

# Paso Basin Cooperative Committee

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee will hold a Special Meeting at **4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 20, 2019** at the City of Paso Robles Council Chambers (1000 Spring St., Paso Robles, CA 93446).

NOTE: The Paso Basin Cooperative Committee reserves the right to limit each speaker to three (3) minutes per subject or topic. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, all possible accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities so they may attend and participate in meetings.

**John Hamon**, Treasurer, City of Paso Robles  
**Joe Parent**, Vice Chairperson, San Miguel CSD  
**John Peschong**, Chairperson, County of SLO  
**Matt Turrentine**, Secretary, Shandon-San Juan WD

**Steve Martin**, Alternate, City of Paso Robles  
**Kelly Dodds**, Alternate, San Miguel CSD  
**Debbie Arnold**, Alternate, County of SLO  
**Kevin Peck**, Alternate, Shandon-San Juan WD

## **Agenda** **November 20, 2019**

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1. **Call to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll call**
4. **Public Comment – items not on Agenda**
5. **Approval of October 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
6. **Recommend the GSAs approve Amendment No. 1 to the MOA**
7. **Receive and file Consultant scope for GSP Submission**
8. **Project Status Update / Upcoming Schedule**
9. **Consider recommending that the GSAs Adopt the Paso Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan**
10. **Committee Member Comments** – Committee members may make brief comments, provide status updates, or communicate with other members, staff, or the public regarding non-agenda topics
11. **Upcoming meeting(s)**
  - a. **2020 Quarterly Meeting Schedule (March, June, September, December)**
12. **Future Items**
13. **Adjourn**
14. **Community Thank You (light refreshments will be provided)**

*For more information, please visit the Groundwater Sustainability Agency websites at:*

- County of San Luis Obispo – [www.slocounty.ca.gov/sgma](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/sgma)
- Shandon-San Juan Water District – [www.ssjwd.org](http://www.ssjwd.org)
- City of Paso Robles – [www.prcity.com](http://www.prcity.com)
- San Miguel CSD – [www.sanmiguelcscd.org](http://www.sanmiguelcscd.org)

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Minutes (DRAFT)  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

**The following members or alternates were present:**

**John Peschong**, Chairperson, County of San Luis Obispo  
**Joe Parent**, Vice Chairperson, San Miguel CSD  
**Matt Turrentine**, Secretary, Shandon-San Juan WD  
**John Hamon**, Treasurer, City of Paso Robles

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Chairperson Peschong: calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
<b>2. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Chairperson Peschong: leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>3. Roll call</b>	County Staff, Angela Ruberto: calls roll.
<b>4. Public Comment – items not on Agenda</b>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:00:55</i></p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Dana Merrill: comments on dissatisfaction with representation of irrigated agriculture by the County GSA during the GSP development process.</p> <p>Jerry Reaugh: acknowledges contributions of staff throughout the GSP development process; presents a letter from the California State Board of Food and Agriculture; requests that public have an opportunity to comment on topics discussed during Agenda Item #7 – Committee Member Comments; comments on dissatisfaction with the County GSA’s engagement of irrigated agriculture during the GSP development process.</p> <p>Jerry Lohr: provides a summary of sustainable water management practices that have been implemented by local irrigated agricultural producers; comments that agricultural users should adopt best management practices in order to reduce overall water use; speaks to the content of the GSP and the authority of the State under SGMA.</p> <p>Herb Rollins: acknowledges contributions of staff throughout the GSP development process; comments on dissatisfaction with the County GSA’s engagement of irrigated agriculture during the GSP development process.</p> <p>Joe Irick: agrees with many of the comments previously expressed by growers; expresses concern regarding water restrictions and the effect on smaller growers; offers to help with GSP implementation via seminars.</p> <p>Cody Ferguson: comments on the involvement of irrigated agriculture during the GSP development process, attendance at previous public meetings regarding the Paso Basin and disagreement with previous commenters’ dissatisfaction with the County GSA’s engagement of irrigated agriculture during the GSP development process.</p>

