Groundwater Management Planning for the Eastern San Joaquin Basin

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"...This Groundwater Management Plan is the result of this inexorable collaborative effort, which was single-minded in its effort to reinforce local control and provide direction for the sustainable development of this vital resource for the future social, economic and environmental viability of San Joaquin County."

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Background

- Groundwater Export Ordinance – June 2000
- Countywide Water Management Plan – Adopted 2002
- Eastern San Joaquin Basin Groundwater Management Plan include requirements of AB 3030 & SB 1938
  - Basin Management Objectives
  - Expanded monitoring program
  - Update of Conjunctive Use Project Alternatives
Plan Review and Comments

- Plan Development Kickoff – April 2003
  - Regular monthly meetings – GBA CC & Planning Group
  - Ongoing review
- Draft Admin. Plan Release – April 2004
- Draft Plan Release & Board Acceptance – June 2004
  - 50 Plan copies (hard/CD) mailed plus website
- Comment Period – July through Sept. 2004
  - SEWD
  - Central Delta Water Agency
  - North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
  - City of Stockton
  - City of Manteca
  - San Joaquin Farm Bureau
  - EBMUD
- Final Plan Public Hearing – September 2004
Plan Purpose and Objectives

- Maintain Long-Term Sustainability of the Basin - Development of Management Objectives, Practices & Conjunctive Use Projects
- Prevent Further Saline Intrusion and Degradation of Groundwater Basin
- Development of Program to Monitor, Evaluate and Predict Basin Conditions
- Maintain Local Control of the Groundwater Basin
- Attainable Management Objectives to Retain State Funding Eligibility
- Voluntary Policies, Practices and Incentive Programs to Meet Management Objectives
- Financing Strategies for Plan Implementation
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### Mission Values for Success

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<td>Exhibit multiple benefits to local landowners and other participating agencies</td>
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<td>Minimize adverse impacts to the environment</td>
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Groundwater Management Area

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Figure 1-X
Groundwater Management Area of San Joaquin County

Source: California Spatial Information Library at http://www.gis.ca.gov/
Agency Participation

- **Local/Regional Participants & Agencies**
  - Calaveras County Water District
  - California Water Service Company
  - Central Delta Water Agency
  - Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District
  - City of Lathrop
  - City of Lodi
  - City of Manteca
  - City of Stockton
  - East Bay Municipal Utility District
  - Linden County Water District
  - North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
  - San Joaquin County Environmental Health
  - San Joaquin County Public Works
  - San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation
  - South Delta Water Agency
  - South San Joaquin Irrigation District
  - Stanislaus County
  - Stockton Area Business Council, Inc.
  - Stockton East Water District
  - Woodbridge Irrigation District

- **State Participants & Agencies**
  - Department of Water Resources
  - Office of State Senator Charles Poochigan
  - Office of Assemblywoman Barbara Matthews

- **Federal Participants & Agencies**
  - Natural Resource Conservation Service
  - U.S. Geological Survey
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- **Other Participants & Agencies**
  - California Center for Collaborative Policy
  - Camp, Dresser, & McKee
  - Galt Economic Development Task Force
  - Schlumberger Water Services
  - The Great Valley Center
  - The Sierra Club

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## Plan Consistency & Requirements

### Table ES-4 Components of a Groundwater Management Plan

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**Sources:**
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  - [http://www.dpla.water.ca.gov/cgi-bin/supply/gw/management/hg/ab3030/main.pl](http://www.dpla.water.ca.gov/cgi-bin/supply/gw/management/hg/ab3030/main.pl)
- California Department of Water Resources Draft 2003 Update Bulletin 118
Groundwater Hydrogeology

- Extensive area of County with heads below MSL
- Groundwater heads as low as 60 feet below MSL
- Strong west to east gradient in Stockton area – reversing historical flow directions
Basin Management Objectives

- **Groundwater Level:** Maintain or enhance groundwater elevations to meet the long-term needs of groundwater users within the Basin Management Area.

