

Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting Agenda

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Date: Thursday, July 16, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Oroville City Council Chamber, 1735 Montgomery St, Oroville, CA 95965

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Board Meeting Agenda

July 16, 2026

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 *Approval of the 05-21-26 Wyandotte Creek GSA Special Board Meeting Minutes

Requested Action: Approve the 05-21-26 Wyandotte Creek GSA meeting minutes.

4. Regular Agenda

4.1 *Groundwater Levels Sustainable Management Criteria

The Board will receive a presentation on proposed amendments to the Groundwater Level (GWL) Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) for the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin. The presentation will summarize the proposed approach for establishing Measurable Objectives (MOs) and Interim Milestones (IMs) for groundwater levels as part of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendments. The proposed amendment would establish MOs based on the average groundwater levels observed between October 1, 2015, and September 30, 2025, and set IMs equal to the respective MO. This item follows prior Board action related to Groundwater Level Minimum Thresholds (MTs). **(Report – Becky Anderson - Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager; Ryan Fulton, Larry Walker Associates)**

Requested Action:

1. **Approve the proposed amendment to the Groundwater Level Measurable Objectives (MOs)** to establish MOs equal to the average groundwater levels observed between October 1, 2015, and September 30, 2025.
2. **Approve the proposed amendment to the Groundwater Level Interim Milestones (IMs)** to establish IMs equal to the respective Measurable Objective (MO).

4.2 *Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Financial Services Between the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Butte County Auditor-Controller

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes an agreement with the Butte County Auditor-Controller to provide financial and accounting services to the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency, including routine accounting and bookkeeping, year-end accrual entries, and support for the Agency's annual financial audit. The not-to-exceed annual fee is \$7,600. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Financial Services with the Butte County Auditor-Controller and authorize the Board Chair to execute the agreement on behalf of the Agency.

4.3 *Ongoing SGMA Implementation Support Services Request for Proposal (RFP) Update

Staff will provide an update on the RFP process for Ongoing SGMA Implementation Support Services. Interviews, if conducted, are anticipated for August 17, 2026, which falls before the Board's next regular meeting on August 20, 2026. If the Board wishes to participate in the interview process, a Board member or ad hoc committee will need to be designated at this meeting. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Discuss potential Board participation in the interview process and, if desired, designate a Board member or ad hoc committee to participate.

4.4 *North Sacramento River Corridor (NSRC) Interbasin Coordination: Regional Update

Staff will provide an informational update on the North Sacramento River Corridor (NSRC) Interbasin Coordination (IBC) effort, a collaborative program among seven hydrologically connected subbasins along the NSRC. As a subbasin within the Feather River Corridor, Wyandotte Creek GSA does not currently participate in NSRC IBC framework; staff are providing this update at the Board's request to stay informed on interbasin coordination activity in the region. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Informational item. No action requested.

5. Reports and Correspondence

6.1 GSA Program Manager Update (Verbal Report)

6. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

This is the time for the public to address the Board on items not listed on the agenda. The Wyandotte Creek GSA Board is prohibited by State law from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

7. Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting will be adjourned. A special meeting of the Wyandotte Creek GSA Board will be scheduled for **September 17, 2026 at 2:00 pm.**

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Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Oroville City Council Chamber, 1735 Montgomery St, Oroville, CA 95965

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM

Board Members Present: Directors Daley, Wristen, Goodson, Vice Chair Bynum, and Chair Connolly

Staff Present: Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager; Kamie Loeser, Butte County Water & Resource Conservation; Chris Heindell, Thermalito Water & Sewer District; Morgan Biggerstaff from BKS Law Firm, Agency Counsel (*remote attendance*); Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting LLC (*remote attendance*).

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 *Approval of the 03-19-26 Wyandotte Creek GSA Board Meeting Minutes

Public Comment(s): None

Action:

Director Wristen made a motion to approve the 03-19-26 Wyandotte Creek GSA meeting minutes. That motion was seconded by Director Goodson.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Regular Agenda

4.1 *Consideration of the Recommended Fiscal Year 2026/27 Annual Operations Budget

The Board considered the approval of the recommended Fiscal Year 2026/27 Annual Operations Budget. The proposed budget outlines anticipated revenues and expenditures based on current information and supports the GSA's administrative functions and groundwater sustainability activities for the upcoming fiscal year.

(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)

Public Comment(s): Jim Reed commented that the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 Annual Operations Budget is too high and that the Board should find ways to reduce costs.

Action:

Director Goodson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 Approving the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Annual Operations Budget. That motion was seconded by Director Daley.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Hearing Agenda

5.1 Opening of Public Hearing on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Fee

The Chair opened the duly noticed Public Hearing regarding the proposed Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Fee.

5.2 * Presentation on the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Fee Study Report and the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 SGMA Fee

Staff and the GSA's fee consultant provided a presentation on the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Fee Study Report and the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 SGMA Fee.

(Presentation – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager and Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting LLC)

5.3 Board Discussion

The Board discussed the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Fee Study Report and the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 SGMA Fee.

5.4 Public Comment

The Board asked to receive public comment on the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Fee Study Report and the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–27 SGMA Fee.

Public Comment(s): None

5.5 Closing of Public Hearing on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Fee

The Chair closed the Public Hearing on the SGMA Fee.

5.6 *Consideration of Resolutions Related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Fee and Fiscal Year 2026/27 Annual Operations Budget

The Board considered three related resolutions necessary to implement the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Fee. These include adopting the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Fee Study Report, setting the Fiscal Year 2026/27 SGMA fee, and certifying the legal process for fee adoption and collection. ***(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)***

Action:

Director Goodson made a motion to adopt the following resolutions:

- **Resolution No. 2026-02** Adopting the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Fee Study Report;

- **Resolution No. 2026-03** Setting the 2026/27 Wyandotte Creek GSA Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Fee and Request of County to Collect the Fee on the 2026/27 Tax Roll; and
- **Resolution No. 2026-04** Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Certifying to the County of Butte the Validity of the Legal Process Used to Place Direct Assessments (Special Assessments) on the Secured Tax Roll.

The motion was seconded by Director Wristen.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports and Correspondence

6.1 GSA Program Manager Update (*Verbal Report*)

- Update on Interbasin Coordination
- Additional meeting scheduled for July 16, 2026
- HEC contract for FY26-27 contract executed

6.2 *Butte County Public Health Department Quarterly Well Permit Summary (*Information Only*)

6.3 *Tribal Engagement in the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin (*Information Only*)

7. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

Time was provided for the public to address the Board on items not listed on the agenda.

Public Comment(s): None

8. Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM to the next scheduled meeting of the Wyandotte Creek GSA Board on **June 18, 2026 at 2:00 pm.**

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Subject: Groundwater Levels Sustainable Management Criteria

Contact: Becky Fairbanks	Phone: (530) 552-3587	Meeting Date: July 16, 2026	Agenda Item: 4.1
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Summary

The Board will receive a presentation on proposed amendments to the Groundwater Level Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) for the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin. The proposed amendments are being developed as part of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendments, which are required to be submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by January 2027. The proposed changes respond to DWR Recommended Corrective Actions and incorporate new monitoring data collected since approval of the 2022 GSP.

The Board previously approved amendments to the Groundwater Level Minimum Thresholds (MTs) in November 2025. This presentation focuses on the remaining Groundwater Level SMC components: the Measurable Objectives (MOs) and Interim Milestones (IMs). Under the 2022 GSP, MOs and IMs were based on projected groundwater level declines through 2030. However, recent monitoring data indicate groundwater levels have remained relatively stable and have generally recovered following recent drought periods. As a result, staff and the consultant team recommend revising the MOs to reflect the average groundwater levels observed between October 1, 2015 and September 30, 2025, and establishing the IMs equal to the respective MO. This approach better reflects observed basin conditions while maintaining consistency with the updated Groundwater Level SMC framework.

Stakeholder Feedback

The Wyandotte Creek Advisory Committee (WAC) reviewed this item at its June 4, 2026 meeting. Staff presented the rationale for revising the Groundwater Level Measurable Objectives (MOs) and Interim Milestones (IMs), noting that the 2022 GSP established these criteria based on projected groundwater level declines through 2030. Since that time, monitoring data indicate that groundwater levels within the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin have remained generally stable and have recovered following recent drought periods.

WAC members agreed that the proposed amendments better reflect observed groundwater conditions and provide a more appropriate basis for measuring progress toward sustainability. The WAC reached consensus to recommend that the Board approve the proposed amendments to both the Groundwater Level Measurable Objectives (MOs) and Interim Milestones (IMs).

Requested Board Action

1. **Approve the proposed amendment to the Groundwater Level Measurable Objectives (MOs)** to establish MOs equal to the average groundwater levels observed between October 1, 2015, and September 30, 2025.
2. **Approve the proposed amendment to the Groundwater Level Interim Milestones (IMs)** to establish IMs equal to the respective Measurable Objective (MO).

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

To: Wyandotte Creek GSA
From: Larry Walker Associates
Date: July 16, 2026
Subject: Wyandotte Creek Subbasin: Monitoring Network and GSP SMC Updates

Background

The Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) groundwater monitoring network was established to ensure that all beneficial users, including domestic users, agricultural users, and groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs), can continue to sustainably benefit from groundwater resources in the future. In September of 2023, the GSA received a grant to enhance their monitoring network and fill data gaps. The grant funded the installation of five monitoring wells and five stream gages and several other projects, studies, and other data collection efforts resulting in the draft 2027 Periodic Evaluation and the amended GSP.