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	<p>Debbie Arnold: comments on the use of innovative best management practices being utilized by agricultural producers to create water savings; states she is optimistic about attaining a sustainable groundwater basin and looks forward to utilizing new technologies and ingenuity to achieve sustainability; thanks everyone involved in the GSP development process and looks forward to submitting the Plan to the State.</p> <p>Ann Myhre: comments on the level of public engagement related to the GSP development and the future participation and hard work required to properly implement the Plan.</p> <p>Allen Duckworth: comments on the representation of irrigated agriculture during the GSP development process, disagrees with previous commenter’s dissatisfaction with level of outreach to agricultural basin users.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: asks for additional public comments, seeing none, closes the floor to public comment.</p>																									
<p><b>5. Approval of August 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:25:30</i> Audio from the August 21, 2019, Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Meeting is available at: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</a></p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens discussion for Agenda Item 5 – Approval of August 21, 2019 Cooperative Committee Meeting Minutes; asks for comments from the Committee, and then from the public; there are none.</p> <p><b>Motion by:</b> Treasurer Hamon <b>Second by:</b> Matt Turrentine <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to approve the August 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1318 1430 1514"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Peschong (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Parent (Vice Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Secretary/Clerk)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Peschong (Chairperson)	X				Joe Parent (Vice Chairperson)	X				Matt Turrentine (Secretary/Clerk)	X				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
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<p><b>6. Consider recommended Consultant for First Annual Report development and related contract consistent with MOA Section 6.3</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:26:00</i> City Staff, Dick McKinley: discusses the status of the GSP; reiterates that each GSA will need to adopt the GSP before it is sent to the State by January 31, 2020; informs the Committee that a consultant, GSI Water Solutions, has been selected to compile the annual report which is due by April 2020; reiterates that the annual report will not be reimbursable with grant funds.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: asks for questions from the Committee.</p>																									

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Treasurer Hamon: asks what would happen if one or more GSAs do not adopt the Plan.

City Staff, Dick McKinley: replies that the willing GSAs could still adopt and submit the Plan to the State.

Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comments.

Cody Ferguson and Robin Chapman: speak.

Chairperson Peschong: asks for additional comments from the public, seeing none, closes the public comment period and brings the item back to the Committee.

City Staff, Dick McKinley: responds to public comment regarding the consultant selection process, stating that the consultant firm chosen to develop the first Annual Report was selected because they were the highest qualified firm, not because they were the least expensive.

Treasurer Hammond: asks how the consultant costs will be shared between GSAs.

City Staff, Dick McKinley: responds that the GSAs share costs based on the percentages laid out in the MOA and proportionate redistribution of Heritage Ranch Community Services District's former 1% cost obligation; confirms that the proposal has been made publicly available and is included in the agenda packet.

**Motion by:** Treasurer Hamon

**Second by:** Joe Parent

**Motion:** It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee confirm the GSA staff recommendation to contract with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI), and forward said confirmed recommendation to the City of Paso Robles for its award of the related contract, consistent with MOA Section 6.3, for First Annual Report development.

Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse
John Peschong (Chairperson)	X			
Joe Parent (Vice Chairperson)	X			
Matt Turrentine (Secretary/Clerk)	X			
John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			

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<p><b>7. Committee Member Comments –</b> Committee members may make brief comments, provide status updates, or communicate with other members, staff, or the public regarding non-agenda topics</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:34:50</i> Secretary Turrentine: thanks everyone involved in the development of the GSP to date; comments on the importance of continued collaboration regarding decisions and future efforts made during Plan implementation.</p>
<p><b>8. Upcoming meeting(s)</b> a. Special Meeting – November 20, 2019</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Special Meeting set for November 20, 2019 at 4:00 PM, Location: Paso Robles - City Council Chamber.</p>
<p><b>9. Future Items</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Peschong: asks for any future items to be brought before the Committee; there are none.</p>
<p><b>10. Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Peschong: adjourns the meeting at 4:34 p.m.</p>

