



# Seawater Intrusion Working Group (SWIG)

# Agenda-Second Formation Meeting

- Welcome and introductions
- Purpose of SWIG
- Decisions
  - Ground Rules - revisit
  - Membership -revisit
  - Meeting Dates and Times- clarify confirm
  - Public Participation – Discussion
- Process Design
  - Making Decisions - Content
    - Proposed Internal Decision-Making Tool
    - Draft Flowchart of external Decision Making.
- Scope of Work
  - Constitute TAC
  - CSIP – Presentations forthcoming
  - Funding Updates
    - Grants
    - Permit Fees
    - Regulatory Fees
- Update on County Well Moratorium
- Summary and Conclusions
- Next Steps

# Introductions

- Who are you?
  - Who do you represent?
  - What stands out for you from our first meeting?

# Caveats

- This meeting is “foundational” and may be different than you expect
  - This process is designed to build a network that grows, changes and lasts
- Everything offered today is based on my experience with working with large groups of differing interests with the same desired outcomes
  - SVBGSA designed from ground up
  - Changed expectations of how we can work together on critical issues
- Discovery is everything
- We do this together
- My greatest desire is that we learn to overcome the histories that bind us

# Purpose of SWIG

- 9.3.7.2 Expected benefits and evaluation of benefits
- The primary benefit from this seawater intrusion working group is to pull together the best available science, data, and understanding of local seawater intrusion causes and potential resolutions. The outcome of this working group is an agreed-to approach for managing seawater intrusion.

# Formation Dialogues

- Membership
  - Who is not here that needs to be here?
- Scope of Work
  - What are the specific areas of study
- How do we decide?
  - Agreement on recommendations and work product
- Who will make final decisions?
  - Which boards? Which Agencies?
- Ground Rules for meetings
  - Behaviors, attendance, time dates etc.

# Decisions

- Ground Rules - revisit
- Membership -revisit
- Meeting Dates and Times- clarify confirm
- Public Participation – Discussion

## Agreement on Ground Rules as good starting point

- 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.



# Membership

- Do we have the right people at the table?
  - Open for discussion
    - Any must haves that are not present?

## Meeting Dates and Times

- Fourth Monday
- 9:00 AM
- 2 hours

# 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
- Shift from formation to content and action
  - August?

Agree that science and data (not politics) must be drivers

Develop a clear understanding of how SWI works

Reverse or halt SWI

Understand the importance of CSIP

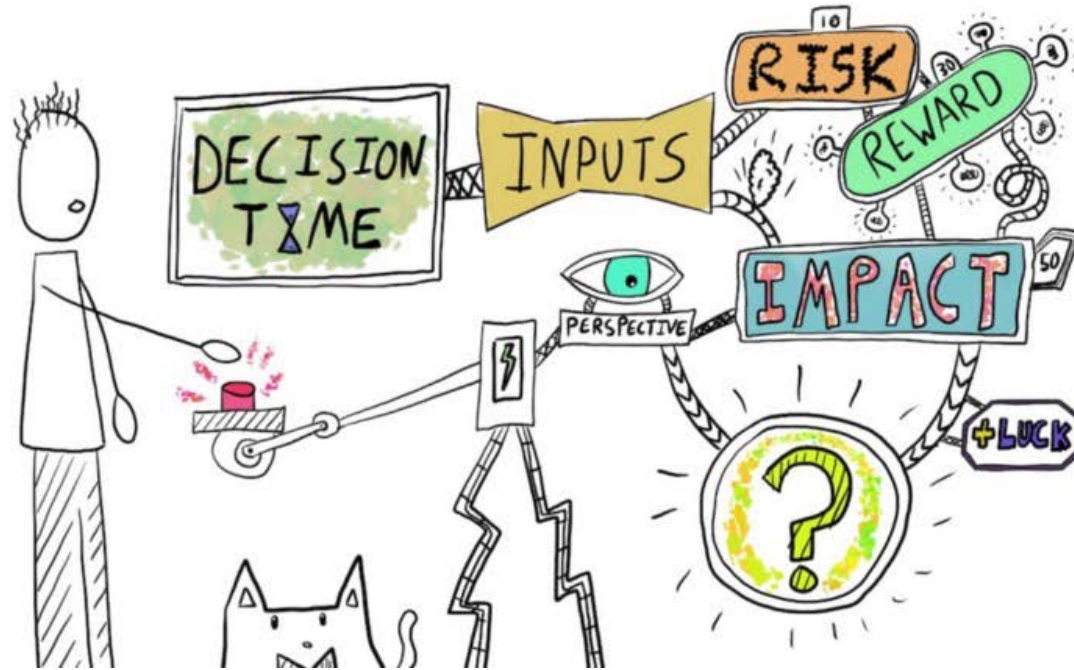
Listen ,learn and collaborate to understand what is at risk and what is to gain for everyone

