharing and collaboration. Each GSA is responsible for its respective GSA administration costs, with SGMA compliance costs shared by the GSAs when appropriate to keep future fees as low as possible. GSAs must conduct monitoring, complete required reporting, and implement projects and management actions as needed to ensure basin sustainability by 2042. Each GSA will determine the best path forward to fund its respective costs. The CSGSA developed revenue requirements to fund these activities to help inform the evaluation of long-term fee options to sustain GSA operations and achieve SGMA compliance.

What Fee Options Are Being Considered by the CSGSA for Covering GSP Implementation Costs?

Throughout the GSP development process, the CSGSA was primarily funded through a Proposition 1 grant from the Department of Water Resources and support from member agencies (Glenn County,

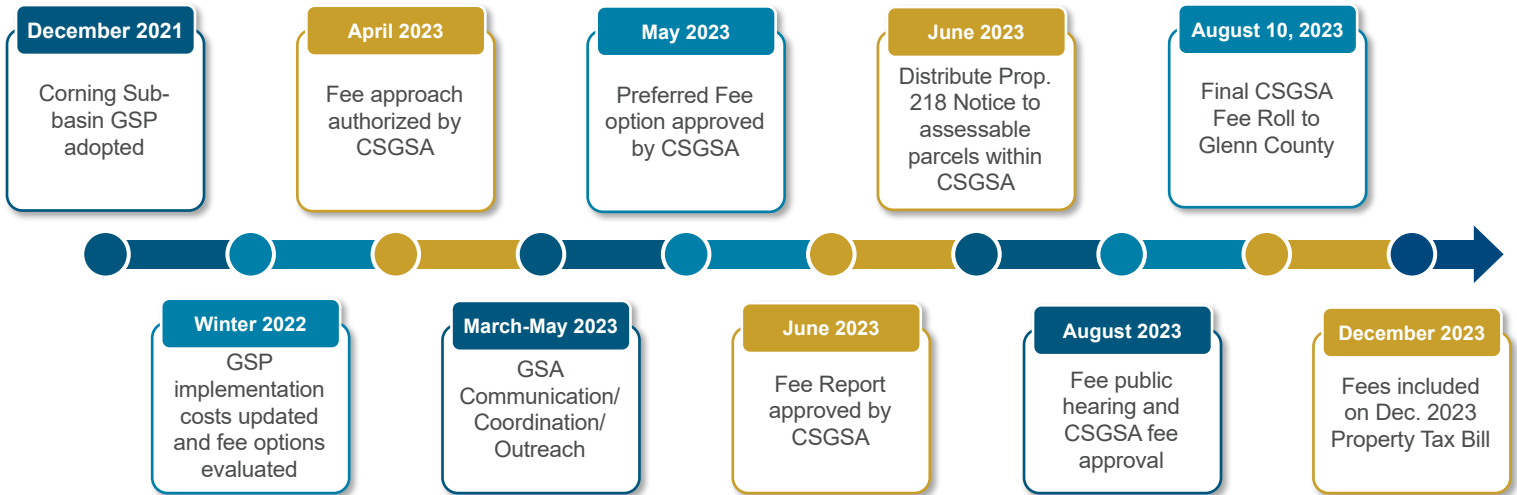


Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, and Monroeville Water District). For the long-term, it is necessary to implement a funding strategy to share the costs of GSA operations and SGMA compliance among landowners within the service area. The CSGSA is committed to coordinating with the Tehama GSA to gain efficiencies and share costs when appropriate, in the hopes this will lower the costs of SGMA compliance. The CSGSA evaluated three main fee options including; uniform, irrigated/non-irrigated, and well registration and wellhead fees. The CSGSA will utilize a Proposition 218 approach for establishing long-term fees with extensive landowner outreach and landowner notification included in the process. More detailed information about the fee options and process are included in the CSGSA Fee Report.

How were GSP Implementation Costs Developed for the Proposed Fees?

Based on best available information and data about the Corning Subbasin and GSA operational costs, the proposed GSP implementation costs reflect the minimum revenue requirements to comply with SGMA and meet Corning Subbasin sustainability objectives.

PROJECT TIMELINE



Estimated costs may be updated as additional information is gathered and more becomes known about revenue needs. This may include any awarded grant funding or costs associated with fee implementation and/or enforcement costs for the selected fee option. The CSGSA will review and approve a budget annually, which will reflect the evaluation of funding needs each year. The property-related fee will not exceed the maximum fee allowed under this Proposition 218 process.

What Happens if We Fail?

Maintaining local control over our groundwater resources is a top priority for the CSGSA. Implementing the GSP and complying with SGMA will keep the State from intervening in CSGSA groundwater management decisions. State intervention due to SGMA non-compliance would mean the landowners within the CSGSA footprint would report directly to the State Water Resources Control Board and be subject to State approved fees, and related costs, and State management.

Current Fee Information and Next Steps

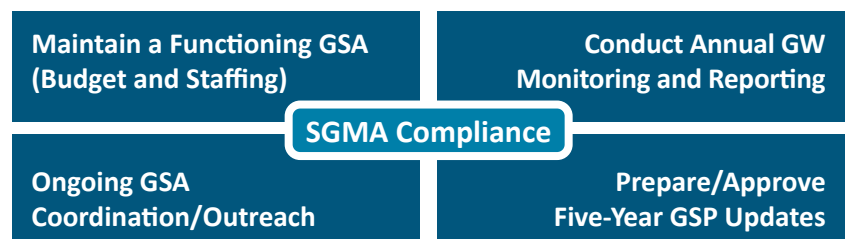
The CSGSA is considering approval of a long-term funding source establishing new property related fee through the Proposition 218 fee approach in accordance with Water Code Section 10730 to cover the administrative and operational costs of GSP implementation and SGMA compliance. The CSGSA will approve the **maximum fees** that can be charged

under this Proposition 218 process and review and update the fees on an annual basis to keep fees as reasonable as possible for all landowners subject to the fee.

The proposed long-term fees will fund GSA administration and SGMA compliance activities related to GSP implementation. Local and regional projects to enhance groundwater sustainability are included in the GSP and/or Annual Reports. They will be supported through other funding sources when available on an as-needed basis to achieve State mandated sustainability. Funding this effort is critical for maintaining local control over the implementation of sustainable groundwater projects and management actions in the Corning Subbasin. The CSGSA is committed to retaining local control over SGMA implementation, utilizing landowner dollars efficiently and beneficially.

Visit the CSGSA webpage using the following link (<https://www.countyofglenn.net/dept/planning-community-development-services/water-resources/sustainable-groundwater-management-6>) to learn more about the Corning Subbasin GSP implementation activities and follow updates on establishing a long-term funding strategy to cover the costs of CSGSA administration and SGMA compliance activities. We welcome your comments and thoughts on how we can work together to maintain local control over our water resources.

2024-2028 Corning Sub-basin GSP Implementation Summary of State SGMA Requirements



The CSGSA will be responsible for covering its GSA administration costs and its share of the total GSP implementation and SGMA compliance costs identified in the adopted GSP. The CSGSA will share SGMA compliance costs with the Tehama GSA responsible for SGMA compliance for the portion of the Corning Subbasin in Tehama County.