I, Matt Turrentine, Secretary to the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held on October 23, 2019, by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

Matt Turrentine, Secretary of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.  
Drafted by: Joey Steil and Angela Ruberto, County of San Luis Obispo

**PASO BASIN COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**November 20, 2019**

**Agenda Item #6 – Recommend the GSAs approve Amendment No. 1 to the MOA**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee) recommend that each GSA approve Amendment No. 1 to the MOA, consistent with MOA Section 4.8 (B).

**PREPARED BY**

Angela Ruberto, County of San Luis Obispo

**BACKGROUND**

Five GSAs formed over the Paso Basin in San Luis Obispo County, including the City of Paso Robles, San Miguel Community Services District, Heritage Ranch Community Services District, Shandon-San Juan Water District, and the County of San Luis Obispo. These five GSAs entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to establish the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee) to develop a single GSP to be considered for adoption by each GSA. Heritage Ranch Community Services withdrew from the MOA following DWR's basin boundary modification which made them no longer subject to the SGMA while the remaining (four) GSAs continued operating under the MOA to develop the Paso Basin GSP.

Section 1 of the MOA provides that the MOA may also serve as the basis for continued cooperation among the GSAs in management of the Basin during the period between GSP adoption and DWR's GSP approval. Since the MOA is set to automatically terminate upon DWR's approval of the GSP and the GSAs desire to continue cooperating on the Paso Basin GSP and its implementation pursuant to the framework established by the MOA on an interim basis, it is recommended that the Committee recommend the GSAs approve Amendment No. 1 to the MOA, extending the term of the MOA until such time as a long-term governance structure for implementation of the GSP may be developed.

Section 4.8 (B) of the MOA requires a unanimous affirmative vote by the Committee to recommend that the GSAs amend the MOA and Section 10 of the MOA states that the MOA may only be amended by unanimous written consent of all current Parties.

Following a unanimous Committee recommendation, it is anticipated that each GSA will approve Amendment No. 1 to the MOA by mid-December, providing the framework for continued GSA collaboration.

**ATTACHED**

1. Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

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**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO  
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REGARDING PREPARATION OF A  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE PASO ROBLES  
GROUNDWATER BASIN**

This Amendment No. 1 to Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin ("Amendment") is entered into by and between the City of El Paso de Robles, the San Miguel Community Services District, the County of San Luis Obispo and the Shandon-San Juan Water District (collectively, "Parties").

**WHEREAS**, on or about September 20, 2017, the Parties and the Heritage Ranch Community Services District ("HRCSD") entered into a Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin ("MOA"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 1 and incorporated herein by this reference, for purposes of establishing a framework for preparing a single groundwater sustainability plan for the Paso Robles Area Subbasin ("GSP") and for continued cooperation among the Parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the HRCSD provided written notice of its withdrawal from the MOA pursuant to Section 9.1 on or around January 18, 2019 and its withdrawal became effective shortly thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to continue cooperating on the GSP pursuant to the framework established by the MOA on an interim basis regardless of the date of any approval of the GSP by the California Department of Water Resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the PARTIES agree with the above recitals, and hereby further agree as follows:

1. Section 1 (Purpose) of the MOA shall hereafter be and read as follows:

The purpose of this MOA is to establish a committee to develop a single GSP that will be considered by each individual Party and subsequently submitted to DWR for approval. This MOA may also serve as the basis for

continued cooperation among the Parties in the management of the Basin during the period between adoption of the GSP by each Party and development of a long-term governance structure for implementation of the GSP.

2. Section 2 (Term) of the MOA shall hereafter be and read as follows:

This MOA shall become effective on the date that the last of the five (5) Parties signs ("Effective Date") and shall remain in effect until terminated in accordance with Section 9.2 below.

