

## POTENTIAL TOPICS OF DISCUSSION REGARDING PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

The projects and management actions fact sheet includes a number of assumptions and proposals that stakeholders, GSA board members, or others may want to modify, change, or eliminate. The list below includes assumptions and ideas that we have identified in the fact sheet that could be changed, and may be of interest to various stakeholders and constituents.

This list is not exhaustive; however, it does provide guidance for topics that GSAs may want to discuss with their constituents. Many of these topics could require extensive discussion and negotiation. We recommend that GSAs **immediately** begin discussing these topics (and others) with their constituents.

Remember that it will not be necessary to reach agreement on all of these topics prior to finalizing the GSP. Many details will remain to be negotiated after the GSP is adopted. However, the GSP must demonstrate that the four GSAs have an agreed to path to sustainability. Therefore, we will likely want to set conceptual agreements on the following topics in our GSP, even if the details have yet to be worked out. Setting these conceptual agreements will furthermore give stakeholders and other constituents confidence that the final agreement will be within the bounds of their expectations.

Items that are included in the fact sheet that could be modified, and should be discussed with your boards of directors and stakeholders, include the following:

- Equity. Should heavy pumpers pay more for projects, or should projects be paid for by all (likely as a land-based tax)
- Should operational costs be included in the water charges framework, or are those separate? Example activities that will be covered by operational costs include:
  - Installing new monitoring wells
  - Negotiating details of the water charges framework
  - Video-logging existing wells that may be part of our monitoring system
  - Setting up and running groundwater extraction monitoring system for the water charges framework
    - Maintaining recent crop data
    - Developing a well registration system
    - Implementing a flowmeter calibration system
    - Collecting or developing semi-annual estimates of pumping

- Setting up a pumping allowance trading platform and system
- Should GSAs implement some projects outside of the water charges framework structure? Should we start bringing in State Water Project water outside of this financial structure? Should we fund this based on a flat fee per acre?
- Status of de-minimis pumpers
  - Do we monitor their pumping?
  - Do they pay the base fee?
  - Are they exempt from monitoring and paying any fee?
  - Do we cap the total number of de-minimis pumpers allowed before they start paying a base fee?
  - Are they a special class with a lower base fee?
- What are the options for calculating pumping allowances?
  - Use only 2015 crop acreage
  - Use a longer period than 2010 to 2015 for averaging
  - Use the maximum crop acreage (by water use) between 2010 and 2015
  - Use other standardized crop duties – not San Luis Obispo crop duties.
- What are the options for the pumping allowance ramp down?
  - Should we ramp down over five, seven, or 10 years?
  - How does the ramp down acknowledge various types of water rights? Do all water rights holders ramp down at the same rate, or do some water rights holders ramp down more quickly or more slowly than others?
  - Should ramp downs be equal across the Subbasin (not recommended).
- Carryover
  - How much should carryover be capped?
- Pumping Re-Location
  - Can pumping for one use be transferred to another use?
- State Water Project
  - Is the county the correct subcontractor?
  - How would the county be repaid by other GSAs?