

Program Manager Report

May 10, 2021

Activities for March and April 2021

General Updates:

- Golden State Risk Management Authority 2020 Annual Report is available
- Golden State Risk Management Authority trainings offered
 - [Claims Trends for Public Entities, May 27th @10AM](#)
 - [Reimagining the Office: Post Pandemic, May 14th @ 10AM](#)
- Assembly Bill 754 was introduced to consider extending the 2022 GSP submittal deadline (most recent version attached)

Administrative Updates:

- Continued coordination with Mary Fahey, Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA), GSP Development Team, and others as needed to organize and direct joint tasks and upcoming activities
- Various meeting preparations, cancellations, schedule changes, and post meeting tasks
 - GGA Board
 - GGA Executive Committee
 - CGA/GGA Joint TAC
 - Project coordination
 - Inter-basin Coordination
- Various website updates
- Internal coordination meetings
- Communications with GoToMeeting regarding technical difficulties experienced during the February 8, 2021 meeting
- Attended Northern California Water Association Groundwater Taskforce Meeting
- Attended CGA Board meetings
- Finalized and mailed letter to Governor requesting extension to the 2022 GSP deadline
- Submitted Government Compensation in California Report to California State Controller Office
- Confirmed biennial notice received by the FPPC
- Submitted GSRMA 2021-2022 Contribution Indication and Payroll Estimate
- Exploring potential changes from GoToMeeting to WebEx as the primary remote meeting platform

Project Updates:

- Outreach (March-April)
 - Provided updates at Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Board Meeting (March)
 - Provided written update summary to Glenn County Farm Bureau (March)
 - Provided written and oral updates to Glenn County Farm Bureau (April)
 - Provided SGMA information to Glenn County Board of Supervisors (April)
 - CGA/GGA Joint Board meeting- focus on release of draft Chapters 1-4 (April)

- Coordinate with outreach team on social media posts
- Colusa Subbasin GSP Development Proposition 1 & Proposition 68 Grant (CGA contracting agency) (No change from February 2021 Report)
 - Proposition 1 Agreement Amount: \$1,000,000
Expended: \$484,420.32 (through December 2020- Invoice 9)
Remaining: \$515,579.68
 - Proposition 68 Agreement Amount: \$999,600
Expended: \$5,667.75 (through December 2020- Invoice 9)
Remaining: \$993,932.25
 - Invoice 9 was submitted in January 2021
- HCM/Water Budget Project Update (GGA contract with Davids Engineering)
 - Contract Amount: \$378,000.00
Expended: \$378,000.00
Remaining: \$0

Note: CGA and GGA Staff and the consulting team will review the agreement to ensure all deliverables have been met and the agreement will be closed out.

- Colusa Subbasin GSP Development (GGA contract with Davids Engineering)
 - Davids Engineering staff provides monthly update memos on work progress
 - Bi-weekly meetings with M. Fahey, L. Hunter, and consulting team on project updates
 - Focused meetings on public engagement/outreach strategy, consistent tracking methods, public meetings, and overall schedule
 - Staff is communicating with Davids Engineering staff to propose an amendment to clarify scope and tasks and correct previous errors
 - Contract Amount: \$1,261,400.00
Expended: \$348,121.00
Remaining: \$913,279.00
- Technical Support Services (TSS) Project (CGA is DWR's point of contact)
 - Continue to explore possibility of requesting services for translating materials, monitoring wells, or other needs
- Facilitation Support Services (CGA lead)
 - Continue to explore future needs and potential requests for services
- Property-Related Fee (long term funding)
 - Coordinated with Provost & Pritchard for Tax Year 2021-2022 Direct Charge Preparation proposal (approved at April 12, 2021 GGA Board meeting)
- Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Annual Audit
 - Completed remaining tasks related to the audit including distribution of hard copies and electronic version to member agencies and posting to [website](#)
- TNC/DWR Flood-MAR Multi-Benefit Recharge Project
 - Meeting with TNC and DWR staff
- Well Monitoring Pilot Program
 - CEQA Notice of Exemption filed

- Applications were due February 26, 2021
- 21 well applications received
- Ranking applications completed
- 3 sites selected in each GSA area for an initial site visit (list attached)
- Landowner agreements will be executed if appropriate after initial site visit
- Notifications were sent to all applicants
- Projects and Management Actions (PMA)
 - PMA Solicitation form available on the [website](#)
- Northern Sacramento Valley Inter-Basin Coordination
 - Met March 2, 2021 and April 26, 2021
 - Focus on framework and scope for long-term coordination and technical information sharing
 - Butte County hosting website for more information:
<https://www.buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management-Act/Inter-basin-Coordination>

Helpful Links:

- GGA website: <https://www.countyofglenn.net/dept/planning-community-development-services/water-resources/glenn-groundwater-authority>
- Colusa Subbasin SGMA Facebook: <facebook.com/ColusaSubbasin>
- Colusa Subbasin Twitter: <twitter.com/ColusaSubbasin>

Attachments:

- Golden State Risk Management Authority Training email (3/24/21)
- Golden State Risk Management Authority Training email (3/30/21)
- Golden State Risk Management Authority Training email (5/3/21)
- Assembly Bill 754 (downloaded May 8, 2021)
- Well Monitoring Pilot Program Round 1 Selection

Lisa Hunter

From: Brian Edinger <bedinger@gsrma.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Lisa Hunter
Subject: GSRMA Training tomorrow @10AM, Hiring the Right Manager

Good morning,

Tomorrow at 10:00AM via Zoom, we will be hosting attorney Karen O'Neil as she does a training on Hiring the Right Manager, While Following Applicable Laws. This session will cover general dos and don'ts of hiring, permissible job qualification requirements, job postings and interview questions, and more. We will not be recording this session so please do not miss it! [Please click here to register.](#)

Also, we have several other trainings planned for the coming weeks so please see below for our full lineup. We appreciate your continued participation in our training programs!

- [Customer Service for Public Entities, April 1st @10AM](#)
- [Safe Driving Practices, April 15th @10AM](#)
- [Heat Illness Prevention, May 6th @10AM](#)
- [Claims Trends for Public Entities, May 27th @10AM](#)

Regards,

Brian Edinger, Risk Control Advisor

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Lisa Hunter

From: Brian Edinger <bedinger@gsrma.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Lisa Hunter
Subject: Upcoming Training: Customer Service for Public Entities

Good morning,

Back by popular demand, we will be hosting our **Customer Service for Public Entities Training over Zoom**. This training features Bob Farrell and his famous, "Give 'em the Pickle" method of customer service. The training is a lot of fun we and we hope that you will join us. The training takes place **Thursday, April 1st @10AM**. [Please click here to register.](#)

Also, please be aware of some of our other trainings that are coming up, including Safe Driving Practices and Heat Illness Awareness.

As always, we appreciate your continued attendance at our trainings. Thank you for being valued members of GSRMA!

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Lisa Hunter

From: Brian Edinger <bedinger@gsrma.org>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 11:18 AM
To: Lisa Hunter
Subject: Upcoming GSRMA Training: Reimagining the Office

Good morning,

GSRMA is excited to announce we will be hosting a Zoom training: **“Reimagining the Office: Post Pandemic” on May 14th from 10AM-noon**. This training will cover situations surrounding returning to the office, transitioning away from an office, telework, and some of the challenging situations our members have been experiencing. Taught by Patricia Eyres, Managing Partner at Eyres Law Group, Patricia is a veteran litigator who now focuses solely on HR and Employment Practice Issues. Many of you may know her from our HR Hotline.

[Please click here to view our flyer](#) which contains the specific areas that will be covered and registration information. Feel free to share the flyer amongst staff within your agency who may find this training beneficial. If you just wish [to register, please click here](#).

We do hope to see you there live as it will give you a chance to ask specific questions as they pertain to your agency. Should you not be able to attend, we will be recording this and uploading to Vector Solutions (formerly known as Target Solutions).

Also, we will be hosting Heat Illness Awareness this Thursday @10AM, so make sure any of your employees who work in temperatures at or above 80 degrees Fahrenheit are in attendance. [Click here to register for Heat Illness Awareness](#).

We appreciate your continued support of our online trainings. Thank you for being valued members of GSRMA!

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 15, 2021

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 11, 2021

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 754

Introduced by Assembly Member Mathis
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Villapudua)

February 16, 2021

An act to amend Sections 10720.7 and 10735.2 of the Water Code, relating to groundwater.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 754, as amended, Mathis. Sustainable groundwater management: groundwater sustainability plan.

Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources that are designated as basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans by January 31, 2020, and requires all other groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans by January 31, 2022, except as specified. The act authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to designate a high- or medium-priority basin as a probationary basin if the basin is not entirely covered by an adopted groundwater sustainability plan or plans or a department-approved alternative by the applicable deadline. The act authorizes the board to adopt an interim plan for a probationary basin, as specified.