Monitoring Network Update

The new wells and stream gages that were installed under the grant were placed in strategic locations to fill data gaps, quantify project benefits, enable monitoring of interconnected surface waters (ISW), and collect data on possible groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs). The new wells and stream gages are shown on Figure 1.

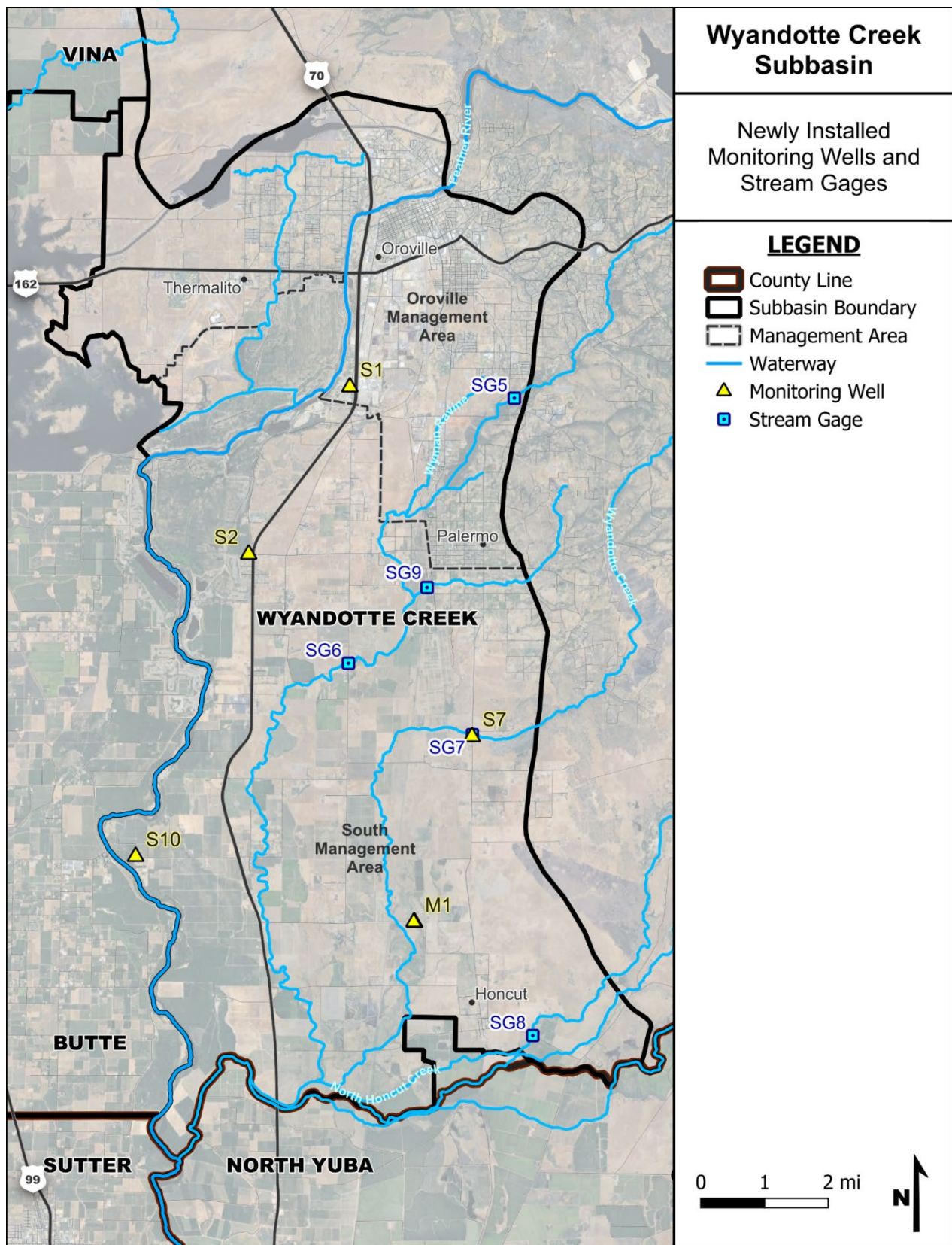


Figure 1. Map of new monitoring wells and stream gages.

Sustainable Management Criteria Update

Updated sustainable management criteria (SMC), including Minimum Thresholds (MTs), Measurable Objectives (MOs), and Interim Milestones (IMs), were developed for the draft amended GSP. The methodology and results for the new MTs have been reviewed and approved by the Wyandotte Creek Board of Directors, but the MOs and IMs have not been approved yet.

MOs and IMs in the 2022 GSP were set under the assumption that groundwater levels were trending downward. In each RMS well, a downward trend based on dry-year cycles was identified and projected out to 2030, the water level at which would be the new 'baseline' water level. The year 2030 was chosen to allow time for the GSA to take steps towards implementing projects and management actions as needed. The MO was set to the projected water level in 2030.

Data collected in recent years suggests that groundwater levels in the Subbasin are stable. In most RMS wells in the Subbasin since 2015, permanent declines in groundwater levels have not been observed, recovering after droughts in 2014/15 and 2021/22. To reflect these conditions, MOs and IMs should be changed to the following:

- MOs set equal to the average groundwater level observed between October 1, 2015, and September 30, 2025.
- IMs are equal to the respective MO.

The updated SMC, including MTs approved previously, are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Amended SMC for the updated groundwater level RMS network.

RMS Well ID	MT	MO	IM		
			2027	2032	2037
Wyandotte Creek Subbasin – Oroville Management Area					
16Q001M	108	139	139	139	139
32P001M	88.8	128	128	128	128
PWS-03	94	131	131	131	131
Wyandotte Creek Subbasin – South Management Area					
13B002M	11	58	58	58	58
22B001M	29.8	89	89	89	89
25N001M	25	61	61	61	61
19D003M	33.2	72	72	72	72
08M001M	56.1	105	105	105	105
16C001M	70	106	106	106	106
31F001M	88.1	124	124	124	124

WAC Discussion and Recommendation

The Wyandotte Creek Advisory Committee (WAC) heard a presentation on the proposed amendments to the Groundwater Level MOs and IMs at its June 4, 2026 meeting. Two members were present and one member provided comments via email.

Staff presented the rationale for amending the definitions of the MO and IM for groundwater levels. When these were first established in the 2022 GSP, the definitions were based on projected declining groundwater level trends. However, as a medium priority subbasin, Wyandotte Creek has maintained stable groundwater levels — recovering after droughts in 2014/15 and 2021/22 without showing permanent declines. Given this, the original declining-trend approach is no longer reflective of actual conditions. Amending the definitions to be based on observed groundwater level data is a more reasonable and appropriate approach: groundwater levels are stable, and the intent is to stay the course and align the definitions with what the data show.

WAC members were in agreement with what they heard and expressed support for the proposed approach to amend the definitions for both MOs and IMs. The WAC reached consensus to recommend that the Board approve the two amendments as stated in the agenda's Requested Board Action.

Requested Board Action

Approve the proposed amendments to the groundwater level MOs and IMs as follows:

- **Approve the proposed amendment to the Groundwater Level Measurable Objectives (MOs)** to establish MOs equal to the average groundwater levels observed between October 1, 2015, and September 30, 2025.
- **Approve the proposed amendment to the Groundwater Level Interim Milestones (IMs)** to establish IMs equal to the respective Measurable Objective (MO).

July 16, 2026

Wyandotte Creek Subbasin: Monitoring Network and GSP SMC Updates

Prepared by:

The LWA Team in coordination with the Wyandotte Creek GSA

Funding provided by the California Department of Water Resources



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Agenda

- Additions to Monitoring Networks
 - Monitoring Wells
 - Stream Gages
- Measurable Objectives (MOs) and Interim Milestones (IMs)
- Timeline
- **Request for Feedback**



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Requested Board Action

1. Approve the proposed amendment to the Groundwater Level Measurable Objectives (MOs) to establish MOs equal to the average groundwater levels observed between October 1, 2015, and September 30, 2025.
2. Approve the proposed amendment to the Groundwater Level Interim Milestones (IMs) to establish IMs equal to the respective Measurable Objective (MO).

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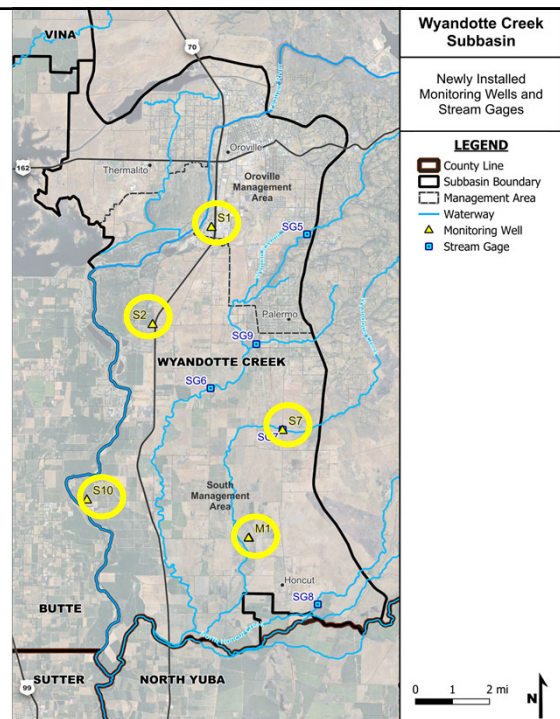
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New Monitoring Wells

- Five wells were installed in March 2026 to fill data gaps in the groundwater level, interconnected surface water (ISW), & water quality monitoring networks.