3. Section 4.9 of the MOA shall hereafter be and read as follows:

The creation of the Cooperative Committee shall not be construed as a delegation of any powers or authorities, and all powers and authorities of each individual Party, including, without limitation, the power to implement the GSP within its jurisdictional boundaries, shall reside with that Party.

4. Section 12.2 of the MOA is hereby deleted in its entirety.

5. Except as expressly modified by this Amendment, all terms and provisions of the MOA shall remain in full force and effect.

6. This Amendment shall be effective as of the date that it has been signed by all Parties.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the Parties hereto have executed this Amendment on the dates shown below.

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(insert signature blocks)

**ATTACHMENT 1**

Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Preparation of a Groundwater  
Sustainability Plan for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin

**PASO BASIN COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**November 20, 2019**

**Agenda Item #7 – Receive and file Consultant scope for GSP Submission**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee) receive and file the quote from Montgomery & Associates for submittal of the GSP through the DWR online process.

**PREPARED BY**

Dick McKinley, City of Paso Robles

**BACKGROUND**

The GSA Partners conducted a consultant selection process and chose Montgomery & Associates to be the consultant team to prepare the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The GSP is now complete and DWR has released GSP submittal requirements beyond what was anticipated and included in Montgomery & Associates original contract. The GSA partners asked Montgomery & Associates for a quote to fulfill the GSP submittal process on behalf of the Paso Basin GSAs by the January 31, 2020 deadline.

On May 22, 2019, the Committee received and filed the Budget Report which showed \$136,485 of eligible additional GSP Development Grant funds and recommended that the GSAs increase their budgets as necessary to fund additional work related to GSP development (e.g. re-writes of Chapters 9 and 10, increasing monitoring well network, etc.) to be applied for reimbursement by the state. This additional item (GSP submittal) is within the amount of the recommended increased budget.

**ATTACHED**

1. Montgomery & Associates Proposal for submitting the Paso Robles Subbasin GSP and associated data to the State of California through DWR's GSP Upload Portal

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October 1, 2019

Ms. Angela Ruberto Ford  
County of San Luis Obispo  
Department of Public Works  
1144 Monterey St., Suite B  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

## **PROPOSAL FOR SUBMITTING THE PASO ROBLES SUBBASIN GSP AND ASSOCIATED DATA TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THROUGH DWR'S GSP UPLOAD PORTAL**

Dear Ms. Ruberto:

The local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Paso Robles Subbasin have contracted with Montgomery & Associates (M&A) to prepare the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) in accordance with California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The GSP must be submitted by January 31, 2020. Per Water Code §10733.4 and GSP Regulations §353.2, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has developed an online tool for the submission of GSPs, referred to in this proposal as the DWR portal or the GSP Reporting System. While DWR has hosted workshops and webinars outlining the basic functionality of the GSP Reporting System, the online system and guidance documents are not yet available. This proposal is based on our current understanding of the GSP reporting system and the GSP upload requirements, although the reporting system may differ from our current understanding.

As requested, we are providing the enclosed estimate of costs for uploading the Paso Robles Subbasin GSP and associated data. We have provided a breakdown of the anticipated tasks based on our best guess of the level of effort that will be required. However, there is significant uncertainty in our estimate because the online portal is not yet available, and we will not know the exact nature of the necessary activities until we have worked through the DWR upload portal procedure. The estimated costs assume that this work will begin after a final GSP has been adopted by all four GSAs.

Please note that due to our relationship with DWR and the GSAs, some information in this letter is confidential. We request that the GSAs not share this information with other parties.

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

#### **TASK 1. TEST UPLOAD PORTAL**

The designated GSP manager will need to assign permissions to M&A in the GSP submittal system. M&A will test the portal, download appropriate templates and documents, and

identify any obvious activities not covered by this scope of work. This activity will include filling out the background upload information such as location, etc.