This bill would *authorize the department to extend the deadline for all a high- or medium-priority basins basin not subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated plans until January 31, 2023. by up to 180 days after January 31, 2022, upon request of a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency in the basin for an extension of a specified period of time. The bill would require a request to be submitted by January 3, 2022, and to be responded to by the department by January 10, 2022.* The bill would make conforming changes to the authority of the board to designate a high- or medium-priority basin as a probationary basin for the failure to manage a basin under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated ~~plan~~ plans by the applicable deadlines.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10720.7 of the Water Code is amended
 2 to read:
 3 10720.7. (a) (1) By January 31, 2020, all basins designated
 4 as high- or medium-priority basins by the department that have
 5 been designated in Bulletin 118, as it may be updated or revised
 6 on or before January 1, 2017, as basins that are subject to critical
 7 conditions of overdraft shall be managed under a groundwater
 8 sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans
 9 pursuant to this part.
 10 (2) (A) By January 31, ~~2023~~, 2022, all basins designated as
 11 high- or medium-priority basins by the department that are not
 12 subject to paragraph (1) shall be managed under a groundwater
 13 sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans
 14 pursuant to this part.
 15 (B) *The department may extend the deadline for a basin specified*
 16 *in subparagraph (A) by up to 180 days after January 31, 2022,*
 17 *upon request of a local agency or groundwater sustainability*
 18 *agency in the basin for an extension of a specified period of time,*
 19 *not to exceed 180 days. In order to be granted, a local agency or*
 20 *groundwater sustainability agency shall submit the request by*
 21 *January 3, 2022. The department shall, by January 10, 2022,*
 22 *respond to each request submitted by January 3, 2022, to confirm*
 23 *whether or not the extension has been granted in accordance with*

1 *the amount of time requested for that basin. The department shall*
2 *not grant an extension for a period of time other than in*
3 *accordance with the amount of time requested for the basin.*

4 (b) The Legislature encourages and authorizes basins designated
5 as low- and very low priority basins by the department to be
6 managed under groundwater sustainability plans pursuant to this
7 part. Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 10735) does not apply
8 to a basin designated as a low- or very low priority basin.

9 SEC. 2. Section 10735.2 of the Water Code is amended to read:

10 10735.2. (a) The board, after notice and a public hearing, may
11 designate a high- or medium-priority basin as a probationary basin,
12 if the board finds one or more of the following applies to the basin:

13 (1) After June 30, 2017, none of the following have occurred:

14 (A) A local agency has decided to become a groundwater
15 sustainability agency that intends to develop a groundwater
16 sustainability plan for the entire basin.

17 (B) A collection of local agencies has formed a groundwater
18 sustainability agency or prepared agreements to develop one or
19 more groundwater sustainability plans that will collectively serve
20 as a groundwater sustainability plan for the entire basin.

21 (C) A local agency has submitted an alternative that has been
22 approved or is pending approval pursuant to Section 10733.6. If
23 the department disapproves an alternative pursuant to Section
24 10733.6, the board shall not act under this paragraph until at least
25 180 days after the department disapproved the alternative.

26 (2) The basin is subject to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of
27 Section 10720.7, and after January 31, 2020, none of the following
28 have occurred:

29 (A) A groundwater sustainability agency has adopted a
30 groundwater sustainability plan for the entire basin.

31 (B) A collection of local agencies has adopted groundwater
32 sustainability plans that collectively serve as a groundwater
33 sustainability plan for the entire basin.

34 (C) The department has approved an alternative pursuant to
35 Section 10733.6.

36 (3) The basin is subject to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of
37 Section 10720.7 and after January 31, 2020, the department, in
38 consultation with the board, determines that a groundwater
39 sustainability plan is inadequate or that the groundwater

1 sustainability program is not being implemented in a manner that
2 will likely achieve the sustainability goal.

3 (4) The basin is subject to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of
4 Section 10720.7, and after January 31, ~~2023~~, 2022, or an extended
5 deadline granted pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2)
6 of subdivision (a) of Section 10720.7, none of the following have
7 occurred:

8 (A) A groundwater sustainability agency has adopted a
9 groundwater sustainability plan for the entire basin.

10 (B) A collection of local agencies has adopted groundwater
11 sustainability plans that collectively serve as a groundwater
12 sustainability plan for the entire basin.

13 (C) The department has approved an alternative pursuant to
14 Section 10733.6.

15 (5) The basin is subject to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of
16 Section 10720.7, and either of the following have occurred:

17 (A) After January 31, ~~2023~~, 2022, or an extended deadline
18 granted pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of
19 subdivision (a) of Section 10720.7, both of the following have
20 occurred:

21 (i) The department, in consultation with the board, determines
22 that a groundwater sustainability plan is inadequate or that the
23 groundwater sustainability plan is not being implemented in a
24 manner that will likely achieve the sustainability goal.

25 (ii) The board determines that the basin is in a condition of
26 long-term overdraft.

27 (B) After January 31, 2025, both of the following have occurred:

28 (i) The department, in consultation with the board, determines
29 that a groundwater sustainability plan is inadequate or that the
30 groundwater sustainability plan is not being implemented in a
31 manner that will likely achieve the sustainability goal.