ID	Nearby Stream	Completions	Aquifer	Latitude	Longitude
M1	Wyandotte Creek	3	Shallow and Deep	39.3506	-121.556
S1	Feather River	2	Shallow	39.4720	-121.578
S2	Feather River	2	Shallow	39.4336	-121.606
S7	Wyandotte Creek	2	Shallow	39.3930	-121.540
S10	Feather River	2	Shallow	39.3645	-121.638

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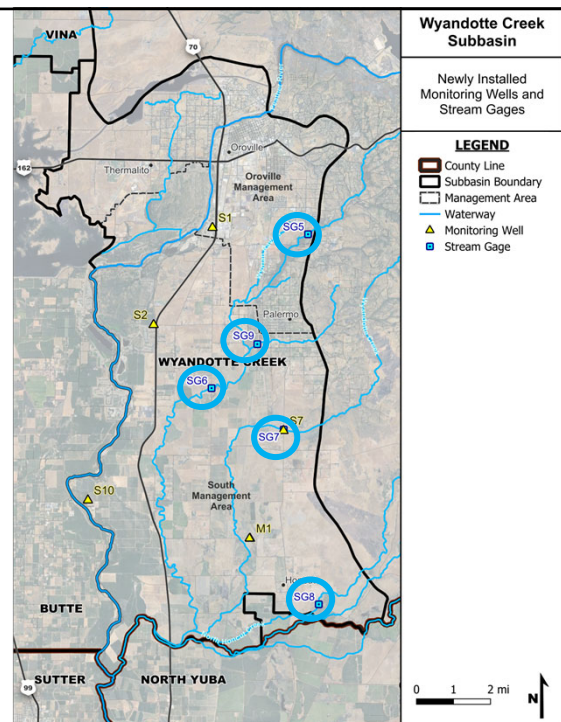
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New Stream Gages

- Five stream gages were installed in March 2026 to fill data gaps in the ISW monitoring network and to support PMA implementation.

ID	Stream	Latitude	Longitude
SG5	Wyman Ravine	39.4701	-121.529
SG6	Wyman Ravine	39.4092	-121.577
SG7	Wyandotte Creek	39.3935	-121.540
SG8	North Honcut Creek	39.3253	-121.521
SG9	Wyman Ravine	39.4267	-121.554

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Groundwater Level Sustainable Management Criteria

- In previous meetings**, we've discussed the rationale and process behind the updates to the Minimum Thresholds (MTs). Measurable Objectives (MOs) and Interim Milestones (IMs) have not yet been discussed.
- In the 2022 GSP**, the MO and IMs for groundwater level were based on the groundwater trend line of the RMS well for the dry periods (since 2000) of observed short-term climatic cycles extended to 2030.
- Problem:** Groundwater levels have **not** shown a strong downward trend even during droughts in the Subbasin.

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Groundwater Level Sustainable Management Criteria: Updated MOs and IMs

- To be more reflective of actual conditions, consider the following:

Amended Measurable Objective (MO):

Calculated as the average groundwater level recorded at the well from
10/1/2015 through 9/30/2025

Amended Interim Milestone (IM):

Set to be equal to the MO, since groundwater levels are stable

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Groundwater Level Sustainable Management Criteria: Updated MOs and IMs

RMS Well ID	Domestic Well Count	Well Type	MT (amended)	MO	IM		
					2027	2032	2037
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16Q001M	41	Shallow	108	139	139	139	139
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16C001M	74	Both	70.0	106	106	106	106
31F001M	48	Shallow	88.1	124	124	124	124

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WAC Discussion and Recommendation

- The WAC heard the proposed approach to amend the GWL MO and IM definitions at its June 4, 2026 meeting. Two members attended and one member provided comments via email.
- LWA team explained that the original 2022 GSP definitions were based on a projected declining trend. Data since 2015 shows groundwater levels have remained stable — recovering after droughts without permanent declines.
- As a medium priority subbasin maintaining stable GWLs, it is more reasonable to align the MO and IM definitions with observed data — stay the course.
- **WAC consensus:** recommend the Board approve both amendments as stated in the Requested Board Action.

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Requested Board Action

1. Approve the proposed amendment to the Groundwater Level Measurable Objectives (MOs) to establish MOs equal to the average groundwater levels observed between October 1, 2015, and September 30, 2025.
2. Approve the proposed amendment to the Groundwater Level Interim Milestones (IMs) to establish IMs equal to the respective Measurable Objective (MO).

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Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendment Timeline

- ❑ **2026 August** – Post draft Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendments for public comments to allow for 45-day comment period
- ❑ **2026 November**– Review public comments and finalize Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendments; to be adopted by BOD
- ❑ **2027 January** – GSP Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendments are due to DWR (must address DWR's Recommended Corrective Actions - show progress)

Critical Dates for the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Subbasin	
2022	By January 31, submit GSP to Department of Water Resources (DWR)
2027	Evaluate GSP and amend
2032	Evaluate GSP and amend, if warranted
2037	Evaluate GSP and amend, if warranted
2042	Achieve sustainability for the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin



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Thank You



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Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Transmittal

Subject: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Financial Services Between the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Butte County Auditor-Controller

Contact: Dillon McGregor **Phone:** 530.552.3589 **Meeting Date:** July 16, 2026 **Regular Agenda:** 4.2

BACKGROUND

Under Government Code Sections 25265 and 53060, the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is authorized to contract with the Butte County Auditor-Controller for financial and accounting services. As the GSA continues SGMA implementation activities, formalizing this arrangement through an MOU ensures consistent financial oversight, clear scope of services, and defined cost structure.

DISCUSSION

The MOU establishes a one-year agreement with the Butte County Auditor-Controller for two tiers of financial services, as detailed in Exhibit A:

- **Year End Accounting (\$600):** Variance analysis and year-end accrual entries in compliance with GASB standards.
- **Accounting without Grants (\$6,000):** Standard financial recordkeeping including deposits, accounts receivable and payable, budget schedules, journal entries, quarterly financial reports to the Board, and audit support per Exhibit A.

The not-to-exceed amount is \$7,600 for the initial one-year term, covering all labor, services, and expenses. The MOU may be renewed by mutual written agreement, with cost reviewed at least 90 days before renewal. Either party may terminate upon 60 days written notice. Grant accounting services are outside this scope and may be incorporated by written amendment when grant funds become available. The Accounting without Grants tier includes quarterly financial reports to the Board covering budget-to-actual comparisons, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and balance sheet summaries, providing ongoing financial visibility without additional GSA staff burden. This MOU was developed with input from the GSA Management Committee and has been reviewed by legal counsel and the Butte County Auditor-Controller's office.

FISCAL IMPACT

The not-to-exceed cost of \$7,600 is included in the adopted GSA operating budget.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Memorandum of Understanding for Financial Services Between the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Butte County Auditor-Controller

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Financial Services with the Butte County Auditor-Controller and authorize the Board Chair to execute the agreement on behalf of the Agency.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF FINANCIAL
SERVICES BETWEEN WYANDOTTE CREEK GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
AND COUNTY OF BUTTE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made and entered into as of July 16, 2026 (the “Effective Date”), by and between Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”), a joint powers authority organized under California law, and the County of Butte Auditor-Controller (“County/AUD”), a political subdivision of the state of California, collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party.”

Recitals

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 25265 provides that a county may contract with a special district to provide financial or accounting services for the district.

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 53060 states that the legislative body of a special district may contract with and employ any persons for the furnishing to the district special services and advice in financial, economic, accounting, engineering, legal or administrative matters if such persons are specially trained and experienced and competent to perform the special services required.

WHEREAS, the County currently provides certain accounting services to the GSA and the County has agreed to provide additional accounting services to the GSA, including year-end accounting services and grant accounting services.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this MOU is to establish the roles and responsibilities of the Parties in completing such services.

WHEREAS, the County Auditor-Controller currently provides certain financial and accounting services to the GSA and has agreed to provide additional financial and accounting services, including year-end accounting services, as further described in the scope of services attached to and made a part of this MOU as Exhibit A.

Agreement

1. Scope of Services

The County agrees to provide the GSA with the financial and accounting services described in the attached Exhibit A (the "Financial Services"). The Financial Services are limited to accounting, financial recordkeeping, and associated administrative activities as described in Exhibit A, and do not include program management services. The Financial Services provided under this MOU are separate and distinct from any other agreements between the Parties or their affiliated agencies. County shall provide all labor, services, equipment, tools, and supplies necessary to competently perform the Financial Services. County shall

determine the method, details, and means of completing the Financial Services in compliance with all applicable accounting standards and best practices.

2. Communication of Parties

Parties shall at all times maintain regular communication, including regular status meetings on the progress of the Services contemplated under this MOU. Parties shall have a duty to communicate any information that is relevant to the Services contemplated under this MOU to the other Party.

County shall participate in quarterly coordination meetings with GSA staff to review financial status, address questions, and support budget schedules and data importing for the subsequent fiscal year. Meeting timing shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties, with preference for scheduling prior to the preparation of quarterly financial reports.

3. Payment for Services

a. The total annual fee for the Services shall not exceed **\$7,600** for the initial one-year term. If the term of this MOU is extended as provided in Section 9 below, the parties will meet and confer at least 90 days before the end of the current term to determine the County's cost proposal for the upcoming year.

b. The total annual fee includes all of County's costs and expenses related to the Services. At the end of each month, County shall submit to GSA an invoice for the Services performed during the preceding month. The invoice shall include a brief description of the Services performed, the dates of Services, number of hours worked, payment due, and an itemization of any reimbursable expenditures. If the Services are satisfactorily completed and the invoice is accurately computed, GSA shall pay the invoice within 30 days of its receipt.

c. The above not-to-exceed amount does not include services related to grant funding accounting, invoicing, and related services. If the GSA obtains future grants, it may request that the County provide grant-related services for any additional fee to be mutually agreed upon by the County and the GSA and memorialized in a written amendment.

