

# **Meeting Minutes**

## **North American Subbasin (NASb) -**

### **DWR SGM Grant Round II Post-Project Public Meeting for All Components**

March 24, 2026, 6:00PM

#### **1. Welcome and Meeting Purpose**

- Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services with the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), kicked off the meeting with introductions.
- Raiyna Villasenor, with SGA/Regional Water Authority (RWA), introduced herself.
- Richard Shatz, with GEI Consultants, introduced himself.
- Pauline Espinoza, with GEI Consultants, introduced herself.
- Keny Loy, with West Yost, introduced himself.
- Brett Storey, with West Yost and supporting the NASb Grant team, introduced himself.
- Jingnan Zhou, with Woodard & Curran, introduced herself.
- Ali Taghavi, Woodard & Curran, introduced himself.
- Art Machado, with Woodard & Curran, introduced himself.
- Chris Hanson, with Placer County and the West Placer GSA, introduced herself.
- Hayden Cornwell, with South Sutter Water District (SSWD) and the SSWD GSA, introduced himself.
- Kimberly Reese, with Reclamation District (RD) 1001 and the RD 1001 GSA, introduced herself.
- Julian Consoli, a staff of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) who attended as a member of the public, introduced himself.
- No other members of the public or other agencies introduced themselves.

#### **2. The NASb and SGMA Introduction**

- Trevor Joseph introduced the North American Subbasin (NASb or Subbasin) and the agenda and meeting purpose including: provide an overview of the DWRs Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Round II (Grant), awarded to the Subbasin in September 2023 and concludes end of March2026; present and review findings and outcomes of completed components; and, respond to questions and discuss completion of components.
- Trevor Joseph provided background on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the five GSAs that cover the NASb.

#### **3. The California DWR SGM Grant Round II Program and the NASb Proposed Projects**

- Trevor Joseph provided an overview of the DWR SGMA Grant and the timeline of funding recommendations and award for the requested Grant

amount.

- For Component 2 Groundwater Recharge Feasibility Study, Brett Storey with West Yost, the project manager assisting West Placer GSA, gave his own presentation and provided the details, activities, lessons learned, and conclusions and next steps.
- For Component 3 Groundwater Quality Degradation Study, Ken Loy with West Yost, the consultant that led this effort, gave a general overview of what the studies objectives were, a review of the participating agencies and study area, the studies findings and scoring criteria, and discussed conclusions of the study.
- For Components 4 and 5 Groundwater Monitoring Wells Construction GEI, the consultant that led this effort, gave an overview of the original proposed wells locations, the status and details of the six wells completed under the Grant, the timeline of activities, challenges that occurred, and future activities associated with the constructed wells.
- For Component 6, Trevor Joseph gave a brief overview of all the tasks and associated deliverables for this Component. Art Machado with Woodard & Curran and the consultants that led this effort provided some additional details on some of the deliverables and their statuses.
- For Component 7, Jingnan Zhou with Woodard & Curran and the consultants that led this effort provided an overview of the Cosumnes South American North American (CoSANA) Integrated Water Resources Model and its associated updates (i.e., upgraded features, recalibration results, baseline and climate scenarios) as part of Grant activities. Jingnan also reviewed the summary and findings of this component.

#### **4. Questions/Comments**

- Questions from the attendees were taken and answered throughout the meeting.
- The meeting was recorded and the intention was to upload the recorded meeting to the NASb Website (<https://nasbgroundwater.org/public-meetings/>); however, the recording file is corrupted and did not accurately record the meeting. As such, there is no meeting recording for this Meeting. A copy of the agenda and PowerPoint, including the individual component PowerPoints, can be found on the NASb website at the link above and is anticipated to be posted to the website after March 31, 2026.