



Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Transmittal

Agenda Item: 5

Subject: Budget Considerations for FY 24/25

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Regular Agenda

Department Summary:

The Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) developed a comprehensive Five-Year Budget that details the anticipated costs associated with achieving compliance under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This budget includes operational costs related to the Wyandotte Creek GSA and costs for implementing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The budget forecasts included in the Final Fee Report (Attachment A) identified an estimated revenue need for the Fiscal Year 2024/25 at \$248,020 without taking into consideration the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program funds. The budget includes costs for GSA Administration such as personnel, office expenses, professional services, Assessor’s Office fees, legal expenses, and a contingency reserve.

At the June 2024 meeting, the Wyandotte Creek GSA Board will be considering and adopting the FY 24/25 Budget; therefore, guidance from the Board is sought on specific line items that are crucial for maintaining robust operations and compliance. Refer to Proposed Budget Options (Attachment B) These include litigation services, ongoing professional services outside of SGM grant projects, and a contingency reserve.

Estimated Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Fees using Proposed Budget Options A and B:

User Classification:	Option 1	Option 2
Non-irrigated/Rangeland	\$0.41	\$0.70
Irrigated Surface Water	\$3.74	\$6.39
Irrigated Groundwater	\$5.88	\$10.05

Fiscal Impact: None.

Staff Recommendation: Provide direction to staff on specific line items including reserve, litigation services reserve, future fee study, and others as deemed appropriate.

Attachment A

Table 4-1: Wyandotte Creek Subbasin GSA Five-Year Budget (FY23-24 through FY27-28)

Charge Cost Category	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Fiscal Year 2026-27	Fiscal Year 2027-28
WCGSA Admin.					
Prof. Services (Admin)	\$67,500	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$62,500
Office Expenses	\$7,250	\$6,750	\$6,750	\$6,750	\$6,750
Prof. Services (GSP)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Legal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fee Implementation	\$19,921	\$20,519	\$21,116	\$22,113	\$23,109
County Tax Roll	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Contingency	\$8,975	\$8,425	\$8,425	\$8,425	\$8,425
Admin. Sub-total (w/ inflation)	\$120,638	\$118,703	\$122,857	\$129,869	\$136,990
SGMA Compliance (w/inflation)	\$125,550	\$129,317	\$133,083	\$139,361	\$134,676
TOTAL WCGSA Costs (w/inflation)	\$246,188	\$248,020	\$255,940	\$269,229	\$271,666
Annual Avg. Costs	\$258,209	\$258,209	\$258,209	\$258,209	\$258,209
<p>GSA Administration: Program Manager, Office Expenses, and legal services for GSA operations with WCGSA serving as fiscal agent for members agencies.</p> <p>GSA SGMA Compliance: Annual Reports, 5-Year GSP Updates, GSA coordination, Data Management, Financial Planning, Surface-Groundwater modeling, and grant funding.</p>					

Attachment B

WYANDOTTE CREEK GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Budget Options			
REVENUES	Option 1 Estimated FY 24-25	Option 2 Estimated FY 24-25	Notes
Proposition 218 Landowner Fees	\$119,800	\$204,800	
Proposition 218 Fee Agreements			
DWR SGMA Round 2 Grant Funding	\$4,299,275	\$4,299,275	
FY23/34 Fee Rollover	\$94,080	\$94,080	
Interest	\$200	\$200	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,513,355	\$4,598,355	
EXPENSES			
Cost Category-GSA Admin.			
Professional Services - Admin.			
Auditor	\$15,000	\$15,000	Estimated increase in costs for future audits
Financial Services	\$0	\$0	Using County Auditor/Tax Collector
Legal Services	\$15,000	\$15,000	Board meeting attendance, other legal counsel services
Legal Services FY 23/24	\$5,000	\$5,000	Estimated shortfall in FY 23/24 budget
Legal Defense Reserve	\$0	\$50,000	Reserve for litigation
Program Manager (w/County management)	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Professional Services - Admin. Sub-total	\$85,000	\$135,000	
Office Expense			
Bank Fees	\$0	\$0	Using County Auditor/Tax Collector
Insurance	\$2,500	\$2,500	
Outreach (per education and outreach plan)	\$0	\$0	Included in SGM Grant & Compliance
Website	\$1,500	\$1,500	
Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Office Expense Sub-total	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Services			
Professional Services	\$20,000	\$20,000	Grant Procurement, On-Call Services
Irrigated/Non-Irrigated Fee Implementation Costs	\$20,000	\$20,000	Assistance with processing user classification changes
County Assessor Charge	\$5,000	\$5,000	(\$0.30/parcel, 12,538 parcels)
Future Fee Study	\$0	\$20,000	Reserve for future fee study
Contingency (10%)	\$0	\$0	
Services Sub-total	\$45,000	\$65,000	
FY23-24 Rollover/Reserve	\$79,080	\$94,080	Reserve
GSA Admin. Sub-total	\$214,080	\$299,080	
Cost Category-SGMA Grant & Compliance			
SGM Grant Administration, Projects, Compliance	\$4,299,275	\$4,299,275	
<i>Grant Administration</i>			
<i>Regional Conjunctive Use Project</i>			
<i>Annual Reports & Monitoring</i>			
<i>Five Year GSP Evaluation w/Modeling Calibrations</i>			
<i>Surface-GW Interaction Modeling</i>			
<i>GSA Coordination & Outreach (w/in and between GSAs)</i>			
<i>Data Management System Maintenance</i>			
<i>Long Term Financial Planning/Fees</i>			
SGMA Compliance Sub-Total	\$4,299,275	\$4,299,275	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,513,355	\$4,598,355	