

**Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Standing Advisory Committee**

**Roberta Jaffe (Chair)**  
**Brad DeBranch**  
**Jake Furstenfeld**  
**Joe Haslett**

**Brenton Kelly (Vice Chair)**  
**Louise Draucker**  
**Mike Post**

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**Agenda  
February 1, 2018**

**Agenda for a meeting of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Standing Advisory Committee to be held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 3:00 PM, at the Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center, 4689 CA-166, New Cuyama, CA 93254. To hear the session live call (888) 222-0475 Code 6375195#.**

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- 1. Call to order (Kelly)**
- 2. Roll call (Kelly)**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of minutes (Kelly)**
- 5. Report of the General Counsel (Hughes)**
- 6. Report of the Executive Director (Beck)**
  - a. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Review**
  - b. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy**
  - c. SAC Membership**
  - d. Items for Upcoming Sessions**
- 7. Committee Forum**
- 8. Public comment for items not on the Agenda**

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- 9. Adjourn**

## **Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Acronyms Listing**

BOD	Board of Directors
CA	California
CB	Cuyama Basin
CBGSA	Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
DMS	Data Management System
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
FY	Fiscal Year
GSA	Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
HG	Hallmark Group (Executive Director)
SAC	Standing Advisory Committee
SOW	Scope of Work
TO	Task Order
WC	Woodard & Curran (GSP Development Consultant)

**Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)**

**Draft Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**January 4, 2018**

**Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center, 4689 CA-166, New Cuyama, CA 93254**

The Cuyama Basin GSA Standing Advisory Committee met at approximately 3:00pm.

**PRESENT:** Jake Furstenfeld, Louise Draucker, Roberta Jaffe, Brad DeBranch, Brenton Kelly, Mike Post, Joe Hughes, and Jim Beck.

**ABSENT:** Joe Haslett.

**1. Call to order**

Chair Jaffee called the Standing Advisory Committee to order at 3:00pm.

**2. Roll call**

Chair Jaffee calls roll of the Committee (shown above).

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance is led by Chair Jaffee.

**4. Approval of minutes**

Executive Director Beck presents the minutes from the last session. Editorial changes were requested and a revised draft with corrections will be distributed. A motion was made by Brenton Kelly to approve the revised minutes, the motion was seconded by Louise Draucker. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Report of the General Counsel**

There was no report of the General Counsel for this session.

**6. Report of the Executive Director**

**a. Draft GSA Budget review**

Mr. Beck began with an overview of the budget process noting line by line estimates. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the scope of work proposed by Hallmark Group for Task Order 2 providing support to the GSA for budget development and administration, financial management, and outreach facilitation. There were a number of clarifying questions around the tasks that were addressed by Mr. Beck.

Additionally, there was discussion around the role of the grants in the overall budget and process for grant reimbursement. It is intended that the Board of Director's role pertaining to the management of the budget will be for oversight of expenditures and accountability. The Executive Director will provide a monthly report on expenditures, the Board will then authorize the approval of those expenditures. It is anticipated that invoices will also be reported and reviewed. The Board will act on those items and the Executive Director will report on overall program budget and highlight against schedule.

The Committee then discussed contents of Chair Jaffee's report to the Board. Upon completion of the budget review there were no objections by the Standing Advisory Committee and supports the Board's approval of the budget and would like the Board to ensure that a cash flow plan be implemented as soon as possible.

**b. Next steps for outreach**

Charles Gardiner of Catalyst Group, serving on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan development team, presented an overview of the stakeholder outreach process noting that they will work to develop a strategic communication plan and engage the community at intentional points in time.

As a preliminary effort, the team is conducting interviews to get a sense of key issues, where time will need to be spent, understanding technical components, etc. It is anticipated that there will be 45-minute individual interviews with the goal of understanding key issues. The Strategic Plan will then be presented to the Standing Advisory Committee and then the Board for overall direction and to start implementation.

The Committee requested Mr. Gardiner elaborate on how they will intend to build trust and communication between entities. Mr. Gardiner noted that overall, people are reasonable, and if the forum is appropriate, then people can discuss all issues (even when contentious) and develop a path to resolution. There is a lot of complexity as well as technical issues that must be understood. This process will allow everyone to speak openly about their perspective.

The process will include the team presenting information in advance to serve as education and to then allow for thorough discussion and questions and answers. They will work to understand how best to educate the stakeholders and to focus on what is interesting and relevant to the group. Mr. Gardiner's team will also work to reach out to the rest of the community for those that have not actively participated in the sessions.