4. Compliance with Laws

All actions contemplated in this MOU shall be performed in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

5. Confidentiality

Each Party shall treat any confidential information disclosed by the other Party during the course of this MOU as strictly confidential and shall not disclose such information without

prior written consent, except as may be required by applicable law, including, but not limited to, the California Public Records Act. If a third party demands disclosure of any confidential information from Parties, the party receiving the demand shall promptly inform the other party of it and Parties shall consult and mutually determine a response to the demand.

6. Indemnification

Each party shall indemnify, protect, and hold harmless the other party, and its officers, employees and agents (“Indemnitees”) from and against any claims, liability, losses, damages and expenses (including attorney, expert witness, and litigation costs) (collectively a “Claim”) arising out of or incidental to each party’s performance of any of its obligations under the provisions of this MOU. However, this indemnity provision will not apply to any Claim arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of a party or its employees or agents. The obligations under this indemnification provision shall survive the termination of this MOU.

7. Records

Parties shall keep and maintain all ledgers, books of account, invoices, vouchers, canceled checks, and other records and documents evidencing or relating to the Services and invoice preparation and support for a minimum period of three years (or for any longer period required by law) from the date of final payment to County under this MOU. GSA may inspect and audit such books and records, including source documents, to verify all charges, payments and reimbursable costs under this MOU. In accordance with California Government Code section 8546.7, the Parties acknowledge that this MOU, and performance and payments under it, are subject to examination and audit by the California State Auditor for three years following final payment under the MOU.

8. Severability

If any provision of this MOU is found by any court or other legal authority, or is agreed upon by the Parties, to be in conflict with any law or regulation, then the conflicting provision shall be considered void, but the remainder of this MOU shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

9. Term and Termination

a. This MOU shall become effective on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect for one year (the “Initial Term”).

b. The Initial Term may be extended for one or more “Renewal Terms” upon the GSA’s request and the County’s consent, subject to a written amendment signed by the parties in accordance with Section 11 below.

c. Either party may terminate this MOU during the Initial Term or any Renewal Term upon 60 days' written notice.

d. At the expiration of this MOU or any extension or earlier termination of it, County shall promptly provide all financial and other records related to the Services. County also shall cooperate with the GSA to ensure that all pending Service requests are completed or promptly transitioned to any successor financial services provider designated by the GSA.

10. Entire Agreement

This MOU and any amendments to it constitute the entire MOU between the Parties concerning the subject matter hereof.

11. Amendments

This MOU may only be amended by a written document signed by the parties.

12. Approval of MOU

This MOU must be approved by the respective governing bodies of the GSA and the County prior to its execution by the Parties.

13. Counterparts

Parties agree that this MOU may be executed and delivered in counterparts which, when taken together, shall constitute a fully executed document. In addition, this MOU may be executed via electronic pdf transmission, and any such pdf signature shall be deemed to be an original signature.

Wyandotte Creek GSA:

County of Butte:

Bill Connelly
Board of Directors, Chair

Graciela C. Gutierrez
Auditor-Controller

Date

Date

Exhibit A

Scope of Work

The Butte County Office of the Auditor-Controller will perform the following standard financial recordkeeping services for the administration and operation of the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Grant administration services, if needed, will be scoped and priced separately and incorporated into this MOU by amendment when grant funds are available.

Year End Accounting

- Estimated Annual Cost \$600 (\$54.55 per hour)
- Description of Services: Variance analysis, preparation of year end accrual entries in compliance with GASB standards

Accounting without Grants

Estimated Annual Cost \$6,000 (\$37.26 per hour)

Description of Services: Business process configuration, creation and processing of all deposits, accounts receivable, accounts payable, budget schedules, creation and processing of journal entries in compliance with GASB standards

In support of the GSA's annual financial audit, County shall provide the following items to the GSA's third-party auditor as applicable:

- Copy of all bank account statements and investment statements
- Copy of monthly account reconciliations
- Copy of cash and investment policies
- Copy of check register
- Accounts receivable aging reports
- Accounts receivable aging reports subsequent to year end
- Copy of prepaid or inventory record
- List of capital assets with new acquisitions for the audit year
- Accounts payable aging reports
- Accounts payable aging reports subsequent to year end
- Trial balance
- New grant, contract, and debt agreements
- Organization chart

- Policies and procedures

County shall provide GSA with quarterly financial reports including budget-to-actual comparisons, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and balance sheet summaries. Reports shall be suitable for presentation to the GSA Board of Directors.

Accounting with Grants

Estimated Annual Cost \$11,000 (\$45.55 per hour)

Description of Services: Business process configuration to meet grant reporting requirements; creation and processing of all deposits; accounts receivable, including grant revenues; accounts payable; budget schedules; creation and processing of journal entries in compliance with GASB standards; submission of grant reports to grantor agencies.

Note: Grant accounting services are outside the scope of this MOU and will be activated by amendment when grant funds become available. The cost listed above is an estimate and subject to negotiation at that time.

Wyandotte Creek
Groundwater
Sustainability Agency

Board of Directors
July 16, 2026

Financial Services

Memorandum of Understanding

Wyandotte Creek GSA
& Butte County Auditor-Controller

Presented by Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager

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Background & Legal Authority

LEGAL AUTHORITY

Gov. Code § 25265

A county may contract with a special district to provide financial or accounting services.

Gov. Code § 53060

A special district may contract with qualified persons for financial, accounting, and administrative services.

WHY THIS MOU, WHY NOW

The Butte County Auditor-Controller currently serves as the GSA's banking and fund custodian, processing transactions through Workday.

As SGMA implementation activities continue, formalizing this relationship ensures consistent financial oversight.

The MOU establishes a defined scope of services, clear cost structure, and mutual accountability.

Quarterly financial reports to the Board will provide ongoing fiscal visibility without additional GSA staff burden.

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MOU Scope of Services

Year End Accounting	Accounting without Grants	Grant Accounting
\$600 / year \$54.55 / hour - Variance analysis - Year-end accrual entries - GASB standards compliance	\$6,000 / year \$37.26 / hour - Deposits, A/R, A/P processing - Budget schedules & journal entries - Quarterly financial reports to Board - Third-party audit support (PBC list)	TBD by amendment Est. \$45.55 / hour - Activated when grant funds awarded - Cost negotiated at that time - Added via written MOU amendment - Grant reporting & submittal support

Fiscal Impact & MOU Terms

FISCAL IMPACT \$7,600 Not-to-exceed for initial one-year term - Includes all labor, services & expenses - Includes \$600 year-end + \$6,000 accounting - Cost reviewed 90 days before renewal - Included in the adopted GSA operating budget	MOU TERMS TermOne year from effective date RenewalBy mutual written agreement; cost reviewed 90 days prior TerminationEither party upon 60 days written notice Grant ServicesOut of scope; added by written amendment when funds awarded InvoicingMonthly invoices with service detail and hours Approval RequiredGoverning bodies of both GSA and County must approve prior to execution
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Recommended Action

Authorize the Board Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for Financial Services Between the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Butte County Auditor-Controller.

Reviewed By

GSA Management Committee
Legal Counsel
Butte County Auditor-Controller

Not-to-Exceed Cost

\$7,600
Included in adopted 2026-2027 FY
GSA operating budget

Attachment

MOU for Financial Services
Between WyC GSA and
Butte County Auditor-Controller



Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Transmittal

Subject: Ongoing SGMA Implementation Support Services Request for Proposal (RFP) Update

Contact: Dillon McGregor

Phone: 530.552.3589

Meeting Date: July 16, 2026

Regular Agenda: 4.3

Summary

The Wyandotte Creek GSA issued RFP #26-01 for Ongoing SGMA Implementation Support Services on May 15, 2026. The RFP seeks a single, qualified consultant team to serve the GSA's technical and operational partner for SGMA implementation and GSA operations within the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin over the next implementation period (2027-2032). Services include SGMA compliance and annual reporting, groundwater and related monitoring, data management, governance and operational support, and stakeholder outreach. As the GSA transitions from grant-funded implementation to a fully agency-funded model, securing ongoing professional services support is a critical next step in meeting the GSA's long-term SGMA obligations.

The RFP was posted publicly through the Public Purchase procurement platform. One addendum was issued in response to questions received during the question period. Proposals are due July 31, 2026. A selection committee will evaluate proposals following the submission deadline. If interviews are conducted, they are anticipated to occur prior to the Board's next regular meeting on August 20, 2026.

Should the Board wish to have a member participate in the interview process, a designation would need to be made prior to that date. The Board may choose to designate an individual Board member or establish an ad hoc committee for this purpose.

Requested Action: Discuss potential Board participation in the interview process and, if desired, designate a Board member or ad hoc committee to participate.



Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Transmittal

Subject: North Sacramento River Corridor (NSRC) Interbasin Coordination: Regional Update

Contact: Dillon McGregor **Phone:** 530.552.3589 **Meeting Date:** July 16, 2026 **Regular Agenda:** 4.4

Summary

Staff will provide an informational update on the North Sacramento River Corridor (NSRC) Interbasin Coordination (IBC) effort, a collaborative program among seven hydrologically connected subbasins along the NSRC. Wyandotte Creek GSA sits within the Feather River Corridor, and the Feather River forms a boundary shared with several of the subbasins participating in this effort. That shared boundary is directly relevant to the corridor's current interest to coordinate regionally on the sixth sustainability indicator, interconnected surface water (ISW), since addressing ISW depletions is a regulatory obligation shared across the Sacramento Valley. Wyandotte Creek GSA does not currently participate in the broader NSRC IBC framework, and the remainder of this update is provided for the Board's general awareness of regional coordination activity, at the Board's request.

