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Memorandum

To: Colusa Groundwater Authority, Glenn Groundwater Authority
From: Davids Engineering
Date: March 11, 2022
Subject: **GSP Development Status Update—February 2022**

This memorandum provides a summary of activities related to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development Project for the Colusa Subbasin during the month of February 2022. In addition to activities occurring in February, related past and upcoming activities are discussed.

GSP Document Preparation and Adoption

The adopted GSP and all required supporting materials were submitted to DWR on January 28, 2022, before the January 31, 2022, deadline.

Public Outreach

In February, the Consultant Team and GSA staff prepared and distributed promotional materials advertising the second round solicitation for the Well Monitoring Pilot Program (described below). The Consultant Team and GSA staff also revised a press release to announce the successful adoption and submittal of the Colusa Subbasin GSP, which is anticipated to be released in March 2022.

Funding and Financing Planning

In February, the Consultant Team worked to develop a presentation for the CGA and GGA Boards to prompt discussion of funding and financing planning for GSP implementation. The presentation is intended to provide an overview of GSP costs, the finance plan development process, and various options and examples that the GSAs may consider for assigning costs. The presentation to the GSA Boards is planned for a Joint Board meeting on March 10, 2022.

Well Monitoring Pilot Program

In February, the Consultant Team and GSA staff resumed plans for expansion of the Well Monitoring Pilot Program (WMPP). New applicants and new sites were solicited by email and social media beginning February 24. The deadline to submit applications is March 10, 2022. The WMPP expansion is expected be funded through an amendment to the grant that has supported other GSP development work. A response to the grant amendment request is anticipated in March 2022, after which selected sites would be enrolled in the program and monitoring equipment would be procured and installed prior to the conclusion of the grant period.

Data Management System

In February, the Consultant Team and GSA staff resumed discussions of the draft task outline for the recommended DMS work and discussed synergies with the Annual Report work. The Consultant Team continued updating the existing DMS to support the Annual Report work.

Annual Report

Work on the Annual Report continued in February 2022. The Consultant Team continued collecting and processing data to describe water supply, water use, and groundwater conditions in the Colusa Subbasin since the end of the GSP historical water budget period (2015) through the previous water year (2021). The Consultant Team also continued soliciting information from proponents about projects and management actions that have progressed since GSP development.

In December 2021, GSA staff submitted a grant amendment request that, among other changes, would allocate funding for the Annual Report. A response to the grant amendment request is anticipated in March 2022.