The Committee was then introduced to a local outreach group closely tied to the Hispanic residents of the Cuyama Basin. The Committee discussed additional participation of the group. It was expressed that it is the responsibility of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee to identify underrepresentation in the community. It was noted that substantial outreach efforts will be required to engage those participants. Chair Jaffee will include this discussion in her report to the Board and request direction for addition of Committee members. Legal Counsel will also advise.

**c. Discussion of newsletter components**

Jessica Alwan of the Executive Director team discussed initial planning efforts for the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency newsletter and requested that the Committee begin to consider what components would be valuable to them to have included in the regular content. Some of the suggestions included: Executive Directors Message, What's Happening, Program Overview or Status Update, Standing Advisory Committee column, Upcoming Meetings and Events, general Sustainable Groundwater Management Act updates, educational opportunities, a specific educational component for links of upcoming Groundwater Sustainability Agency schedule, reading material information including the Department of Water Resources website, Best Management Practices resources, and frequently asked questions from collected community questions. It was also suggested that the first issue have a brief biography of the Committee and representatives as contacts. The discussion will be continued at future sessions of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

**d. Items for upcoming sessions**

It is intended that the United States Geological Service (USGS) present an overview of the Basin data at the February session of the Board of Directors and EKI to tentatively present an overview of their report in March. These will be noticed under the Brown Act as joint sessions to allow participation by both the Stakeholder Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors.

**7. Committee Forum**

There were no items discussed in the Committee forum.

**8. Public comment for items not on the Agenda**

There were no additional public comments.

**9. Adjourn**

Executive Director Beck adjourned the session at 5:00pm.

I, Jim Beck, Executive Director to the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held on Thursday, January 4, 2018, by the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Standing Advisory Committee.

**Jim Beck**  
**Dated:** January 4, 2018

**TO:** Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Stakeholder Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Jim Beck, Executive Director  
**DATE:** February 1, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item #6: Report of the Executive Director

**Issue**

To serve as an ongoing status update for the Standing Advisory Committee and a preparation for the upcoming Board of Directors meeting.

**Recommended Motion**

None required, for reference only.

**Discussion**

These documents will provide visual aid to the Standing Advisory Committee, the Board, and public during the standing report of the Executive Director related to ongoing efforts, accomplishments, and next steps.

## Joint Meeting of Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors and the Standing Advisory Committee

### Board of Directors

**Derek Yurosek** Chairperson, Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Lynn Compton** Vice Chairperson, Co. of San Luis Obispo  
**Das Williams** Santa Barbara Co. Water Agency  
**Cory Bantilan** Santa Barbara Co. Water Agency  
**Glenn Shephard** Co. of Ventura  
**David Couch** Co. of Kern

**Paul Chounet** Cuyama Community Services District  
**George Cappello** Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Byron Albano** Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Jane Wooster** Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Tom Bracken** Cuyama Basin Water District

### Standing Advisory Committee

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**Brenton Kelly** Vice Chair  
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## Agenda for February 7, 2018

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- 2. Roll call (Yurosek)**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. USGS Presentation**
- 5. Approval of minutes (Yurosek)**
- 6. Report of the General Counsel (Hughes)**
- 7. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee and referral of matters to the SAC (Kelly)**
  - a. Standing Committee Membership**
- 8. Report of the Executive Director (Beck)**
  - a. Progress & Next Steps**
  - b. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy**
- 9. Financial Report (Beck)**
  - a. Approval of FY 17/18 Budget**
  - b. Approval of Cost Allocation**
  - c. Review of Cashflow**

**d. Financial Management Overview**

**10. Reports of the Ad Hoc Committees**

**11. Directors' Forum**

**12. Public comment for items not on the Agenda**

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**13. Adjourn**

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Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

# Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development

February 1, 2018

## Team's Mission for Cuyama Basin

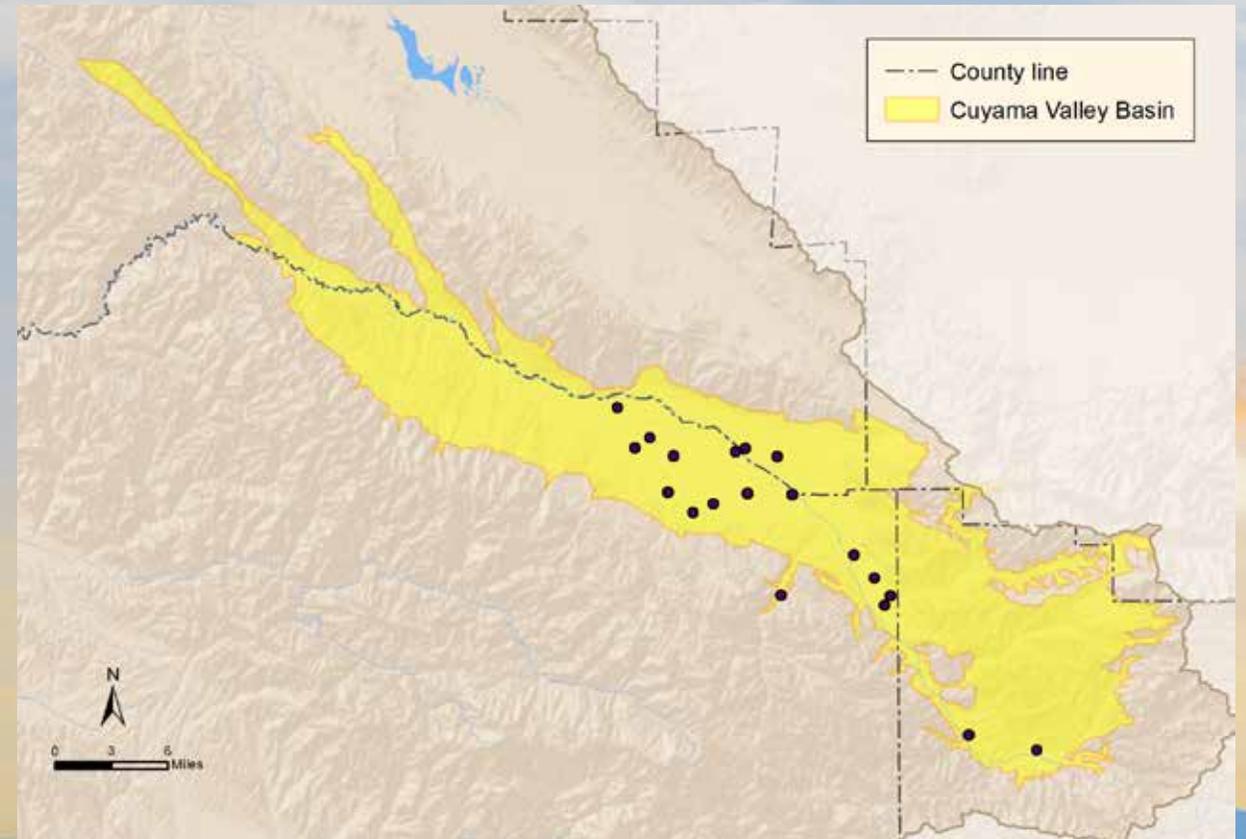
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# Cuyama Basin Fundamentals

- § Limited surface water supplies
- § Historic over pumping of groundwater
- § Declining groundwater elevations
- § Variability across the basin



# Some SGMA Fundamentals

- § Requires a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) be prepared and submitted by January 2020
- § Requires Basin become sustainable by January 2040
- § Requires GSP development be open and transparent, with stakeholder and public input
- § Multiple specific requirements
  - § Publicly accessible data base
  - § Hydrologic Conceptual Model (HCM)
  - § Opportunities for Management Areas