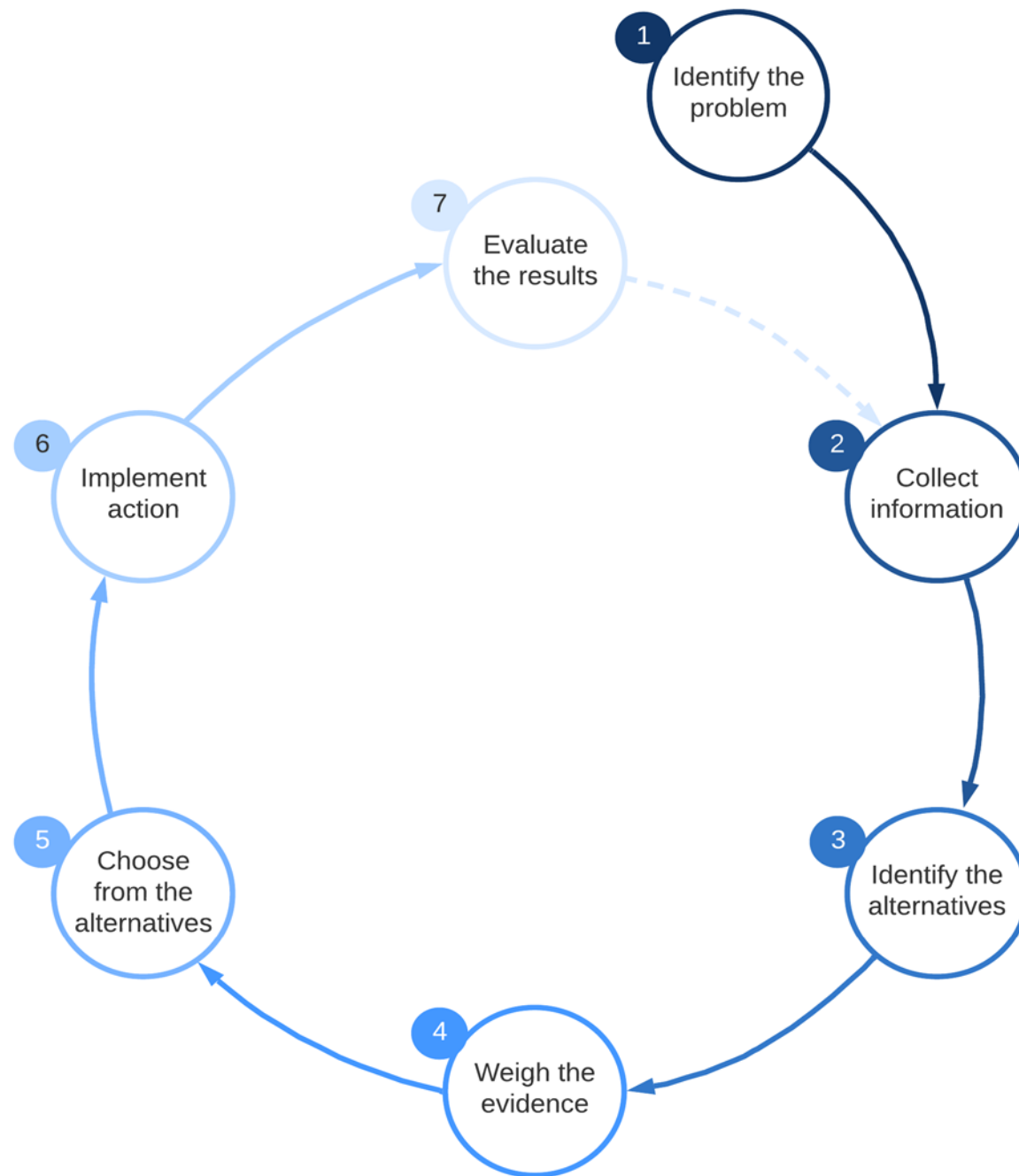
Give and take

## Survey Summary

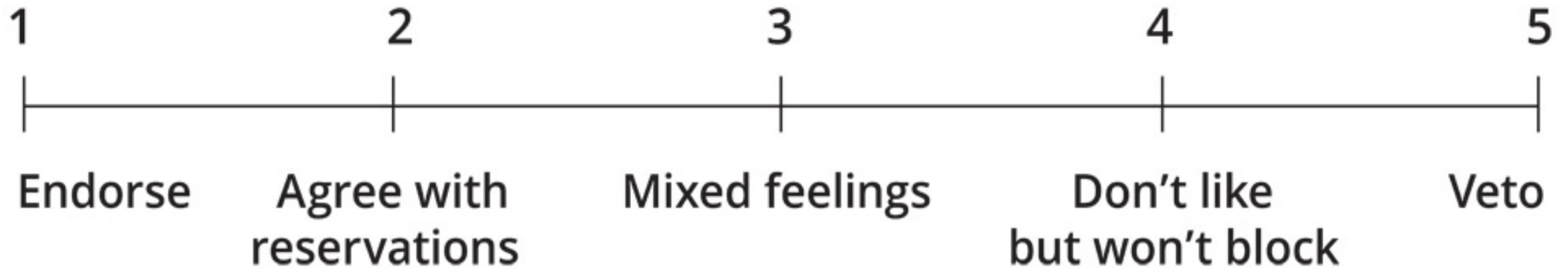
From formation survey conducted in May/June 2020 with SWIG participants

