

Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin

Demand Management Stakeholder Assessment - Preliminary Outcomes

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Presentation Outline

- **Participants**
- **Process**
- **Preliminary Findings and Recommendations**
- **Next Steps**

Assessment Participants (25)

Luis	Alejo	Monterey County Board of Supervisor, District 1
Horacio	Amezquita	San Jerardo Cooperative (formerly)
Beverly	Bean	League of Women Voters of Monterey County
Patrick	Breen	Marina Coast Water District
Brent	Buche	Monterey County Water Resources Agency
Christopher	Bunn	General Farm Investment Co
Grant	Cremers	Delicato Family Vineyards
Michael	DeLapa	LandWatch
John	Farrow	M. R. Wolfe & Associates, P.C.
Brian	Frus	City of Salinas
Emily	Gardner	SVBGSA
Norm	Groot	Monterey County Farm Bureau
Sarah	Hardgrave	Monterey County Board of Supervisors, Chief of Staff, District 5
Steve	McIntyre	Monterey Pacific/McIntyre Vineyards
Shaunna	Murray	Monterey County Water Resources Agency
Donna	Meyers	SVBGSA
Martin	Orradre	Ramco Enterprises LP
Remleh	Scherzinger	Marina Coast Water District
Matthew	Simis	Tanimura & Antle Inc
Jason	Smith	Valley Farm Management
Chelsea	Tu	Monterey Waterkeeper
Eric	Tynan	Castroville Community Services District
Tom	Ward	LandWatch
Curtis	Weeks	Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Amy	Woodrow	Monterey County Water Resources Agency

Assessment Process

- Standard set of questions
- Standard introduction and process description
- Approximately 1 hour long interviews
- Some interviews required brief follow up if they exceeded 1 hour.

Assessment Findings

Significant awareness and concern about:

- General groundwater sustainability conditions and SGMA requirements
- Geopolitical challenges between various areas in the Basin
- Future costs for MCWRA reservoir infrastructure improvements
- Future costs of SGMA projects and management actions

Assessment Findings

Significant awareness and concern about:

- Potential litigious behavior of a small but influential cross section of Basin stakeholders
- How ongoing and future data collection and development will be used to reconcile and/or exacerbate recent and historic challenges
- Implications of creating and implementing a formal Demand Management Policy
- Diversity and inclusivity of GSA decision-making

Assessment Findings

Confidence in:

- Basin stakeholders' ability to problem solve
- State (DWR and SWRCB) plan to allow SGMA problem solving to extend for 20+ years
- Need for / viability of Demand Management Measures (DMM)

Assessment Findings

Uncertainty about:

- DMM options, impacts and costs
- Geographic scale of DMM planning, decision-making and implementation
- Stakeholder willingness to engage in a DMM process

Recommendations

- Do NOT pursue a DMM Policy
- Launch a broadly accessible, stakeholder-based DMM Dialogue Process
- Use necessary DWR Grant and physical conditions in the 180/400 as a pilot process for how to conduct a Basin-wide DMM Dialogue Process

Board Executive Committee Input

- General support for preliminary outcomes but concern about representation:
 - Geographic
 - SocioEconomic
- Recommended Sacramento State to interview additional parties with a particular focus on South County and disadvantaged community representation.

Next Steps

- Sacramento State intended to complete and release Assessment Report

THANK YOU

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