The following materials are included in this packet:

Staff Report: NSRC Interbasin Coordination Update: Framework Progress and Regional Interconnected Surface Water Initiative

Attachment A. Factsheet: [North Sacramento River Corridor Interbasin Coordination Overview](#)

Attachment B. Interbasin Coordination Framework 5-Year Implementation Update

Attachment C. Factsheet: [Working Together on Interconnected Surface Water](#)

You can find the Workplan for Regional Coordination and Collaboration to Address the Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water Sustainability Indicator in the Sacramento Valley document [here](#).

Requested Action: Informational item. No action requested.



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Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency

STAFF REPORT

To: Vina GSA Board of Directors

From: Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager

Date: July 8, 2026

Subject: North Sacramento River Corridor Interbasin Coordination Update: Framework Progress and Regional Interconnected Surface Water Initiative

Background: North Sacramento River Corridor Interbasin Coordination

California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to develop and implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). Because the groundwater subbasins of the North Sacramento River Corridor (NSRC) are hydrologically connected, sharing boundaries, stream systems, and subsurface flows, effective SGMA implementation requires cross-boundary coordination.

The NSRC Interbasin Coordination (IBC) effort brings together GSAs from seven subbasins: Red Bluff, Antelope, Los Molinos, Corning, Vina, Colusa, and Butte. This effort is facilitated through the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Facilitation Support Services (FSS) program. The coordination effort is grounded in the Northern Sacramento Valley Inter-Basin Coordination Framework, first established between 2020 and 2022, which organizes collaborative work around five pillars:

1. Information Sharing;
2. Joint Analysis and Evaluation;
3. Coordination on Mutually Beneficial Activities;
4. Coordinated Communication and Outreach; and
5. Issue Resolution.

Each participating subbasin formally incorporated the framework into its GSP between 2021 and 2024, reflecting the shared recognition of the benefits of a collaborative, long-term approach to sustainable management of these hydrologically connected subbasins.

In preparation for the GSP Periodic Evaluations (PE) due to DWR in January 2027, the participating GSAs, with technical support from Montgomery & Associates completed a Joint GSP Evaluation that compared hydrogeologic conceptual models, water budgets, sustainable management criteria, and monitoring networks across subbasins. This work identified differences and data gaps at subbasin

boundaries, particularly around stream-aquifer interactions and cross-boundary groundwater flows and directly informed the 5-year implementation update of the North Sacramento Valley IBC Framework (attached). The effort was jointly funded through DWR SGM Grant program funds awarded to the Vina and Wyandotte Creek subbasins.

Two public webinars supporting public participation in the preparation of the PE process have been conducted. The first webinar was held in January 2026 and drew approximately 95 participants. This webinar introduced the Interbasin Coordination Framework, particularly the 5 Pillars, and provided updates on related work. A second webinar held June 16, 2026, provided an update on the IBC Implementation Coordination Framework, gathered feedback on its direction, and encouraged ongoing engagement with their respective GSAs.

Priority Regional Initiative: Interconnected Surface Waters

Regulatory Context

Under SGMA, each GSA must demonstrate that groundwater management does not result in undesirable results caused by depletions of interconnected surface waters (ISW), including rivers, streams, and other water bodies whose flows are influenced by groundwater pumping. ISW is one of six sustainability indicators that all GSPs must address. Upon its initial review of the NSRC subbasins' GSPs, DWR issued every subbasin a Recommended Corrective Action (RCA) related to ISW, underscoring both the regulatory significance of this topic and the shared nature of the challenge across the corridor.

Why Regional Coordination Is Essential

In the NSRC, hydrological connectivity is the rule, not the exception. The Sacramento River runs through the corridor and forms subbasin boundaries, while tributaries such as Butte Creek cross multiple subbasins. Groundwater and surface water interact throughout the region, and the effects of pumping on streamflow do not stop at subbasin lines. As a result, understanding whether management in one subbasin adversely affects neighboring subbasins, as SGMA requires, will benefit from a coordinated, regionally consistent approach.

Existing local groundwater models have limitations for regional ISW analysis, and existing regional tools require refinement. If each subbasin pursued ISW compliance independently, costs would be higher and results difficult to compare, making cross-boundary analysis more difficult. A coordinated approach produces commonly accessible tools and reduces cost to individual agencies.

The Proposed Regional ISW Work Plan

Consistent with Pillar 3- Coordination on Mutually Beneficial Activities of the Interbasin Coordination Framework, the NSRC subbasins have designated ISW as a central priority regional technical activity for the 2026–2032 period. The Northern California Water Association (NCWA), contracting with MBK Engineers, is working with water managers to support a regional ISW approach. The proposed work is organized around three interrelated steps:

- **Regional Data Collection:** Field teams collect measurements along the Sacramento River, Feather River, Butte Creek, and other shared streams to improve understanding of how water moves between rivers and underground aquifers across subbasin boundaries.

- **Refined Regional Modeling:** Using collected data, technical teams would work with DWR to improve an existing regional groundwater-surface water model to better simulate how groundwater pumping affects streamflow across subbasin boundaries.
- **Local Policy Support:** Drawing on modeling results, a regional guidance document would provide each agency with options and examples for defining its own ISW sustainability standards, while preserving each GSA's full authority over its own decisions.

A draft ISW work plan describing these three steps has been developed and is currently under review by all participating GSAs. As part of this report, each GSA is engaged in reviewing the technical work plan and considering a coordinated approach that would establish the regional ISW effort as a shared priority direction for the NSRC IBC group. Funding has not yet been secured; future grant funding through Proposition 4 has been identified as a potential source. Coordinating with DWR on this effort is expected to reduce costs to individual subbasins and produce shared tools that are commonly accessible across the region.

The full work plan is available for review [online](#). A fact sheet that describes this effort is attached to this memo (Attachment A).

Benefits of the Regional Approach

Participation in this coordinated ISW effort offers several benefits in meeting its SGMA obligations:

- **Better information:** A shared regional model provides more reliable, consistent data for ISW evaluations and cross-boundary impact assessments.
- **Lower cost:** Collaborative data collection and modeling costs significantly less than seven subbasins independently duplicating similar work.
- **SGMA compliance support:** The regional approach is designed to help each subbasin respond to its DWR Recommended Corrective Action on ISW
- **Local authority preserved:** This joint effort does not transfer any GSA's local authority. Shared information informs each GSA's decisions, and every agency sets its own sustainability criteria.

Next Steps and Timeline

MILESTONE	DESCRIPTION
Summer 2026	GSA boards are invited to review the draft, regional ISW work plan and IBC Framework 5-Year Implementation Update and share any significant questions or concerns; feedback will be carried back to the GSA IBC group, which includes representatives from each subbasin.
January 2027	GSP Periodic Evaluations due to DWR; each subbasin to incorporate the Framework five-year implementation update, including IBC commitments and ISW status in Periodic Evaluations.
2027–2032	Ongoing IBC activities per five-pillar framework; ISW modeling and policy support deliverables developed.

More information: <https://www.buttecounty.net/2221/North-Sacramento-River-Corridor-Inter-Ba>

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommend that the Committee receive this report and provide feedback on the North Sacramento River Corridor Interbasin Coordination Framework 5-Year Implementation Update and the proposed regional Interconnected Surface Water approach.

More information: <https://www.buttecounty.net/2221/North-Sacramento-River-Corridor-Inter-Ba>

Attachments:

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Attachment B. Interbasin Coordination Framework 5-Year Implementation Update

Attachment C. Factsheet: [Working Together on Interconnected Surface Water](#)

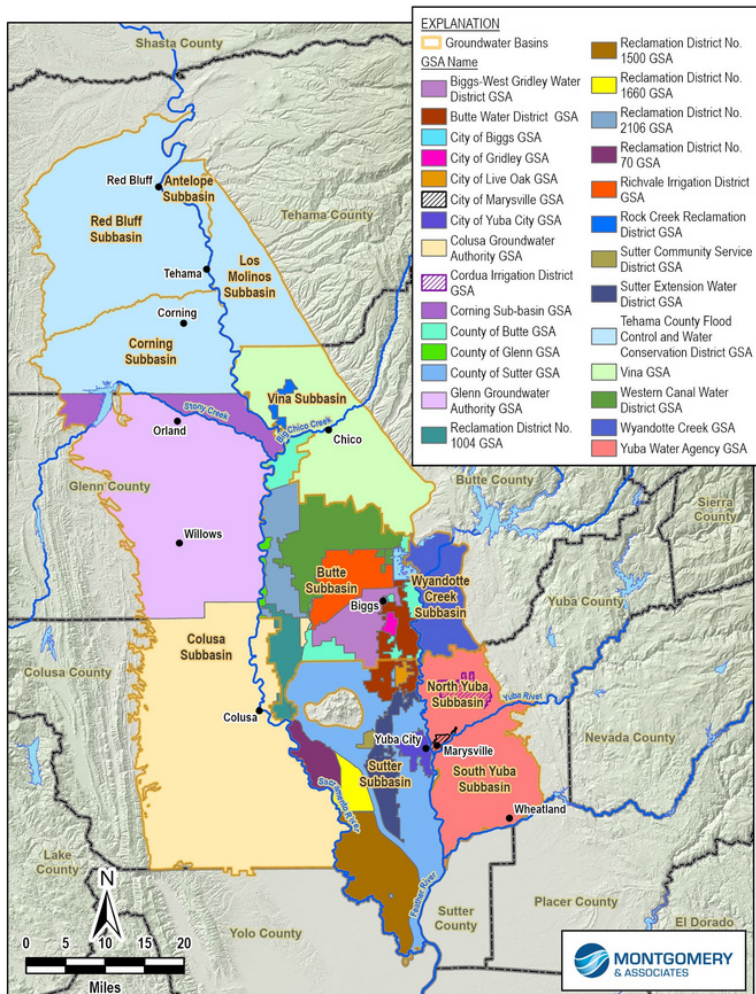
Northern Sacramento Valley | Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Interbasin Coordination in the North Sacramento River Corridor