# Process Design - Decision Making



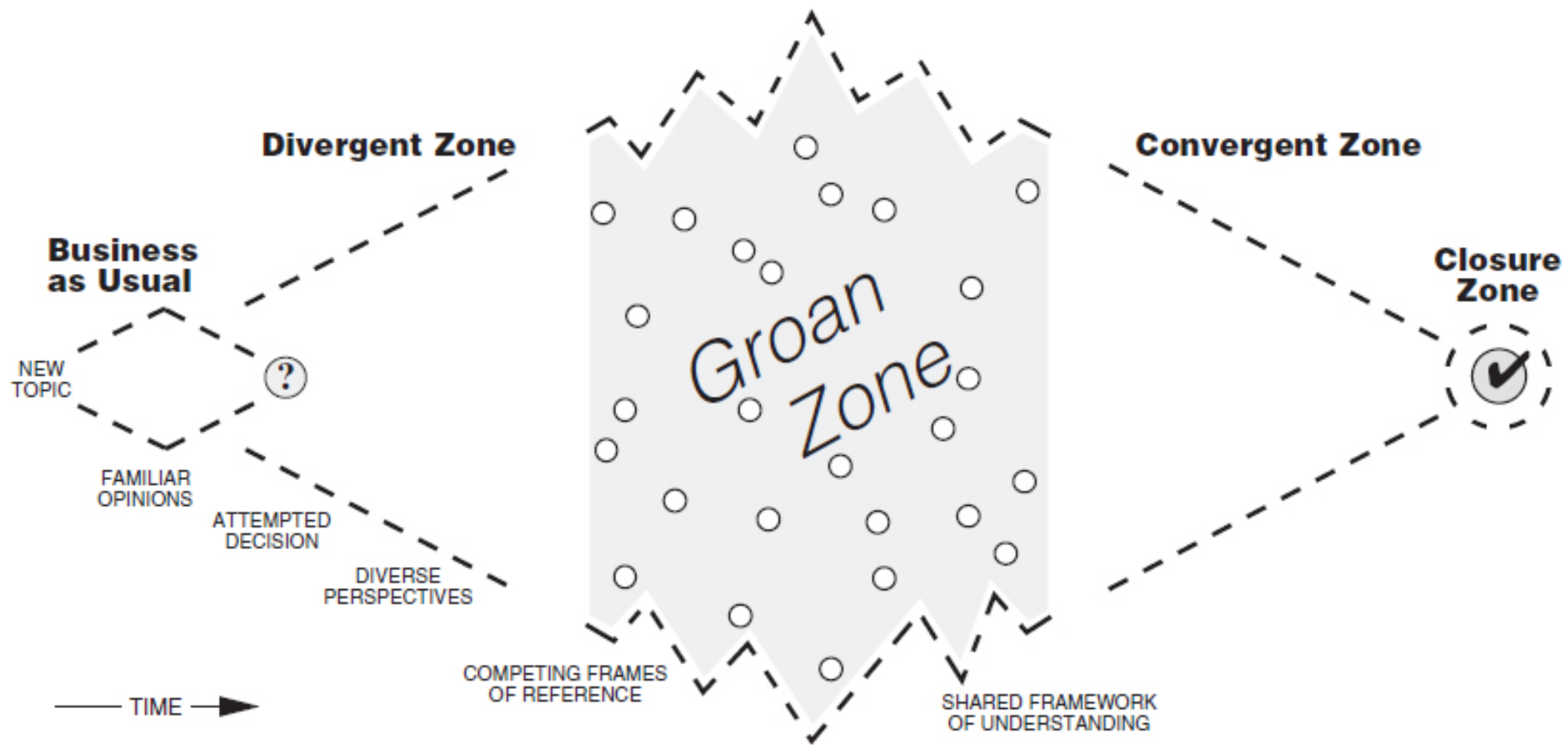


# Gradients of Agreement



Facilitator's Guide to participatory Decision-Making, Sam Kaner

# LIFE IN THE GROAN ZONE



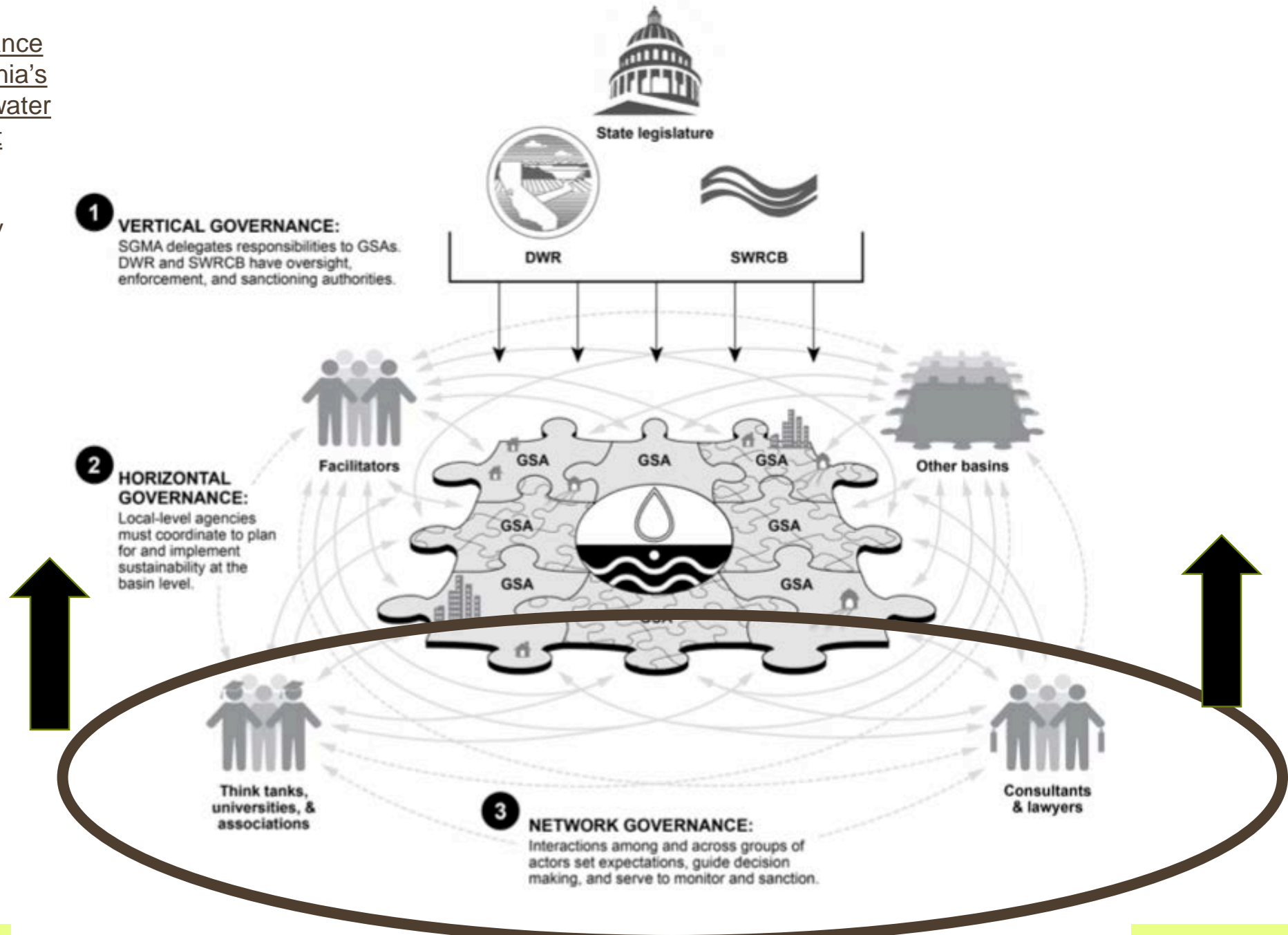


## Definitions

- **Definition of *working group*** : a group of people who investigate a particular problem and suggest ways of dealing with it
- **Definition of *Network Governance***: " coordination that is characterized by organic or informal social systems, in contrast to bureaucratic structures within agencies and organizations and formal relationships between them.[\[1\]](#)

