

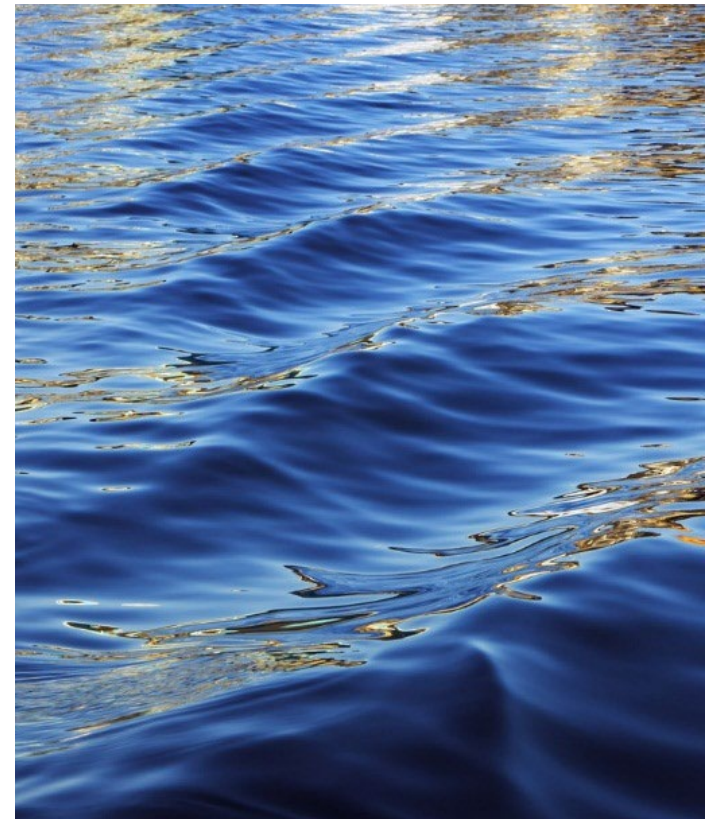


SVBGSA Budget and Finance Committee

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Salinas Valley Basin
Groundwater Sustainability Agency



How is SVBGSA Changing?

GSA is transitioning to compliance and project development phase

Compliance requires annual reporting and filling data gaps – investing in science still needed

Project development includes engineering feasibility and stakeholder engagement

Our budget has to be predictable for priorities moving forward and also maintain all compliance requirements

Grants will not pay for agency administration in most cases

Importance of being seen as a GSA that is getting things done

Budget Preview – Ideas to Discuss



WHO PAYS – ALL
SUBBASINS OR SUBBASIN
BY SUBBASIN?



HOW DO WE DEVELOP
PROJECTS IN A TIMELY WAY
TO IMPLEMENT?



STAKEHOLDER
ENGAGEMENT IS
IMPORTANT AND
REQUIRED IN SGMA



FEE SCHEDULE-
DETERMINATION OF WHEN
AND HOW FEE WILL BE
CHANGED



BENEFITS OF ACTIONS AND
PROJECTS – HOW TO
DETERMINE/BUILD INTO
EACH PROJECT?



STAKEHOLDERS DO NOT
WANT TO DOUBLE PAY –
COORDINATION KEY

Four Cost Areas to Consider – “Work Areas”



Annual Compliance Reporting and Data Expansion



Planning and Project Integration



Engineering and Project Development



Funding Development and Financial Planning

Annual Compliance and Data Expansion



Projected to be \$4M over five years



4 priority subbasins for years 1-3



Critical for getting to appropriate projects and/or management actions



Best planned in 5-year increments to align with 5-year GSP updates

Planning and Project Integration



Integrated vision is critical



Requires stakeholder involvement



Assists with longer term road map to sustainability



Assists with questions of basinwide benefits and helps define these

Engineering and Project Development



GSA should lead in feasibility phase



Partners will include MCWRA, other agencies, and nonprofit partners



Understand and convey project benefits clearly and update broader community



Advocate role for projects - funding

Funding Development and Financial Planning



Timelines in SGMA are real – we must get to sustainability – a project will take ten years to complete



Transparency is important



State investments need to be strategically programmed -



Fee schedule is predictable and transparent

Key Direction Needed for Budget Development

5-year work plan periods with 2-year work plans for budgeting

Annual fee adjustment?
2-year fee schedule?
5-year fee schedule?

Agency administration shouldn't be expected to be offset by grants – fee should support administration

Budget will include Administration and then costs for each Work Area – fee should track to outcomes

Key Reminders about Agency


Small staff with expertise in charting course to sustainability



Supported by RGS Administrative Services and expertise



Must rely on partner agencies that own and operate water resource infrastructure and that will also do capital improvements



Duplicity of efforts is important to avoid and partnership MOUs will be a key tool to provide clarity for staff priorities and funding roles



Questions?

