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Decisions

- Ground Rules
- Membership
- Meeting Dates and Times
- Public Participation
- Technical Advice

Ground Rules

- State views and ask genuine questions.
- Share all relevant information.
- Use specific examples and agree on what important words mean.
- Explain reasoning and intent.
- Focus on interests, not positions.
- Test assumptions and inferences.
- Jointly design next steps.
- Discuss undiscussable issues.

Meeting Dates and Times

- What is the best “standing” day and time for this group to meet.
- We can work on it now, or we can poll the entire group offline
- Thursdays are tough for the GSA

Public Participation

- How and when?
 - GSA highly values transparency and participation
- GSA Board has directed eventual public participation
- Not a Brown Act Meeting
- Recording of meetings
- Documents posted
- Communication

Technical Advisory Subcommittee?

- How would we like to proceed with technical input and oversight?
- Could form Committee
 - Many of us have Hydrologist on contract
- Could use GSA Hydrologist (Montgomery and Associates)
- Any variation that works

Scope of Work – 3 Areas

- Science
- CSIP
- Funding
 - Grants
 - Permit Fees
 - Regulatory Fees

Organizing to implement

- How do we organize ourselves to do the work?
 - Subcommittees or individuals take on task?
- How do we gather information on what is already happening?
- How do we communicate?
- How do we receive the information we need?
- How do we decide?
- How do we agree or disagree?



Ordinance Update Working Group



Background

- May - Board of Supervisors presented with two emergency ordinances to consider regarding the updated Seawater Intrusion Recommendations
 - One with replacement wells one without
- Emergency Ordinance requires 4/5 vote which was not reached
- Existing Ordinance expired defaulted to General Plan
 - Allows replacement wells
- CAO directed to form working group to advise him

Current Regulation

- General Plan language which reads:

PS-3.5 of the 2010 Monterey County General Plan which provides

The Monterey County Health Department shall not allow construction of any new wells in known areas of saltwater intrusion as identified by Monterey County Water Resources Agency or other applicable water management agencies:

a. Until such time as a program has been approved and funded that will minimize or avoid expansion of salt water intrusion into useable groundwater supplies in that area; or

b. Unless approved by the applicable water resource agency.

This policy shall not apply to deepening or replacement of existing wells, or wells used in conjunction with a desalination project.

Working Group

- Farm Bureau Representative
- Grower Shippers Representative
- GSA Staff (3)
- Water Resources Staff (3)
- Environmental Health Staff (3)

Process

- Working Group evaluates and makes recommendations
- Stakeholder Engagement to evaluate recommendations
 - Agricultural Stakeholder Forum
 - Public Stakeholder Forum
- Forum input evaluated and included in recommendations
- Final recommendation to combined stakeholder forum
- Recommendations to CAO
- Return to Board with Ordinance late summer early fall

Questions and Comments

Next Steps

- Next Meeting
- Receive report from Water Resources Agency
 - CSIP Actions
 - Well Destruction
- Homework –Develop Scope- Return with ideas
 - Development of Science
 - How to develop TAC
 - Funding for Science

How was this Meeting?
Everyone Speak