- **Water Quality:** Maintain or enhance groundwater quality underlying the Basin to meet the long-term needs of groundwater users within the Basin Management Area.

- **Surface Water Quality:** Minimize impacts to surface water quality and flow due to continued Basin overdraft and planned conjunctive use.

- **Inelastic Land Subsidence:** Prevent inelastic land subsidence in Eastern San Joaquin County due to continued groundwater overdraft.
Basin Management

Management Objective #1: Groundwater Level Plan Elements

1. Increase use of available and new surface water supplies;
2. Implementation of local and regional conjunctive use programs;
3. Development of Basin Operations Criteria;
4. Development of urban and agricultural incentive-based conservation and demand management programs;
5. Development of local and outside revenue sources.
Groundwater Management Options

- Existing or new surface water supply elements
- New & improved Storage/conveyance elements
- Conjunctive use elements
  - In-lieu groundwater recharge
  - Direct recharge
  - ASR facilities
  - Direct use
  - Other options

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Groundwater Contamination

- Coordinate with local, State, and Federal agencies to ensure underlying Basin is adequately protected against groundwater contamination and ensure all contaminated sites are documented and mitigated by responsible parties.

- Continue to manage efforts to combat saline intrusion.

- Strive to improve groundwater quality when technically and economically feasible. Authority actions that would degrade groundwater quality are not acceptable.

- Require recharge projects to identify and evaluate impacts to groundwater quality and the potential for mobilization of soil and source water contaminants.

- Consider current and future water quality standards in the planning and design of projects identified in Plan.
Monitoring & Science Programs

Groundwater Data Center

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Groundwater Reporting

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USGS – Joint Salinity Study

- GBA, USGS and DWR joint project
- $2.5 million over next 5 years
- Source, areal extent and vertical distribution of high-chloride groundwater
- Sources, distribution and rates of groundwater recharge
Financing Options

- State Eligibility for GBA
  member agencies

- Sources:
  - Federal
  - State – AB 303, Prop # 50
  - Local
  - Regional Partnerships
**Basin Plan Governance**

**Mutual Interest-based Model**

- **Management Structure**
  - Individual Interest-based
  - Mutual Interest-based

- **Dispute Resolution**

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Integrated Conjunctive Use Program

East Basin Conjunctive Use Program

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MORE WATER

SJC-FREEPORT

CALAVERAS River

STANISLAUS River

GILL CREEK BASINS

NSJWCD RECHARGE

SEWD FARMINGTON PROGRAM

STOCKTON ASR WELLS

CSJWCD IN-LIEU

DELTA DIVERSION

OTHER PROJECTS

EWA PROJECTS

LODI ASR WELLS

OTHER SUPPLY PROJECTS

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Basin Modeling

DYNFLOW Finite Element Flow Model
- 3,520 Elements
- 1,860 Plan View Nodes
- 4 Layers, 5 Levels

- Typical 3-D groundwater model parameters
- Land use parameters
- River/stream parameters
- Irrigation parameters

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Project Impacts & Coordination

- Evaluate increase in groundwater levels
Implementation & Next Steps

- Local and regional cooperation
- Increased data collection and analysis
  - Better characterize salinity problem
  - Groundwater monitoring – State of the Basin Report
- State and Federal funding
  - Major conjunctive use opportunities
- Implement management objectives
  - Operations Criteria discussions
  - Modeling effort
  - IRWMP effort
  - Integrated Conjunctive Use Programmatic EIR development
  - Local Control & Governance review
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Future Activities

Governance Options

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Groundwater Management Plan

Basin Management Objectives

Basin Operations Criteria

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Groundwater Management Ordinances

Groundwater Export Permitting Review

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Draft Basin Operations Criteria

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Water District or Agency

Pre - 1960 →
Fall 1986 →
75% Recovery →
50% Recovery →
Drought Reserve →
Fall 1992 →
Terminal Pool →

Groundwater Contour

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Questions?
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