## **TASK 2. UPLOAD GSP**

The final GSP consists of twelve chapters, approximately the same number of appendices, and many figures and tables. These are compiled into several separate pdfs that are available for download on the Paso GSP website ([www.pasoGSP.com](http://www.pasoGSP.com)). DWR indicated in the public workshops that GSP files must be uploaded individually and will be subject to size limits. However, M&A now has learned that DWR will not have the capability to handle multiple PDFs, as previously described in DWR workshops and webinar. We expect that in either case, we will need to modify the GSP components to either combine into a single document or split and reduce into separate documents as required by DWR. M&A will create whatever document formats are required, and upload through DWR's portal.

## **TASK 3. PREPARE AND UPLOAD GSP ELEMENTS TEMPLATE**

DWR will supply a spreadsheet template to identify specific locations in the GSP for each of the SGMA required elements. The elements template will be available either as a downloadable Excel file or an online fillable form. M&A will populate the template with links to the correct PDF page number, as well as the section number, figure number, and/or table number if appropriate.

The template is not yet published by DWR. M&A has learned that the *Preparation Checklist for GSP Submittal* issued by DWR in 2016 constitutes only a part of what will be needed for the GSP elements template. The preparation checklist will serve as the starting point for completing the template. However, the template will require M&A to identify the PDF page number for every element and this will not be known until the final PDF document is developed.

It is possible that the elements template will identify items that do not exist in the current GSP. M&A will compile a list of items elements that are not included in the GSP, and provide this list to GSA staff. Addressing any significant gaps is not included in this scope of work.

Upon completing the GSP elements template to the satisfaction of GSA staff, M&A will upload the completed GSP elements table to DWR's portal.

## **TASK 4. COMPILE AND UPLOAD MAP FILES**

All maps included in the GSP must be uploaded electronically to DWR's portal. The electronic file packages must include shapefiles, geodatabases, and other information for each map. It is currently unclear whether DWR will accept compiled geodatabases, or if the files must be uploaded as individual .mxd files. For testing purposes, we have assumed that M&A will develop a .mxd file for each map in the GSP as well as a project geodatabase.

M&A will assemble individual files and upload through the DWR upload portal.

## **TASK 5. COMPILE AND UPLOAD REFERENCES**

The regulations require a reference list in the GSP. This list has been completed and is part of the GSP. Additionally, DWR will provide a references template that must be completed. An internet link to the reference must be provided if the reference is publicly available. If it is not publicly available, the actual reference must be uploaded as part of the GSP submittal. DWR's upload tool will reject the submittal if all the required information is not submitted.

This task includes the following steps:

1. Collect URLs for publicly available references. For references that are publicly available, add access date and URL to references template
2. Locate and create PDFs of all non-publicly available references. For references that are not publicly available, add PDF file name to references template
3. Upload the references template and all non-publicly available PDFs

## **ACTIVITY 6: COMPILE AND UPLOAD MONITORING NETWORK**

M&A believes this task will be the most time-consuming and also comes with the most uncertainty. DWR will provide templates for uploading well completion information, general monitoring site construction information, groundwater elevation data, and general site monitoring data. Some of the information required by these templates may not be available.

We anticipate completing the work in the following steps outlined below.

### **6.1 Migrate CASGEM wells that are part of the SGMA monitoring network**

M&A will migrate all current CASGEM wells in the Paso Robles Subbasin into the SGMA monitoring network. Any CASGEM wells that are not transferred into the SGMA monitoring network will become standby wells, and data for those wells cannot be easily submitted to DWR in the future.

M&A has learned that additional data may be needed for each well, above and beyond what is transferred from CASGEM. SGMA has certain requirements that were not included in CASGEM, and each well's information must be updated to ensure that it is SGMA compliant. It is currently unclear what the additional data requirements will be for each well.

