

SGMA Meeting 9/30/16  
GSA GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE NOTES

**Introduction**

The purpose of this meeting was to begin a conversation within the Subcommittee about how governance in one or more Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) would function. By beginning discussion at the Subcommittee level, ideas can become more concise and formulated before being brought to the larger GSA audience at the October 12 Glenn County GSA meeting.

**Attendees**

Sharon Ellis	Private Pumper
Marcie Skelton	Glenn County Agriculture Commissioner
Kevin Backus	Glenn County Environmental Health Department
Mardy Thomas	Glenn County Planning and Public Works
Kandi Manhart	Glenn County Resource Conservation District
Anjanette Shadley	Western Canal Water District
Bill Vanderwaal	GGWD
Lisa Hunter	Glenn County Water Resources Coordinator
Emil Cavagnolo	Orland-Artois Water District
Patrick Wickham	Glenn County
Peter Carr	City of Orland – City Manager
Dave Ceppos	Center for Collaborative Policy (facilitator)

**Discussion**

In this meeting, various topics were discussed to begin determining how future GSA governance might be created. Major outcomes of this discussion are summarized in Table 1 at the end of this document.

The attendees focused on current Common Principles that the larger Governance Workgroup has discussed and generally supported, and a prior presentation given to the Workgroup about potential GSA roles and responsibilities.

Using this information, the attendees discussed each category of responsibilities and whether it was something that should be best addressed by an individual eligible GSA, or whether it is a responsibility that might be better shared by an overarching agency or similar.

The purpose of the discussion was to see what range of responsibilities are best delegated to the most local level possible and whether there is merit for some responsibilities to be handled by an overarching entity. Figure 1 (along with Table 1) presents the range of responsibilities that are shared and those that are believed to be addressed at a more overarching level. The Subcommittee noted that there is overlap and that in many cases, a specific responsibility needs to be addressed at various scales. Figure 2 presents a hypothetical governance diagram reflecting the responsibilities carried out at various scales.

Table 1.

<b>SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	<b>SEPARATE RESPONSIBILITIES</b>
Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement at Subbasin Level	
Compliance (at times)	Compliance (At times)
Funding (baseline costs) Information Sharing/Reporting	Funding (Localized Costs) Information Sharing/Reporting (Depending on Area)
Manage and Enforce Groundwater Extraction (Dispute Resolution)	Manage Groundwater Extraction (local extraction)
Property Acquisition and Management	Property Acquisition and Management
Enforcement (County-scale) Coordination	Enforcement (local agency)
Technical Data Analysis and Management Governance	Technical Data Analysis and Management Governance

**Major Meeting Outcomes:**

- **LOCAL AUTONOMY OF A FEW CRITICAL ISSUES KEY TO A JURISTITION,  
BUT STILL MEET SUSTAINABILITY GOALS**
- **MAINTAIN EQUITABLE COSTS AS A BASELINE**
- **USE COUNTY ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES WHEN REQUESTED**
- **LOOK TO IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM BYLAWS FOR  
EXAMPLES**

Figure 1.

## GSA RESPONSIBILITIES:

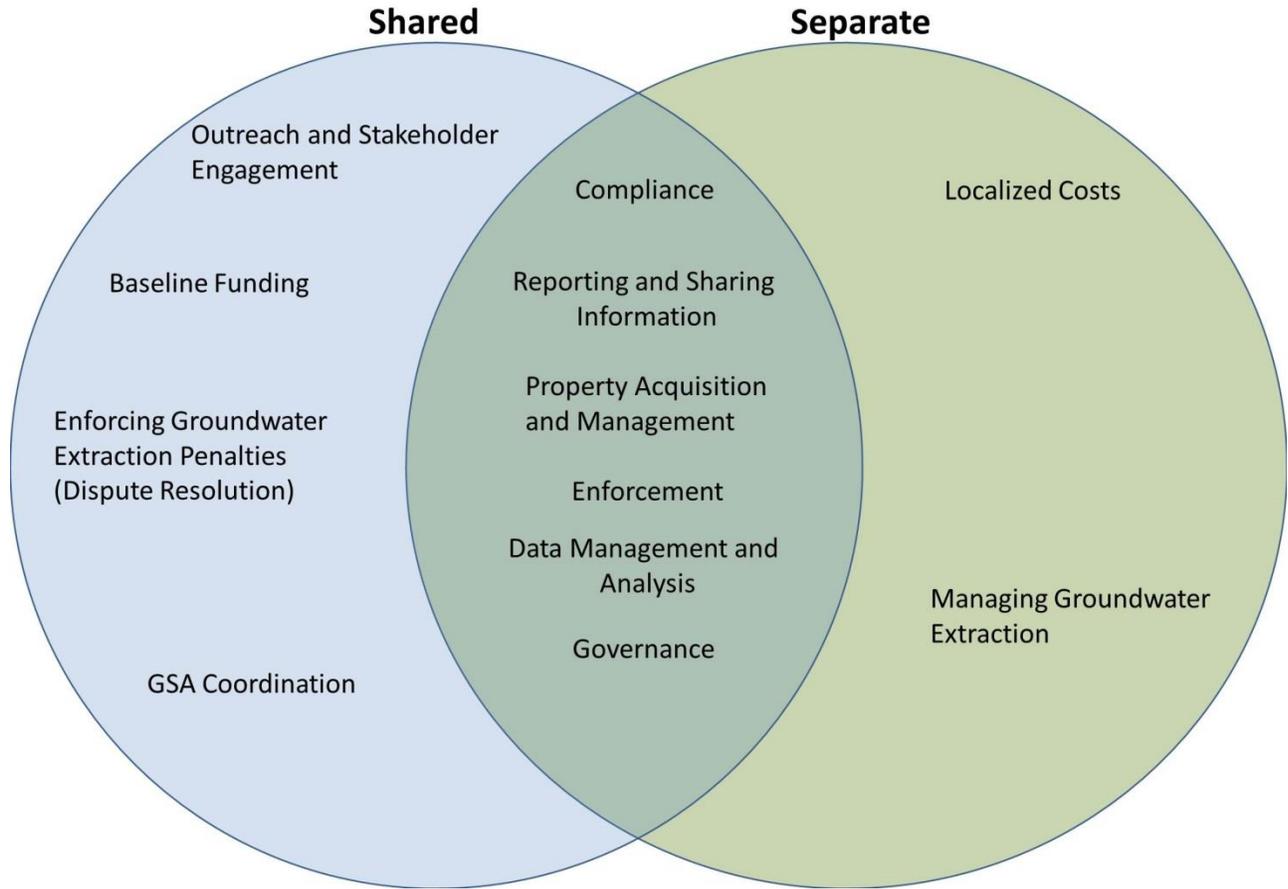


Figure 2: Example Glenn SGMA Governance Diagram