# SGMA Requires Addressing Six Undesirable Results to Guide Sustainability Goals



Lowering of Groundwater Levels



Seawater Intrusion



Reduction of Groundwater Storage



Land Subsidence



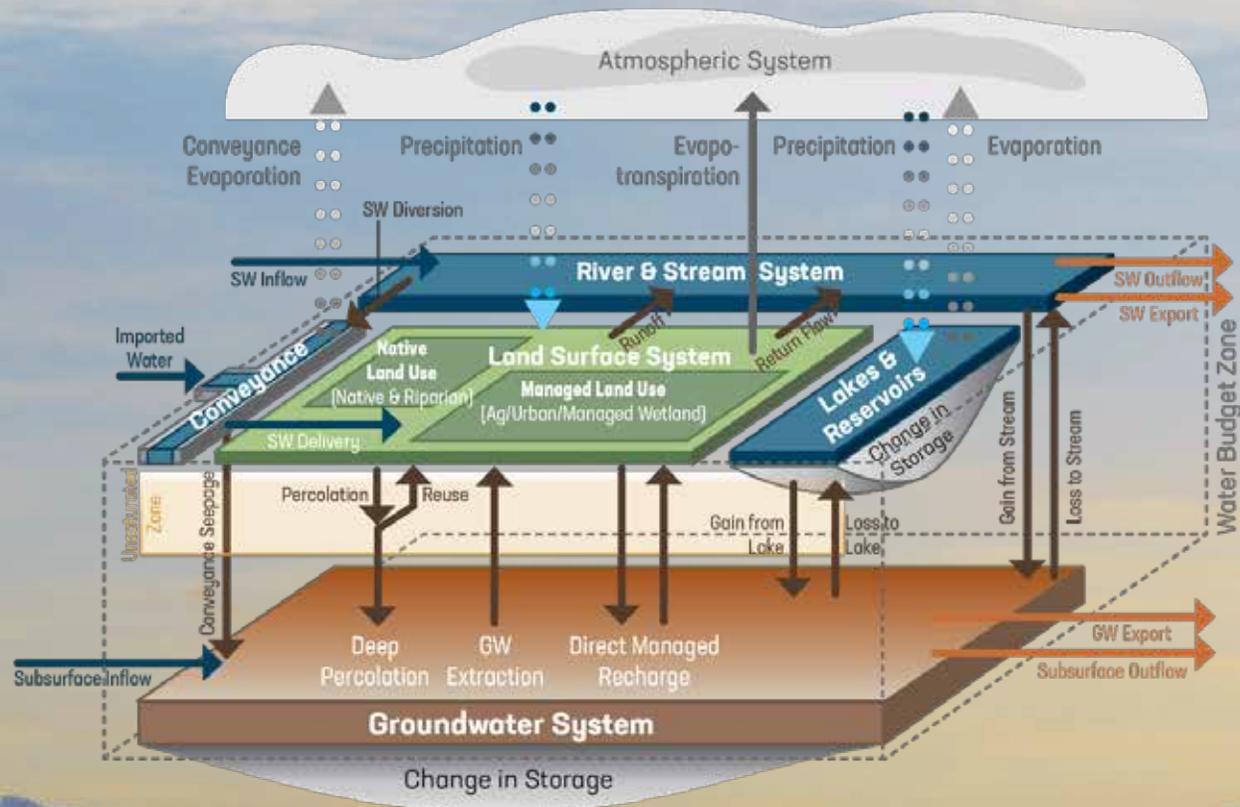
Degraded Water Quality



Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water



# SGMA Requires a Complete Accounting of All Water Sources and Uses



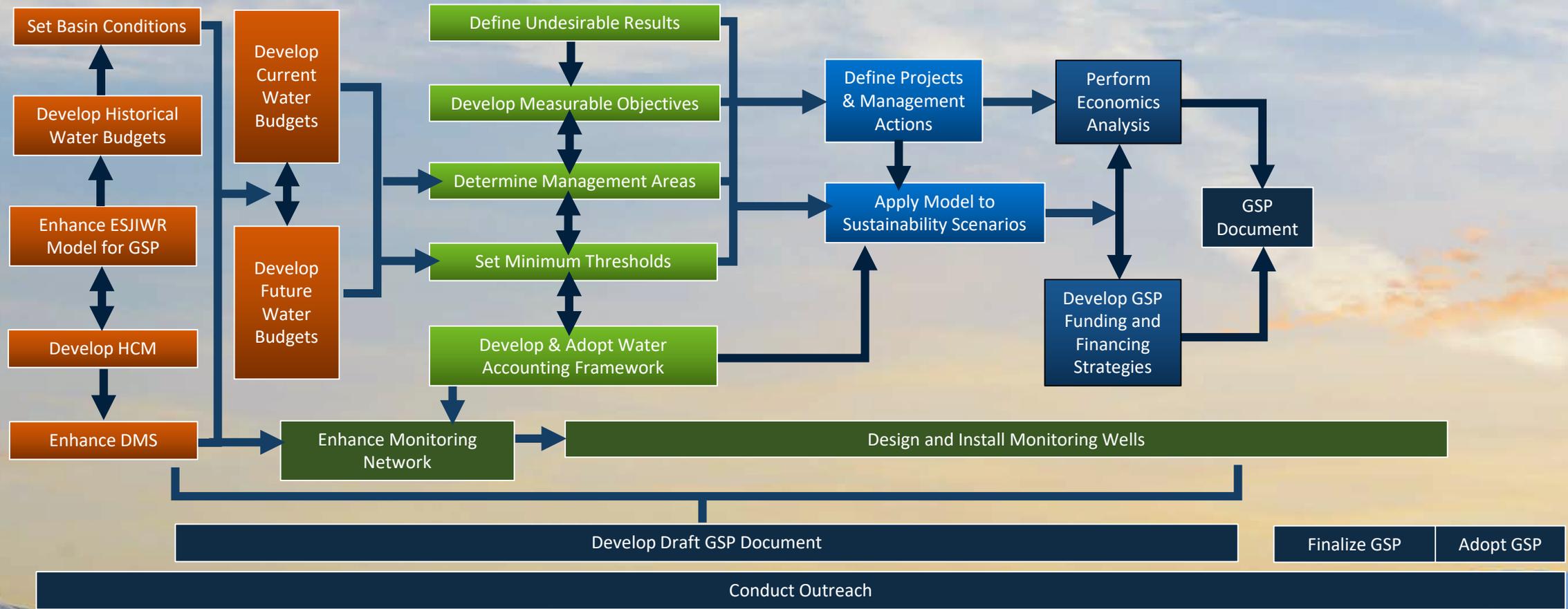
## § Modeling Analysis:

- § Publicly available documentation
- § Developed based on defensible data
- § Equivalent defensible methods are acceptable

## § Water Budget:

- § Accounting of the total groundwater and surface water entering and leaving a basin

# Development of the GSP Includes Multiple Steps





# Stakeholder Engagement Strategy: Building trust through transparency



# Constructive Engagement at All Levels will Produce a Locally-Supported GSP

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- § Public workshops & information access – building awareness and understanding
- § Advisory Committee – providing input and guidance to decision makers and project team
- § GSA Leadership – making decisions and commitments for GSP development and implementation



# Stakeholder Interviews



- § GSA Board Members
- § Advisory Committee Members
- § County Staff
- § Other Community Representatives



# Key Issues



# Key Issues We Heard: Planning Process

- § Understanding SGMA and a Groundwater Sustainability Plan
  - § Requirements and expected outcomes
  - § Roles, responsibilities, and funding (GSA, Water District, CCSD, Counties)
  - § Specific SGMA features
    - § Management areas
    - § Water allocation approaches
- § Perspectives on joint problem-solving
  - § Everyone is in this basin together
  - § Everyone is equally anxious about what that means
    - § Affects perspectives on how GW works in the basin
  - § New organizations and limited history of working together to manage groundwater

# Key Issues We Heard: Planning Process

- § Concerns about fairness, balance, and decision-making
  - § Plan should balance the needs of all interests
  - § Community engagement
    - § Small farm/ranch landowners and residential communities
  - § Stakeholder Advisory Committee role
    - § Represent areas of basin and provide information conduit to community members
- § Focus on what it takes to get the plan done—address groundwater overdraft

# Key Issues We Heard: Analysis and Evaluation

## § Groundwater Assessment and Monitoring

- § Available data, basin conditions, and boundaries (hydrogeologic and jurisdictional)
- § Historical changes in the basin
- § Conceptual and analytic groundwater model
  - § Expand coverage, fill gaps
- § Basin water budget
- § Undesirable results
- § Monitoring

## § Groundwater Management Issues

- § Groundwater access and management approaches vary across the basin
- § Developing sustainability goals and criteria
- § Identifying and evaluating management options

# Key Issues We Heard: Analysis and Evaluation

## § Evaluation Considerations

- § Economic impacts (jobs, property values, and tax revenues)
- § Natural resources impacts
- § Land management (e.g., dust control)
- § Cost
- § Water and cost allocation methods

