



Steering Committee Special Meeting

AGENDA

Thursday, November 3, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center

2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton, CA 95206

Assembly Rm 1

- I. **Call to Order, Safety Announcement, Roll Call**
- II. **Discussion / Action Items**
 - A. SGMA Grant R2 Projects and Ranking ([Attachment 1](#))
 - B. Grant Resolution Adoption ([Attachments 2 and 3](#) need to see Rod)
 - C. Woodard & Curran Scope of Work and GSA Grant Cost Share Agreement ([Attachment 4](#))
 - D. Budget Adjustment
- III. **Staff/DWR Reports**
 - A. Staff
 - B. DWR
- IV. **Public Comments**
- V. **Directors Comments**
- VI. **Future Agenda Items**
- VII. **Adjournment**

Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 14th, 2022

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

San Joaquin County Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center

Action may be taken on any item

Agendas and Minutes may also be found at <http://www.ESJGroundwater.org>

Note: If you need disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact



Memo

To: Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Steering Committee

From: Matt Zidar, Water Resources Manager

Re: Steering Committee Item A.1 – ESJ GWA SGMA Grant Round 2 Projects and Ranking

Date: November 3, 2022

Summary: The TAC reviewed and established the GSA grant project proposal and selected those which should be included in the DWR SGMA Round 2 grant application. Subsequently, the Consultant applied the DWR criteria to rank the proposal for competitiveness.

Background:

In September 2022, the GWA issued a call for projects for inclusion in the Eastern San Joaquin (ESJ) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), including updates to projects already in the GSP. As part of that call for projects, project sponsors were polled to determine if they were interested in potentially pursuing grant funding for their projects under the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program, Round 2 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation grant funding. Project sponsors interested in pursuing grant funding were subsequently invited to present their projects at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting held on October 20, 2022.

During the October 20 TAC meeting, nine projects were presented by five project sponsors. The presentations included a project description and information on project status (e.g., conceptual, in design, ready for construction), benefits to be achieved by the project, benefits to underrepresented communities (URCs), status of the project relative to CEQA and permitting, total project costs, grant request and local funding match. Following the presentations, discussions were held by the TAC members relative to the DWR scoring criteria for the SGM grant program to identify those projects that would most likely result in a successful application. As a result of these discussions, a total of six projects with four project sponsors were selected for inclusion in the grant application.

Subsequent to the October TAC meeting and as required by the revised workplan attachment issued by DWR for the grant program after the TAC meeting, Woodard & Curran, as the consultant preparing the grant application, conducted an independent ranking of the seven submitted projects in order of priority. Per DWR, all projects had to be ranked from one to the total number of projects, with the most important project identified as #1 and without duplication of project numbers (e.g., there could be no 'co-equal' projects). In ranking the projects, Woodard & Curran again utilized the scoring criteria for the grant application (as each project will be scored independently by DWR for the overall grant application scoring process), considering other factors such as benefits to URCs (including disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities), readiness to construct, quantitative benefits to be achieved by the project,

who in the Subbasin would benefit from the project, availability of funding from other grant programs, and other similar criteria. The resultant ranking also considered the wishes of the TAC to have five of the projects considered Tier 1 projects and the sixth considered to be a Tier 2 project. The resultant project ranking was as follows:

Rank	Component	Project Sponsor	Notes
1	Representative Monitoring Network Optimization	ESJ GWA	Benefits entire subbasin
2	Delta WTP Groundwater Recharge Project	Stockton	Whichever project has the bigger yield goes #2
3	West Groundwater Recharge Basin	SEWD	
4	DAC AMI	Stockton	Can get funding through IRWM and urban drought
5	Tecklenberg Reservoir	NSJWCD	No DAC component
6	Bellota Weir	SEWD	Identified as a Tier 2 project by the TAC

Recommendation: Action- Action project ranking and move forward to prepare the grant application.



Memo

To: Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Steering Committee

From: Matt Zidar, Water Resources Manager

Re: Steering Committee Item A.2 – ESJ GWA Resolution Authorizing Submittal of the SGMA Grant Round 2 Application

Date: November 3, 2022

Summary: The GWA Board adopted a motion unanimously at the October 12, 2022 meeting to authorize the Steering Committee to adopt a resolutions on behalf of the GWA Board as required by DWR, authorizing the Chairman to sign the Resolution to authorize submitting the SGMA Round 2 grant proposal, and directing the GWA Board Secretary to prepare and submit the Round 2 Grant Application.

Background:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program's SGMA Implementation Round 2 grant solicitation. Round 2 is open to applicants located within medium and high priority basins, including critically over drafted groundwater basins and the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin. The 2021 SGMA Implementation Guidelines (2021 Guidelines) and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) posted in December 2021 will be used by DWR for Round 2. Round 2 will provide approximately \$230 million (depending upon the upcoming 2023/2024 State Budget Act) for planning and implementation projects to help comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. One application per subbasin is allowed and can include multiple projects (components). The minimum grant amount is \$1M and the maximum is \$20M. The process is competitive statewide.