Concurrent Governance  
Processes of California's  
Sustainable Groundwater  
Management Act

Anita Milman  
and  
Michael Kiparsky



## Involved Agencies with Decision Making Power

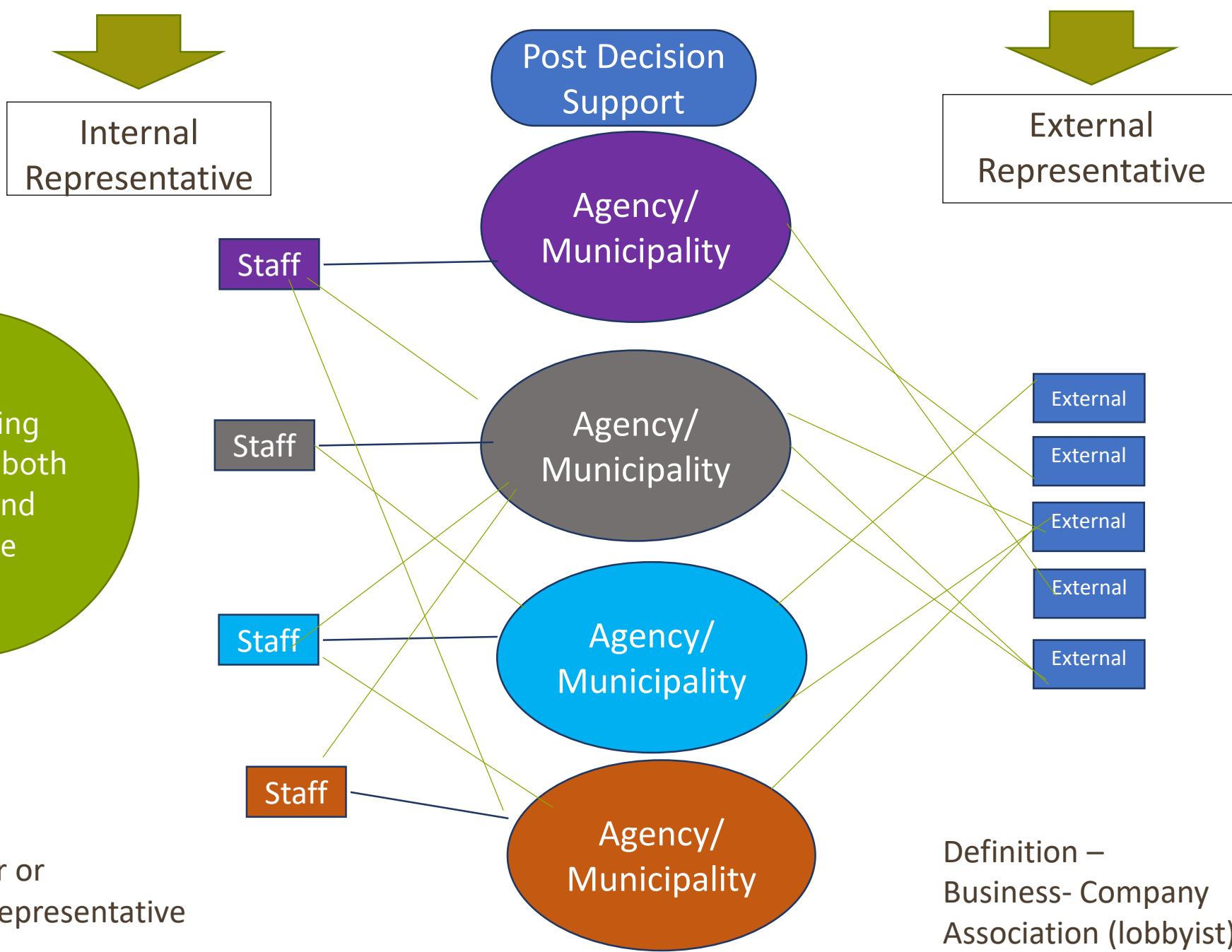
- Castroville CSA (DAC)
- Monterey One Water
- City of Salinas
- City of Marina
- County of Monterey
  - Environmental Health
- Monterey County Water Resources Agency
- Marina Coast Water District
- SVBGSA