Antelope | Butte | Colusa | Corning | Los Molinos | Red Bluff | Vina

Ensuring Regionally Sustainable Groundwater Management

The California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires that Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) develop and implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) to manage groundwater resources and conditions in each of the State's groundwater basins. One of the requirements for a GSP is that it does not adversely affect sustainable groundwater management in an adjoining groundwater basin or subbasin.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act



Why Regional Coordination Matters

In the Northern Sacramento Valley, our groundwater subbasins are hydrologically connected – water management decisions and actions in one subbasin can affect neighboring subbasins.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) reviews groundwater sustainability plans for:

- Relevant interbasin coordination efforts
- Alignment of thresholds and objectives
- Potential impacts to or from adjacent subbasins

Regional coordination also offers significant opportunities for:

- Joint learning and understanding
- Protecting shared water resources
- Reducing duplicative efforts
- Collaborative problem-solving

Through coordinated efforts, we can achieve long-term groundwater sustainability across the region while maintaining local control.

Who is Involved?

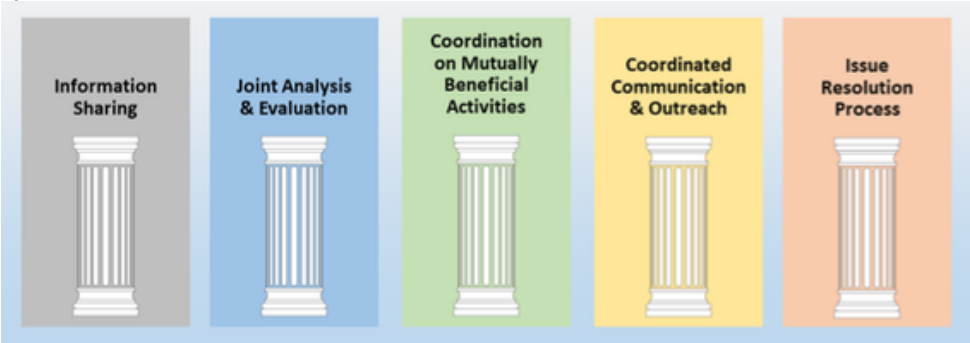
Collaborative efforts have been ongoing since the early phases of SGMA when 11 subbasins in the Northern Sacramento Valley (Antelope, Bowman, Butte, Colusa, Corning, Los Molinos, Red Bluff, Sutter, Vina, Wyandotte Creek, and Yolo) created an Interbasin Coordination Report outlining a framework for sustained coordination during GSP implementation.

Seven of those subbasins make up the **North Sacramento River Corridor** (Antelope, Butte, Colusa, Corning, South Yuba, Los Molinos, Red Bluff, and Vina). The GSAs have delved into more focused conversations and analyses to outline a path forward for interbasin coordination across these seven subbasins.

Five Pillars of Coordination

The Interbasin Coordination Framework is based on a foundation of five “pillars” of collaboration – **Information sharing** ensures all subbasins stay informed about changing conditions and management approaches. Through **joint analysis and evaluation**, the GSAs developed a shared understanding of policies adopted across the region’s GSPs; this analysis is complete and informing individual Periodic Evaluations. Under **coordination on mutually beneficial activities**, GSAs are pursuing joint projects and funding opportunities, with Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) management emerging as the region’s current top coordination priority. **Coordinated communication and outreach** ensures consistent messaging to stakeholders and the public. Finally, an **issue resolution** process provides a pathway for addressing potential conflicts before they escalate.

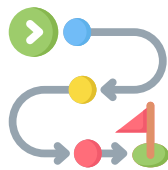
5-Pillar Framework
for Regional
Coordination



Where We Are Now

With all GSPs approved by the State, implementation is underway. Through funding from DWR’s SGM grant program, a technical analysis by Montgomery & Associates evaluated GSP contents across subbasins, identified boundary flow patterns, and analyzed differences in sustainability criteria between neighboring areas.

Building on this work, GSA representatives are now developing the **NSRC IBC Framework Five-Year Implementation Update**, which will guide regional coordination through the Periodic Evaluations due in 2027 and beyond. Key coordination priorities include understanding cross-boundary data gaps, regional modeling, interconnected surface water management, analyzing boundary flows, coordinating on state-required Recommended Corrective Actions, and exploring opportunities for joint projects.



What’s Coming Next

GSA representatives will continue meeting through summer 2026 to finalize the NSRC IBC Framework Five-Year Implementation Update.

In January 2026, the GSAs held a public webinar to provide an overview of coordination activities and share progress on the Five Pillars. A public meeting is planned for June 2026 to present updates on the IBC effort and the ISW Technical Work Plan, and to hear from the community.

The implementation framework update guides coordination over the next five years through 2032, supporting each subbasin’s path to sustainability while maintaining local control.

How to Get Involved

- **Receive Updates** – Sign up for your GSA’s interested parties list.
- **Contact Your GSA** – Talk to your GSA representative
- **Attend Meetings** – Attend public meetings and GSA Board meetings

Subbasin <i>(with website links)</i>	GSA(s)
Antelope	Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCWCD)
Butte	Biggs-West Gridley WD, Butte County, Butte WD, City of Biggs, City of Gridley, Colusa Groundwater Authority, Glenn County, RD 1004, RD 2106, Richvale ID, Western Canal WD
Los Molinos	Tehama County FCWCD
Red Bluff	Tehama County FCWCD
Corning (Corning Tehama)	Corning Sub-basin GSA, Tehama County FCWCD
Colusa (Glenn Colusa)	Glenn Groundwater Authority; Colusa Groundwater Authority
Vina (Vina RCRD)	Rock Creek Reclamation District, Vina GSA

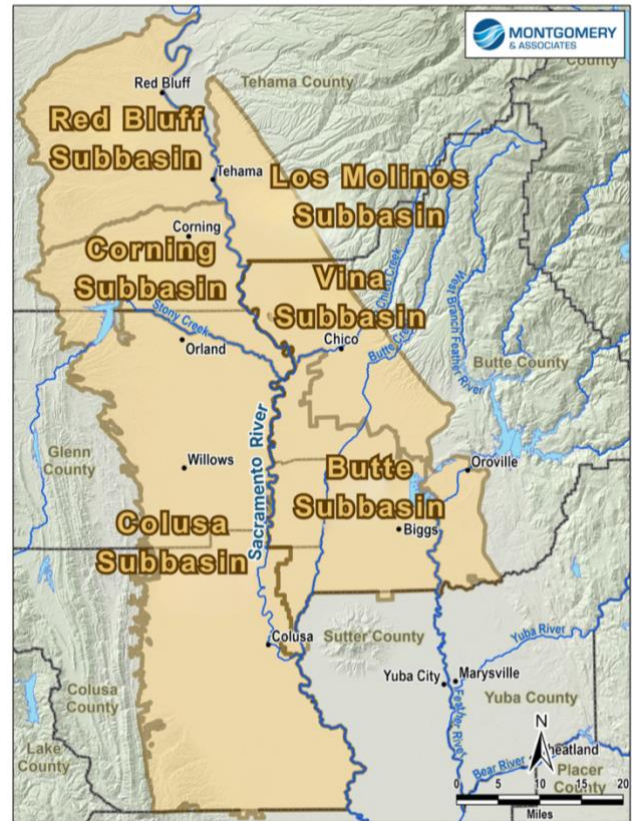
Working Together on Interconnected Surface Waters

A State Requirement and a Regional Opportunity

California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires local agencies to understand how groundwater pumping affects nearby rivers and streams – a relationship known as Interconnected Surface Waters, or ISW. In its first review of local Groundwater Sustainability Plans, the Department of Water Resources issued every subbasin in the North Sacramento River Corridor a Recommended Corrective Action for ISW -- one of the six SGMA sustainability indicators each subbasin must manage. Addressing this requirement is essential for maintaining SGMA compliance and keeping groundwater management under local control.

Why a Regional Approach?

In this valley, hydrological connectivity is the rule, not the exception. The Sacramento River runs through the corridor and forms subbasin boundaries, while tributaries like Butte Creek cross multiple subbasins.



Groundwater and surface water interact throughout the region, and the effects of pumping on streamflow do not stop at subbasin lines. Understanding those effects (and demonstrating that management in one subbasin does not adversely affect neighboring subbasins, as SGMA requires), demands a regional approach.



Regional Tools for a Robust Understanding

A shared regional groundwater-surface water model is the most effective path forward, but getting there requires work. Existing local models have limitations for regional ISW analysis, and existing regional tools need refinement. Targeted data collection is needed to fill gaps and build confidence in model results. If each subbasin pursued this independently, the cost would be higher and the methods would likely be incompatible – making cross-boundary analysis harder, not easier. Coordinating with DWR reduces costs to individual subbasins and produces tools that are commonly accessible across the region.

Value in Working Together

Better information

A shared regional model gives each subbasin more reliable, consistent data for ISW evaluations, boundary flow analyses, and cross-boundary impact assessments.

