

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee

April 15, 2021

Agenda Item F

Funding for GSP Implementation

Considerations for Funding GSP Implementation

- What is being funded
- How is it being funded
- How is the funding being split

Considerations for Funding GSP Implementation

What is Being Funded

Example GSP Implementation Cost Categories

Cost Category	Types of Costs
Regulatory Requirements	Groundwater Monitoring
	Annual Reporting
	GSP Updates
	Data Management System
Program Management and Administrative Expenses	Coordination
	Public Outreach
	Administrative Expenses
Professional Services	Technical services, legal services, grant writing services, financial services, etc
Projects and Management Actions	Planning, design, and operation of projects and any costs associated with management actions



Considerations for Funding GSP Implementation

How is It Being Funded

Example GSP Implementation Funding Mechanisms

Assistance programs	FSS
	TSS
Fees	Fees
	Groundwater extraction fees
	Assessments
General funds	General funds
Grant funding	State and federal grants
Taxes	General taxes
	Special taxes

Considerations for Funding GSP Implementation

How are the Costs Going to Be Split

Example Cost Allocation Methodologies

- Equal share
- Minimum fee
- Proportionate
 - Acreage
 - Groundwater pumping
 - Population

Discussion Questions

- How should the costs for GSP implementation be categorized? Which costs should be included in each category?
- Should funding mechanisms to cover GSP implementation costs be levied at GSA-level or subbasin-level?
- If mechanisms are levied at a subbasin-level, what type of legal or governance framework should be formed to collect and manage the funds?

Discussion Questions

- Which GSP funding mechanisms should the GSAs consider to fund GSP implementation?
- How should the costs for GSP implementation be allocated among the GSAs?



Agenda Item G

Governance Framework for GSP Implementation



Example of Governance Frameworks

- Memorandum of agreement (*Current framework*)
- Memorandum of understanding
- Joint Powers Authority
- Special district
- Special coordination agreement

Considerations for GSP Implementation Governance

- Staffing
 - GSA/member agency staff vs consultants
 - GSA manager or coordinator role
- Administration of funds
- Decision-making process
- Public outreach
- Consequences for non-compliance

Discussion Questions

- What should be included in the new governance agreement?
- Which type of governance agreement(s) should the GSAs consider or execute to manage GSA activities and funding?
- Who is going to be the lead agency/administrator during GSP implementation?
- How are GSP implementation activities going to be staffed?

Discussion Questions

- What should be the decision-making process?
- What should be the consequences if a GSA fails to manage its area sustainably?