# Impacted Stakeholders of Interest

- Growers
- Business
- Citizens
- All well owners
  - Domestic
  - Ag
- Property Owners
- Employers
- Employees

# Post Decision Agency/ Municipality Support Development

- Requested flow chart
- Which may not be the kind of flow chart you expect
- But it is very important
- Developmental
- Inside and Outside understanding of political and policy influence



Definition –  
Staff Member or  
Designated Representative

Definition –  
Business- Company  
Association (lobbyist)



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## Scope of Work – 3 Areas

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

# Next Steps and Homework (From Last Meeting)

- 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

# Technical Advisory Subcommittee

- GSA Proposal
- Derrik Williams of Hydrometrics will head up the group
  - Liaison to GSA Board
- Each Agency or organization can propose a hydrologist to represent their interest
  - Currently each agency or organization would have to fund their own.
- Qualified members of this group welcome to participate
- First task is to develop Scope of work for Deep Aquifer RFP
  - Currently not clear on which agency would manage RFP and Contract for work or how it will be paid for

# Process for Forming TAC

- Decide on who you want
  - Individually reach out to them to get their agreement
- Have your representative contact me
- We will organize Doodle to Set Meeting
- We will organize Zoom Meeting
- Alternative if you are in the SWIG and are qualified to participate just let me know.
  - Qualified equals hydrology or other science background that allows for informed contribution

# CSIP Presentation

- Next meeting – if Public
- Joint presentation
  - Water Resources Agency on infrastructure and need for improvements
  - Monterey One Water on Operations and source supply.
- WRA on Well Destruction Progress

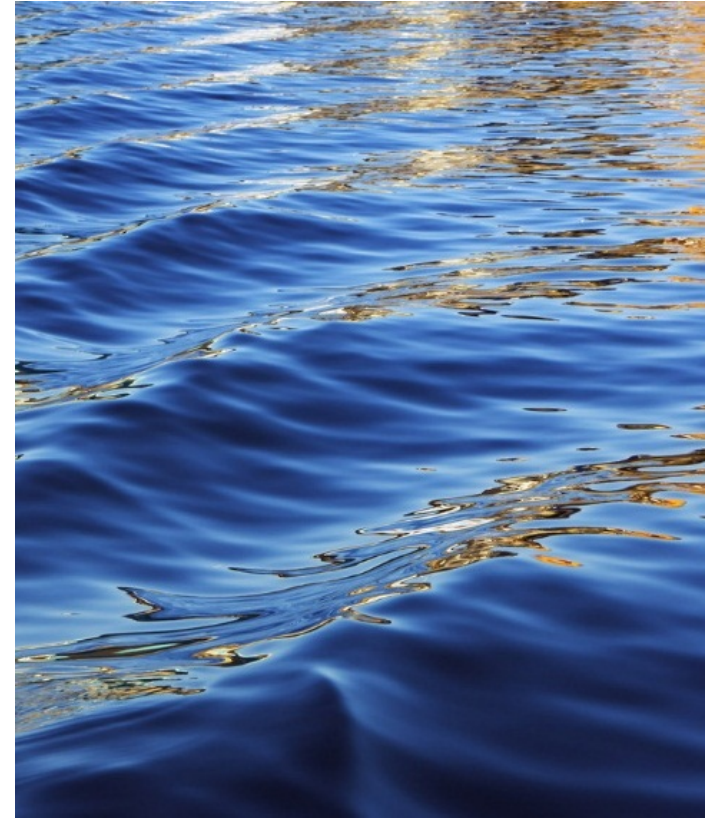
# Funding

- Both GSA and WRA aggressively pursuing grant funding for development of science
- Other options are being considered
  - Regulatory Fee
  - Permit Fees
- Funding from State Budget unsettled

# Questions and Comments



# 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

## Status

- Working on differences in replacement well language
- Preparing to format options to present in Forums
- Expected first two Forums by end of August
  - Ag Interests
  - Public Interests.

# Next Steps and Homework

- Next Meeting – August 24th
- Receive report from Water Resources Agency
  - CSIP Actions
  - Well Destruction
- Homework – Keep Thinking All Ideas are welcome

How was this Meeting?  
Everyone Speak