### **6.2 Identify all Monitoring Locations not in the CASGEM Network and Convert all Data to Correct Units**

Any monitoring locations not included in CASGEM must be manually uploaded through the DWR upload portal if the information is available. The required information for each monitoring well is likely to include, at a minimum:

- A unique site identification number and narrative description of the site location

- Well location. Measured using Latitude and Longitude accurate to five decimal places
- Ground surface elevation. Measured using NAVD88, accurate to 0.1 foot
- Reference point elevation. Measured using NAVD88, accurate to 0.5 foot
- Description of the reference point
- A description of how the reference point elevation was measured
- A description of how the ground surface elevation was measured
- Description of the well use, such as public supply, irrigation, domestic, monitoring, or other type of well
- Statement of whether the well is active or inactive
- Statement of whether the well is a single, clustered, nested, or other type of well
- Depth of casing perforations
- Total borehole depth
- Total well depth
- Well completion reports, if available, from which the names of private owners have been redacted
- Geophysical logs, well construction diagrams, or other relevant information, if available
- Identification of principal aquifers monitored
- A description of the type of monitoring, type of measurement taken, and monitoring frequency
- Other relevant well construction information, such as well capacity (acre-feet per year), casing diameter, or casing modifications, as available.

All of these data will be uploaded if they are available from the existing data management system (DMS) for the Paso Robles Subbasin. Data will be converted to the correct units and the corrected data will be entered into the monitoring site template, if available. After the template has been populated and checked, it will be uploaded through the DWR upload portal. We assume that DWR will accept a “not available” designation for any data that is not readily available.

### **6.3 Identify Monitoring Sites with Data That Can Be Publicly Accessed from Websites**

The most efficient method for populating the existing sites template is to collect links to data (GW Levels, GW Quality) that can be downloaded from websites. M&A will add each appropriate URL to the site data in the template, and then will then upload the template with the links to existing sites through the DWR upload portal

#### **6.4 Populate the Groundwater Elevation Data Excel template with groundwater level measurements**

M&A will populate the groundwater elevation template with groundwater level data from the existing DMS. It is possible that the DMS may not include all data needed by the groundwater elevation template. M&A will keep a list of required data that are not in the DMS, and will share that list with GSA staff. M&A will also check to ensure there are no duplicate data in the groundwater elevation template.

After the GSA staff approve of the data and data gaps in the template, M&A will upload the groundwater elevation template through the DWR upload portal.

#### **6.5. Populate the General Sites Template**

General monitoring sites are any non-well monitoring sites such as stream gauges, extensometers etc. M&A will first populate the general site description construction template with information about each general site. It is possible that the some required data for the general site descriptions may not be available. M&A will keep a list of required data that are not available, and will share that list with GSA staff.

After populating the general site construction template, M&A will populate the general site data template with all necessary historical data. It is possible that the some required data be available. M&A will keep a list of required data that are not available, and will share that list with GSA staff.

M&A will upload both the completed General Sites Description Template and the completed General Sites Data Template to DWR through the DWR upload portal.

### **TASK 7: PREVIEW AND SUBMIT FINAL GSP**

M&A will preview the GSP upload using the GSP preview tool to check the submittal is complete and make necessary adjustments, assuming only minor or no adjustments are necessary. We propose that GSA staff additionally preview and check the GSP. After verifying that the GSP is complete, M&A will officially submit the GSP to DWR. This step locks down the submittal after which no changes can be made, unless a special request is made to DWR.

### **SCHEDULE**

We are prepared to begin this work as soon as the GSAs adopt the final GSP. Our understanding is that the final GSP is scheduled to be available for adoption on November 6, 2019. We estimate approximately four weeks are necessary to complete the process outlined above. This should allow sufficient time to not only compile references, map files, monitoring data, and complete the DWR templates, but also allows time to meet with the GSA staff and make any necessary decisions about missing elements in Task 3. It also allows time for a final preview of the submittal in Task 7.



To meet the January 31, 2020 deadline, this work should commence no later than January 3, 2020, which assumes a final GSP has been adopted by all GSAs by this date.

