

San Mateo Plain Groundwater Basin Assessment Stakeholder Workshop #9

STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSION TOPIC 1: Project Process

Think about the process applied for this Project, including Project phasing, stakeholder meetings and other outreach, communications from the County, data and information sharing, etc. Please focus on the non-technical aspects of the Project.

What did you like and/or find most helpful about the process aspects of the Project?

Group A

- Website helps when you can't attend all meetings
- Regular meetings with good representation of agencies
- Brought together multiple agencies and stakeholders who may not have agreed/engaged with each other otherwise
- Good set up to start the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) process
- Building stakeholder input into the decision process, e.g. modelling scenarios
- Healthy snacks!
- Inclusive of all stakeholders, including neighboring basins

Group B

- Openness/Transparency
- Collaboration
- Information sharing
- Clear presentations
- Charles did a great job communicating and sharing
- [Having many workshops was] good for engagement

Group C

- Great project outreach
- Effort to solicit feedback/concerns was helpful
- Inclusion of neighboring basins
- Data sharing
- Agency to agency/Entity meetings
- Good parking at venues
- Modeling followed the work

Group D

- Good to have all information on website (but possibly too much)
- It's been good to get such a large/diverse set of stakeholders talking about this (e.g. sets up well for future SGMA)
- County did good job in overall coordination

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What about the Project process can be improved for future multi-agency stakeholder projects in the County?

Group A

- No snacks at 9th meeting. No other identified criticisms.

Group B

- Too many workshops (maybe a couple less)
- Recording presentations an option?

Group C

- Make sure there is support at higher political levels

Group D

- Reports are maybe too large (e.g. 11x17 pages)

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STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSION TOPIC 2: Groundwater Basin Assessment Report

Think about the technical analyses and conclusions in the Draft San Mateo Plain Groundwater Basin Assessment Report. Provide any feedback or comments you have on the report or the work done.¹

1.0 Introduction	2.0 Basin Overview	3.0 Stakeholder Engagement	4.0 Review and Compilation of Available Data	5.0 Basin Water Quality Evaluation	6.0 Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model
7.0 Basin Water Balance	8.0 SMP Groundwater Flow Model (SMPGWM)	9.0 Evaluation of Risk of Potential Undesirable Results	10.0 Initial Evaluation of Basin Management Options	11.0 Scenario Evaluations Using the SMPGWM	12.0 Conclusion

Technical Feedback & Comments on the Groundwater Basin Assessment Report

Group A

- Clarify bay wetlands drain/Evapotranspiration (Et) representation
 - Sections G-8
- Model – how does it work with Westside Basin and the other regional models? Implications for future model use/development?
- Location of indirect potable reuse (IPR) injection wells vs. extraction wells in model scenario → should they be closer to each other?

Group B

- Climate change scenarios – look more at potential range of conditions
- More concrete discussion of potential projects to improve recharge (RW, ASR)
- UR (more information) – stream/aquifer interconnection

Group C

- Relate model layers to geology better → figure/cross-section
- Recharge model – code documentation?
 - provide more information e.g. timestep?
- How was Bay exactly handled? e.g., constant head boundary?
- Maybe do a peer review of model?
- To improve model – what should be priority in terms of data gap filling (Chapter 4)

Group D

- Table 11-2
 - Concern about inflows/outflows in southern part of subbasin between historical and “Baseline” (Scenario 1)
- Sea level rise magnitude – too low?

¹ Written comments on the Draft San Mateo Plain Groundwater Basin Assessment Report can be sent to cice@smcgov.org.

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STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSION TOPIC 3: Next Steps

Now that this project is concluding, what do you think the next steps should be for the Basin and its stakeholders? For each suggested action, please indicate when it should be taken and what priority it should be given.

What are the next steps for the Basin and its stakeholders? When do you think each of these actions should be taken and how highly should they be prioritized?

Group A

- East Bay Plain GSP development → Inter-Basin Working Group (IWG)
- (Palo Alto) Northwest Santa Clara County groundwater/recycled water strategic plan (Todd GW with Woodard & Curran)
- South Westside Basin Operating Committee → may work on GSP, pending SGMA decision & opportunity to coordinate
- North Westside Basin will do a GSP (San Francisco) → opportunity to coordinate
- Track future groundwater supply development, e.g. East Palo Alto and Palo Alto efforts and other new well construction permits
- Update study as green infrastructure is developed (5-10 years later)

Group B

1. GSP (w/ or w/o SGMA) – Dec, 1 2018?
2. CASGEM – continue effort – Dec, 1 2018?
3. More climate variability [higher sea level rise (SLR)/storms] – Dec, 1 2018?
3. Stream-aquifer interactions – Dec, 1 2018?
4. Concrete projects (RW/ASR) – Dec, 1 2018?
4. Water demand projections (groundwater) from a regional perspective (South Bay Area) – Dec, 1 2018?

Group C

- Get clarity on SGMA ranking
- SGMA milestones – where are we and what do we need to do by when
- Push for 5-yr GSP timeframe
- Water that is pumped goes somewhere else → what impact is that for ecosystems? Model could be used to better analyze that
- Scale issue → ecosystem is at a small scale; this model may not be sufficient to do analysis; may need refined modeling → SGMA requires more focus on Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs)
- When is there going to be a groundwater management agency to monitor and manage?

Group D

- Maybe more presentations to entities that may request it
- SGMA...
 - Will need to figure out GSA formation



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