Lower cost

Collaborative data collection and modeling costs far less than seven subbasins duplicating the same work independently.

Local authority stays local

This joint effort does not take away any GSA's local authority. It provides shared information to inform each GSA's decisions – every agency sets its own sustainability criteria.

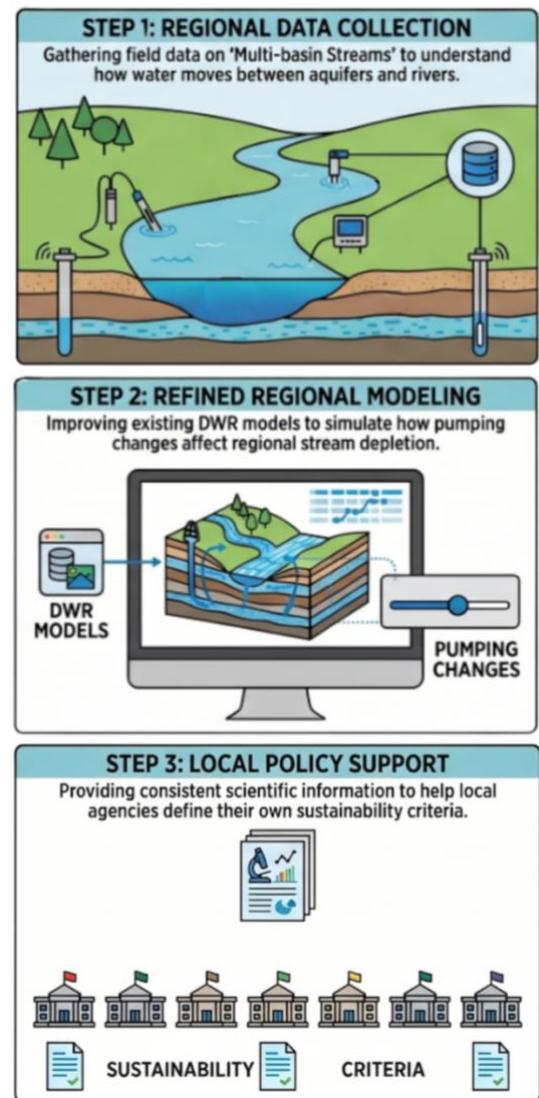
What Is Being Proposed?

The local water managers are exploring a joint technical work plan to collect data, refine regional models, and develop consistent information each agency can use to meet its state-required obligations. The effort is built around three interrelated steps:

- 1) **Regional Data Collection:** Field teams will collect measurements along the Sacramento River, Feather River, Butte Creek, and other shared streams to improve understanding of how water moves between rivers and underground aquifers across the region.
- 2) **Refined Regional Modeling:** Using that data, technical teams will work with DWR to improve an existing regional model so they can better simulate how groundwater pumping affects streamflow across subbasin boundaries.
- 3) **Local Policy Support:** Drawing on the modeling results, a regional guidance document will provide each agency with options and examples to define its own sustainability standards – while each agency retains full authority over its own decisions.

Where Things Stand

An ISW work plan describing these three steps in greater detail is in draft form and under review by local water managers. It has not been formally adopted, and funding has not yet been secured.



Getting Involved. Local GSA boards will decide whether to move forward with this approach. If they do, this work is expected to support each subbasin's compliance obligations in 2027 and beyond. Your voice matters in that process.

This effort advances Pillar 3 of the Northern Sacramento Valley Interbasin Coordination Framework – Coordination on Mutually Beneficial Activities – the regional structure that guides collaboration among the seven NSRC subbasins since 2022. Visit the website to learn more.



NORTH SACRAMENTO RIVER CORRIDOR I REGIONAL INTERBASIN COORDINATION

DRAFT Interbasin Coordination Framework 5-Year Implementation Update

This 5-year update advances coordinated regional implementation of the Northern Sacramento Valley Interbasin Coordination Framework's Five Pillars through the Periodic Evaluation/Plan Amendment process and over the subsequent 5 years between 2026–2032. The update focuses on topics relating to regionally-scaled coordination among subbasins in the North Sacramento River Corridor, including Red Bluff (5-021.50), Antelope (5-021.54), Los Molinos (5-021.56), Corning (5-021.51), Vina (5-021.57), Colusa (5-021.52), and Butte (5-021.70), and identifies each GSA's commitments to implement the Framework over that period. Interbasin coordination on specific boundary topics is ongoing and will occur on a neighbor-to-neighbor basis.

This project builds on work completed from 2020-2022 to develop the Northern [Sacramento Valley Inter-Basin Coordination Report](#) which established an Interbasin Coordination Framework for SGMA implementation. Additional background information on North Sacramento Valley regional interbasin coordination can be found at the following website: <https://www.buttecounty.net/1234/Inter-Basin-Coordination>

Interbasin Coordination Five Pillars	Scope of Activities	Implementation	Deliverables
Pillar 1. Information-sharing a. Inform each other on changing conditions (i.e., surface water cutbacks, land use changes, policy changes that inform groundwater management) b. Share annual reports and interim progress reports c. Share data and technical information and work towards building shared data across and/or along basin boundaries (e.g., monitoring data, water budgets, modeling inputs and outputs, and Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems)	- Convene at least one regional meeting annually with GSA Coordination representatives (and more often, as warranted) - Ongoing informal outreach to neighbors - Continue to use other existing collaborative venues to report out progress and coordinate, as needed (e.g., Northern Sacramento Valley IRWM, NCWA Groundwater Task Force, etc.)	Timeline - Near-term (Periodic Evaluation, January 2027) - At least annually through next Periodic Evaluation term (2027-2032) Responsible Parties - Consensus Building Institute (CBI) (facilitation through 2026) - GSAs Funding Source(s) - Facilitation Support Services (through 2026) - In kind GSA representative time	- Agendas and associated materials for formal meetings posted to regional interbasin coordination website 2025 GSP Annual Reports: 5-021.57 Vina 5-02.70 Butte 5-021.50 Red Bluff 5-021.54 Antelope 5-021.56 Los Molinos 5-021.51 Corning 5-021.52 Colusa
Pillar 2. Joint analysis & evaluation a. Evaluate and compare contents of GSPs with a focus on establishing	Inter-basin Coordination Analysis and Modeling Project	Timeline Completed in 2025	North Sacramento River Corridor Results Webinar Recording

Interbasin Coordination Five Pillars	Scope of Activities	Implementation	Deliverables
a common understanding of basin conditions at boundaries b. Identify significant differences, uncertainties, and potential issues of concern related to groundwater interaction at the boundaries c. Engage in analysis and evaluation of SMCs between GSPs to assess impacts and identify significant differences and possible impacts between subbasins that could potentially lead to undesirable results	- Evaluated and compared contents of GSPs in the North Sacramento River region with a focus on establishing a common understanding of basin conditions at boundaries. - Identified significant differences, uncertainties, and potential issues of concern related to groundwater interaction at the boundaries. - Analyzed SMCs between GSPs to identify significant differences and possible impacts between Subbasins that could potentially lead to undesirable results. - Updated Butte Basin Groundwater Model and use the revised model to compute subbasin flows and stream-aquifer interaction flows at subbasin boundaries.	Responsible Parties - Butte County contracted with Montgomery & Associates, technical consultant Funding Source(s) - DWR SGMA Implementation Funding (awarded to Vina and Wyandotte Creek Subbasins)	Presentation Slides Technical Memo Interbasin Flow Evaluation with Regional Model Webinar Recording Presentation Slides Technical Memo
Pillar 3. Coordination on mutually beneficial activities a. Communicate, coordinate, and collaborate on mutually beneficial activities, which could include joint monitoring, joint reporting, regional modeling, and other efforts to address data gaps at subbasin boundaries b. Collectively pursue funding and collaborate on mutually agreed upon projects and management actions that provide benefits across boundaries c. Leverage existing collaboratives	<u>Priority Activity (2026-2032):</u> - Interconnected surface waters (ISW): develop and seek funding for a regional approach to interconnected surface waters that considers coordinated monitoring and modeling to consistently respond to Recommended Corrective Actions that each subbasin received. https://data.ca.gov/dataset/sgma-depletions-of-interconnected-surface-water/resource/38c8ab75-f8b3-4c00-aabb-38db84cccc94 <u>Areas of Interest for Ongoing Exploration:</u> - Boundary flow analysis and modeling: model-based boundary flow analysis to better understand, quantify, and predict how water flows across basin boundaries and if the actions of one subbasin are affecting flow in another. Preparing for the analysis will include a discussion of the use of existing models and the possible coordination on shared modeling tools, when possible. - Monitoring: Discuss monitoring networks with a focus on shared boundaries, identification of data gaps in groundwater level, water quality, and subsidence data. - Joint project implementation: Leverage resources and pursue funding opportunities to implement projects that could offer regional solutions, noting the potential to consider mutually beneficial projects, such as recharge, among others.	Timeline - Document progress in the 2027 Periodic Evaluations (PE) related to ISW - Long-term (through the next Periodic Evaluation in 2032) Responsible Parties - Northern California Water Association (NCWA) contracting with MBK Engineers, technical consultant, GSA consultants working on PEs - Coordination with the Department of Water Resources regarding regional modeling tools Funding Source(s) - Northern California Water Association (NCWA)	- Northern Sacramento Valley ISW Work Plan Factsheet - Additional work products TBD overtime within areas of interest for ongoing exploration