32 (ii) The board determines that the basin is in a condition where
33 groundwater extractions result in significant depletions of
34 interconnected surface waters.

35 (b) In making the findings associated with paragraph (3) or (5)
36 of subdivision (a), the department and board may rely on periodic
37 assessments the department has prepared pursuant to Chapter 10
38 (commencing with Section 10733). The board may request that
39 the department conduct additional assessments utilizing the
40 regulations developed pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with

1 Section 10733) and make determinations pursuant to this section.
2 The board shall post on its internet website and provide at least 30
3 days for the public to comment on any determinations provided
4 by the department pursuant to this subdivision.

5 (c) (1) The determination may exclude a class or category of
6 extractions from the requirement for reporting pursuant to Part 5.2
7 (commencing with Section 5200) of Division 2 if those extractions
8 are subject to a local plan or program that adequately manages
9 groundwater within the portion of the basin to which that plan or
10 program applies, or if those extractions are likely to have a minimal
11 impact on basin withdrawals.

12 (2) The determination may require reporting of a class or
13 category of extractions that would otherwise be exempt from
14 reporting pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section
15 5202 if those extractions are likely to have a substantial impact on
16 basin withdrawals or requiring reporting of those extractions is
17 reasonably necessary to obtain information for purposes of this
18 chapter.

19 (3) The determination may establish requirements for
20 information required to be included in reports of groundwater
21 extraction, for installation of measuring devices, or for use of a
22 methodology, measuring device, or both, pursuant to Part 5.2
23 (commencing with Section 5200) of Division 2.

24 (4) The determination may modify the water year or reporting
25 date for a report of groundwater extraction pursuant to Section
26 5202.

27 (d) If the board finds that litigation challenging the formation
28 of a groundwater sustainability agency prevented its formation
29 before July 1, 2017, pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a)
30 or prevented a groundwater sustainability program from being
31 implemented in a manner likely to achieve the sustainability goal
32 pursuant to paragraph (2), (3), (4), or (5) of subdivision (a), the
33 board shall not designate a basin as a probationary basin for a
34 period of time equal to the delay caused by the litigation.

35 (e) The board shall exclude from probationary status any portion
36 of a basin for which a groundwater sustainability agency
37 demonstrates compliance with the sustainability goal.

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- 2 **REVISIONS:**
- 3 **Heading—Line 2.**
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Colusa Subbasin Well Monitoring Pilot Program Round 1

Date Received	Participant	City	County	Contact Name	Acreage Served by the Well
3/1/2021	White Road Farms		Colusa	Emily Reinhart	146
2/5/2021	Valley Home Inc.	Arbuckle	Colusa	Rod Bradford	105
2/26/2021	Bill Wallace Jr.	Colusa	Colusa	Bill Wallace Jr.	320
2/1/2021	Davis Ranches - Sycamore Mutual Water Company	Colusa	Colusa	Emily (James) Reinhart	5300 total
2/26/2021	County Line Farming Co., Inc.	Arbuckle	Colusa	Gerry Rominger	405
1/22/2021	Double A Walnuts	Colusa	Colusa	Alan Siegle	116
2/23/2001	Sachreiter Ranch, LLC	Arbuckle	Colusa	John Hamill	180
2/1/2021	Davis Ranches - Sycamore Mutual Water Company	Colusa	Colusa	Emily (James) Reinhart	5301 total
2/1/2021	Davis Ranches - Sycamore Mutual Water Company	Colusa	Colusa	Emily (James) Reinhart	5302 total
2/1/2021	Davis Ranches - Sycamore Mutual Water Company	Colusa	Colusa	Emily (James) Reinhart	5303 total
2/18/2021	Southam Joint Venture	Butte City	Glenn	Todd Southam	322
2/22/2021	Fatty Tail Farms	Riverbank	Glenn	John Campbell	195
2/22/2021	Orland Almonds LLC	Riverbank	Glenn	John Campbell	96.7
2/22/2021	Artois Almonds LLC	Riverbank	Glenn	John Campbell	96.5
2/22/2021	Borderline Farms LLC	Elk Creek	Glenn	Mike Landini	280
2/26/2021?	Richard Conte	Rd. S	Glenn	Richard Conte	27
3/1/2021 (postmark 2/25)	John & Danelle Grove	Orland	Glenn	Danelle Grove	14.5
2/22/2021	Borderline Farms LLC	Elk Creek	Glenn	Mike Landini	280
2/25/2021	Richard Conte	Rd. S	Glenn	Richard Conte	40
2/25/2021	Richard Conte	Rd. S	Glenn	Richard Conte	60
2/25/2021	Richard Conte	Rd. S	Glenn	Richard Conte	80

Deadline for application: 2/26/2021