**COST ESTIMATE**

Costs are estimated based on time for various professionals and are based on our 2019 billing rates. No mileage or other travel related expenses will be charged to this project. The task breakdown is provided in the table below. Staff working on this project will be the same individuals who have been involved in the GSP development, including myself, Tim Leo, Juliet McKenna, Jon Reeves and Caryn Fogel. Total estimated costs are \$19,200, based on the hours assumed to be necessary for each task given the information we currently have on DWR’s submittal requirements. Significant deviation from these assumptions could result in additional costs.

	Scientist VIII	Scientist VI	Scientist II	Data Specialist	Sci Illustrator	Technical Editor/Clerical	Total Hours	Total Professional Fees
<b>2019 Professional Rates</b>	<b>\$260</b>	<b>\$215</b>	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$140</b>	<b>\$105</b>	<b>\$80</b>		
Task 1. Test portal	1	1					2	\$500
Task 2. Compile and upload GSP	1	2				8	11	\$1,300
Task 3. GSP elements template; meeting with GSA staff	8	2				8	18	\$3,200
Task 4. Compile and upload map files		2	2	8	8		20	\$2,600
Task 5. Compile and upload references	1	2	12			6	21	\$2,700
Task 6. Compile and upload monitoring network	2	2	36	12			52	\$7,100
Task 7. Preview and submit final GSP	4	2				4	10	\$1,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>\$19,200</b>

We appreciate the opportunity to continue to work with the GSAs on the Paso Robles Subbasin GSP. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Derrik Williams, P.G.  
MONTGOMERY & ASSOCIATES

## PASO BASIN COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE

November 20, 2019

### **Agenda Item #9 – Consider recommending that each GSA adopt the Paso Robles Subbasin GSP – Final Draft consistent with MOA Section 1**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee) receive and consider recommending that each GSA adopt the Paso Robles Subbasin GSP – Final Draft, consistent with MOA Section 4.4 (I).

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#### **BACKGROUND**

Section 4.4 (I) of the Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (MOA) states that the Committee shall conduct activities related to GSP development and SGMA implementation including development of a GSP that achieves the goals and objectives outlined in SGMA and recommending that each individual Party (each GSA) adopt the GSP developed under the MOA.

Throughout GSP development, the Committee has considered and recommended that the GSAs receive and file the Draft GSP Sections as they became available. After all GSP Draft Chapters went through initial public comment periods, were received and filed by the four (4) GSAs and revised based on public input, a compiled Paso Basin GSP – Public Draft was posted for a final 45-day public comment period. Following the close of the final public comment period on September 29, 2019, the GSP was updated based on public input and finalized for the Committee to consider recommending for adoption by the four GSAs. Many comments received were related to implementation of the plan and will be important to consider when moving forward on those efforts. All public comments received through the comment portal are posted at: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin)

Key updates to the previous (August 14, 2019) version of the GSP to note include:

- Acknowledgement that stormwater recharge and projects implemented by willing participants are important strategies for sustainability.
- Adjusting the land subsidence objectives to account for data precision.
- Acknowledgment that the agricultural industry will lead efforts to identify and promote best water use practices for their industry.
- Clarifying language regarding SGMA and water rights issues.

Section 4.8 (A) of the MOA requires a unanimous affirmative vote by the Committee to recommend that each GSA adopt the GSP. Section 7 (C) of the MOA provides that nothing in the MOA shall be construed as obligating a GSA to adopt the GSP or prevent a GSA from adopting the GSP in the event that the Committee fails to recommend approval or another GSA, or GSAs, elects not to adopt the GSP. If any of the Paso Basin GSAs does not adopt the GSP, there will be a gap in coverage over the Paso Basin which makes State Intervention possible.

It is anticipated that each GSA will adopt the GSP by mid-December, collectively covering the entire Paso Basin, approve Amendment #1 to the MOA to provide for continued GSA collaboration (see Agenda Item #6), and designate the County Public Works Director as “Plan Manager” authorized to submit the GSP to DWR by January 31, 2020.

**Referenced:**

1. Paso Robles Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

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