Interbasin Coordination Five Pillars	Scope of Activities	Implementation	Deliverables
		- GSAs through technical consultants (SGM implementation funding) - Possible future grant funding through Proposition 4	
Pillar 4. Coordinated communication and outreach a. Coordinate and collaborate on regional-scale public engagement and communication strategies that promote awareness on groundwater sustainability, enhance public trust, and maintain institutional knowledge b. Maintain list of GSA/subbasin staff contacts and websites	- Create a list of GSA/subbasin staff contacts and websites - Develop informational materials that could be distributed across the region within each of the subbasins' using existing communication mechanisms and venues; update materials periodically to reflect ongoing implementation activities. - Continue to utilize the regional interbasin coordination webpage hosted by Butte County to post information and work products related to regional interbasin coordination activities. - Utilize existing regional venues to coordinate communications and outreach, including: 1) NCWA Groundwater Task Force; 2) NSV IRWM, and others, as warranted. - Periodically host public workshops coordinated through Pillar 1 GSA meetings.	Timeline - Near Term (By 2027) - Long-term (through the next Periodic Evaluation in 2032) Responsible Parties - CBI (through 2026) - GSA representatives Funding Source(s) - Facilitation Support Services (through 2026) - In-kind website administration (Butte County) - In-kind staff time and venue use	GSA Directory with points of contacts for each subbasin General Factsheet - Public webinar recording and slide deck (January 28, 2026)
Pillar 5. Issue-resolution process a. Establish and follow an agreed-upon process for identifying and resolving conflicts between GSAs	- GSAs confirmed the approach described in the Sacramento Valley Inter-Basin Coordination Report (See Appendix D on pages 37-38) - GSAs will continue to implement this framework and can activate an issue resolution process on an as-needed basis. - GSAs will use consistent language in the subbasins respective Periodic Evaluations describing regional Interbasin Coordination in the North Sacramento River Corridor.	Timeline - Ongoing Responsible Parties - CBI (through 2026) - GSA Coordination Group meetings (see Pillar 1) Funding Source(s) - Facilitation Support Services (through 2026) - In-kind staff time	

North Sacramento River Corridor Interbasin Coordination

NSRC IBC Framework Update and Regional Interconnected Surface Water Initiative

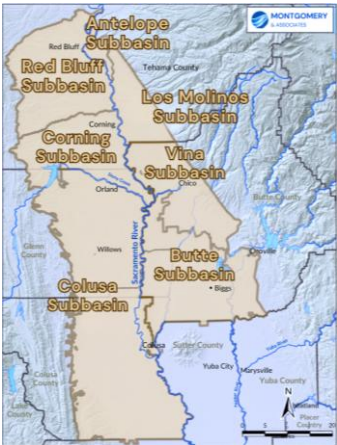
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IBC Framework Re-cap

- During Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development leading up to 2022 submission of GSPs, 11 Northern Sacramento Valley subbasins prepared an Interbasin Coordination Report which established a mutually agreed upon framework for sustained coordination during GSP implementation
- **GSA Representatives** from 7 subbasins which form the **North Sacramento River Corridor** (Antelope, Butte, Colusa, Corning, Los Molinos, Red Bluff, and Vina) initiated focused discussions last fall to begin developing a **5-Year Update** to consistently **implement this regional framework** as a part of the state required GSP Periodic Evaluations due Jan 2027.
- Neighbor to neighbor interbasin coordination may be occurring in addition to these regional discussions.

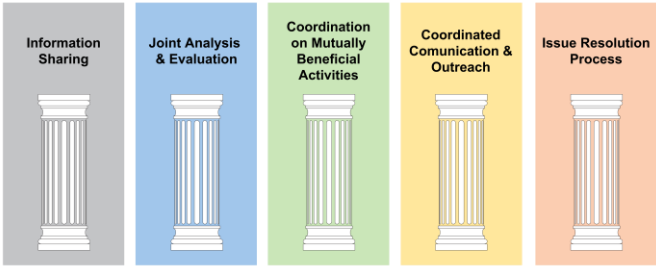


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The 5-Pillar Coordination Framework

- The framework operates through **5 collaborative pillars** that GSAs have committed to
- The 5-Year Implementation Update details GSAs' priorities for advancing the Pillars through 2032



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Pillar 1 - Information Sharing

- Subbasin representatives meet **at least** annually to stay informed about changing conditions, exchange information, and collaborate on shared priorities
- GSAs share annual reports, monitoring data, water budgets, and modeling information, and work towards building shared data resources across boundaries

Pillar 2 - Joint Analysis & Evaluation

- Completed in 2025 to evaluate and compare contents of GSPs with a focus on gaining a common understanding of basin conditions at boundaries
- Identified key differences, data uncertainties, and assessed potential impacts of concerns related to groundwater interaction at the boundaries

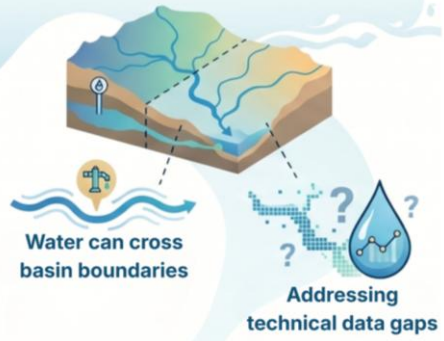
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Pillar 3 - Coordination on Mutually Beneficial Activities

Informed by DWR's Recommended Corrective Actions for all Subbasin GSPs, a regional priority rose to the top for this next 5-year period-- to develop a coordinated approach to interconnected surface waters, including shared monitoring and modeling strategies, and pursuit of grant funding

Additional areas for exploration include boundary flow analysis, joint monitoring to identify data gaps, and collaborative project development such as regional recharge opportunities

The Need for a Regional Approach



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Pillar 3 - Coordination on Mutually Beneficial Activities

FOCUS Interconnected Surface Waters (ISW): A Shared Challenge



SGMA REQUIRES LOCAL AGENCIES TO UNDERSTAND HOW GROUNDWATER PUMPING AFFECTS NEARBY RIVERS AND STREAMS (A RELATIONSHIP KNOWN AS ISW)



DWR ISSUED EVERY SUBBASIN IN THE NORTH SACRAMENTO RIVER CORRIDOR A RECOMMENDED CORRECTIVE ACTION (RCA) FOR ISW, MAKING IT A COMPLIANCE OBLIGATION FOR ALL 7 SUBBASINS



THIS VALLEY IS HYDROLOGICALLY CONNECTED, MEANING THE EFFECTS OF PUMPING ON STREAMFLOW DO NOT STOP AT SUBBASIN BOUNDARIES, PROMPTING A REGIONAL APPROACH



ADDRESSING ISW TOGETHER KEEPS COSTS LOWER AND PRODUCES TOOLS THAT ARE COMPATIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE ACROSS ALL 7 SUBBASINS

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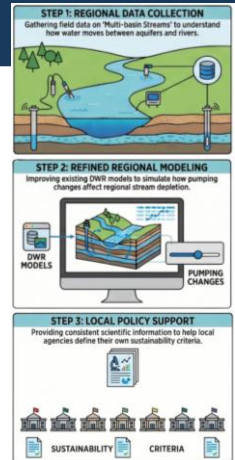
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FOCUS What's Proposed

Regional Data Collection: Field teams would collect measurements along the Sacramento River, Feather River, Butte Creek, and other shared streams to improve understanding of how water moves between rivers and underground aquifers across the region.

Refined Regional Modeling: Using that data, technical teams would work with DWR to improve an existing regional model so they can better simulate how groundwater pumping affects streamflow across subbasin boundaries.

Local Policy Support: Drawing on the modeling results, a regional guidance document would provide each agency with options and examples to define its own sustainability standards – while each agency retains full authority over its own decisions.

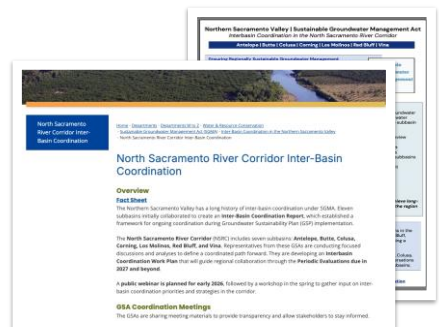


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Pillar 4 - Coordinated Communication & Engagement

Continued collaboration on regional-scale public engagement and communications that promote awareness, enhance public trust, and maintain knowledge

- Public Meetings
- Outreach and engagement materials (factsheets, etc.)
- Ongoing maintenance of interbasin coordination website with updates, meeting materials, and work products



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Pillar 5 - Issue Resolution Process



All participating subbasins have agreed to a shared process for identifying and resolving conflicts, following the framework established in the Northern Sacramento Valley Interbasin Coordination Report



The process can be activated as needed, ensuring that disputes have a clear, agreed upon pathway for resolution



With this 5-Year Implementation Update of the Framework, GSAs intend to use consistent language across their individual Periodic Evaluations when describing regional Interbasin Coordination

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What This Means for Participating GSAs



Better Information

A shared regional model gives Vina more reliable, consistent data for ISW evaluations, boundary flow analyses, and cross-boundary impact assessments than we could build alone.



Lower Cost

Collaborative data collection and modeling costs significantly less than seven subbasins independently duplicating the same work, with results that are actually comparable.



SGMA Compliance Support

The regional approach is designed to help each subbasin respond to its DWR Recommended Corrective Action on ISW, a direct compliance obligation for Periodic Evaluations.



Local Authority Preserved

This joint effort does not transfer any decision-making authority. Agencies sets its own sustainability criteria. The regional work provides shared information to inform those decisions.

Vina has been an active participant in IBC since the framework's founding. This regional ISW effort is the natural next step.

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QUESTIONS