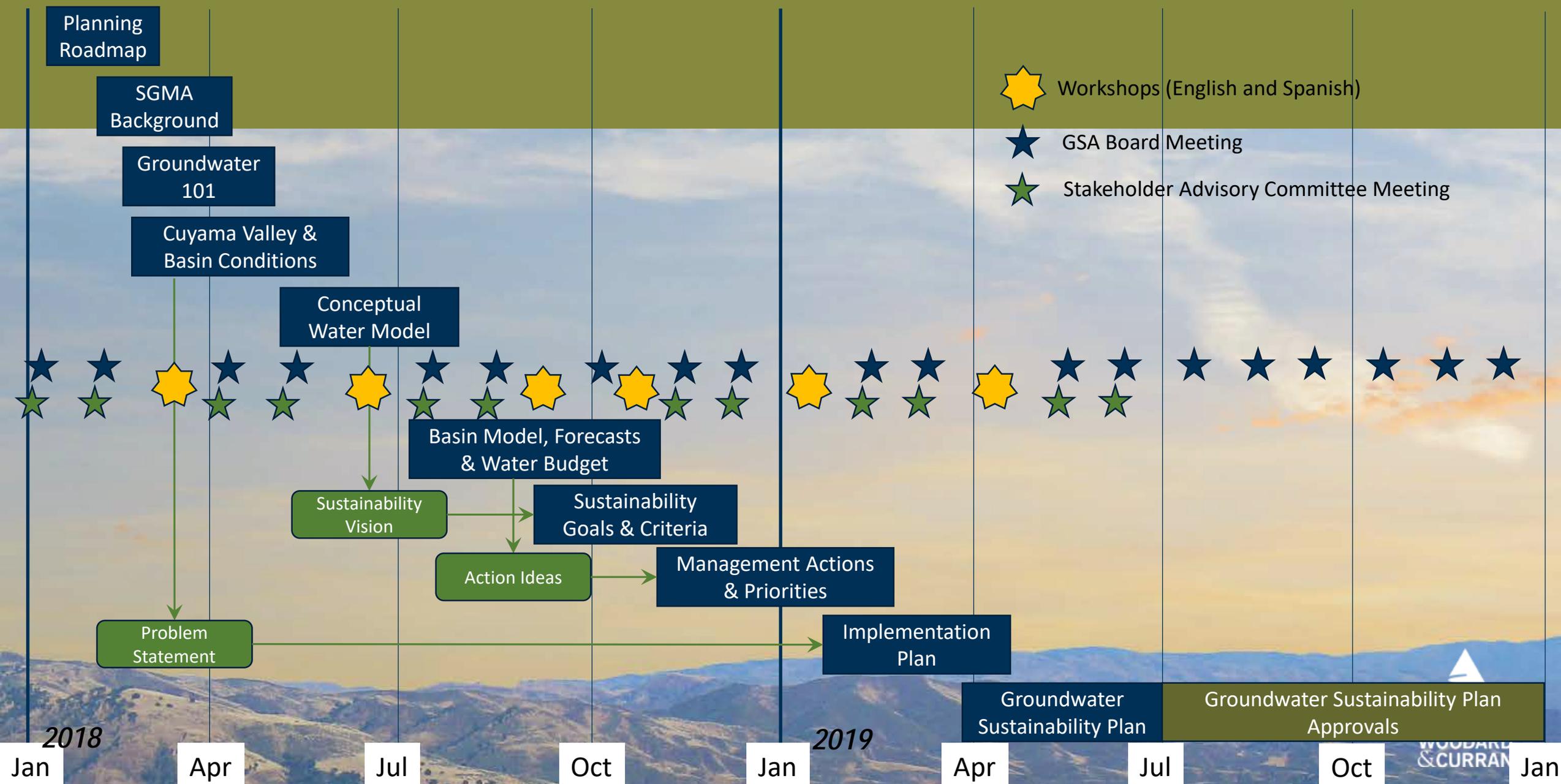
# Key Issues We Heard: Outreach & Engagement

- § Keep it simple, and efficient
  - § Provide accurate, objective information
- § Stakeholder Advisory Committee
  - § Critical avenue for community review and recommendations
- § Provide access and engagement
  - § Smaller parcel farm/ranch owners
  - § Hispanic community
  - § Natural resource managers and interests
  - § Other large agricultural entities



# Planning Roadmap and Engagement Strategy

# Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Planning Roadmap <sup>26</sup>



# Outreach & Engagement Activities

- § Workshops
  - § English and Spanish
- § Briefings and informal availability sessions
  - § Existing events
  - § Restaurants and gathering spots
- § Information availability
  - § Website, social media, and email
  - § New or existing newsletters
  - § Flyers, road posting, door-to-door
  - § Spanish language
- § Other Suggestions
  - § Schools program
  - § Survey
  - § Ideas contest

## Team's Mission for Cuyama Basin

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