Per the DWR Guidelines the GWA must adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of the grant (Attached). The GWA Board adopted a motion at the October 12, 2022 meeting to authorize the Steering Committee to adopt a resolutions on behalf of the GWA Board as required by DWR, authorizing the Chairman to sign the Resolution to authorize submitting the SGMA Round 2 grant proposal and directing the GWA Board Secretary to submit the Round 2 Grant Application. The resolution was not adopted at the GWA Board at the October 12, 2022 meeting because DWR had not release the language for the resolution that must be included. The attached resolution is consistent with the DWR language.

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution to submit the SGMA R2 Grant Application and direct the GWA Board Secretary to prepare and submit the Round 2 Grant Application.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

R E S O L U T I O N

R-

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF A ROUND 2 GRANT APPLICATION TO
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THE
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT IMPLEMENTATION
FUNDING UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority ("ESJGWA") is a Joint Powers Authority created pursuant to California statute, and is a public entity separate and apart from the Members; and

WHEREAS, the ESJGWA was formed to provide coordination among the Members to develop and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin ("Basin") in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"); and

WHEREAS, the ESJGWA has coordinated among the Members the development of a GSP covering the entire Basin, and submitted it to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") for their review and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, DWR is accepting SGMA Implementation grant applications for Round 2 of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, only one application will be accepted by DWR per Basin and the applicant must meet the eligibility requirements listed within the Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) and the 2021 Guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (ESJ Subbasin), DWR Basin No. 5-22.01 has, been designated by DWR as a high-priority Critically Overdrafted Basin, and the ESJGWA is eligible to submit a grant application for up to \$20 million on behalf of the ESJ Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2022, at a regularly scheduled ESJGWA board meeting, the GSAs in the Basin reviewed the proposed projects to be included in the grant application and further directed the Steering Committee to adopt a resolutions on behalf of the GWA Board as required by DWR once DWR provided the final wording, also authorizing the Chairman to sign the Resolution to authorize submittal of the SGMA Round 2 grant proposal and directing the GWA Board Secretary to prepare and submit the Round 2 Grant Application.

WHEREAS each of the project proponents has or will adopt resolutions as local project sponsors; and

WHEREAS, as stipulated in the DWR PSP, a review committee comprising the GWA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members, supported by the consultant and staff team, has reviewed and ranked the aforementioned projects, and all projects selected at the October 20, 2022 TAC meeting have been qualified by the TAC for inclusion in the grant application, and were further reviewed by the Steering Committee on November 3, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority supports the preparation and submittal of the grant application and the projects contained therein, and accepts the application as the sole application to be submitted on behalf of the ESJ Subbasin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority that an application be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Pub. Resources Code, § 80000, et seq.) and the Budget Acts of 2021 and 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority hereby approves submittal of an SGM Round 2 grant application to the California Department of Water Resources for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant, under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority has the authority and shall enter into a funding agreement with the California Department of Department of Water Resources to receive a grant for this application entitled “Advancing Groundwater Sustainability in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority or designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, execute a grant agreement and any subsequent amendments thereto, and submit invoices and reporting requirements with California Department of Water Resources, and take other actions as necessary and appropriate to obtain Grant funding and complete the projects within the application.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ___ day of _____ 2022 by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

FRITZ BUCHMAN
Secretary of the
Eastern San Joaquin,
Groundwater Authority

CHARLES WINN
Chairman of the
Board of Directors of the
Eastern San Joaquin
Groundwater Authority



Memo

To: Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Steering Committee

From: Matt Zidar, Water Resources Manager

Re: Steering Committee Item A.3 – Woodard & Curran Scope of Work and GSA Grant Cost Share Agreement

Date: November 3, 2022

Summary: Woodard & Curran is to provide professional services to prepare the SGMA Round 2 Grant Application to be submitted to DWR. Project Proponents are to bear the proportionate share of the cost based on the percentage of the funding being sought.

Background:

GSA's are proposing projects to be included in the single SGMA R2 grant application package to be prepared by Woodard & Curran. Woodard & Curran previously provided proposal to prepare the grant but the assumptions was that there would be no more than 3 projects for roughly \$52,000. The estimated total cost for preparing the grant for 7 total components is \$70,000 on a time and materials basis. SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant application is due November 30, 2022, at 5 p.m. (PST) so **time is of the essence**. There is no time to prepare an agreement for the grant production costs. W&C has a on-call staff augmentation professional services agreement with Zone 2 that can cash flow the grant application, but these expenses would need to be reimbursed by GSA grant applicants. As with the successful R1 grant, the cost to prepare the grant are based on the amount of funding to be sought by each GSA, percent of the total grant amount sought, and then applying the GSA percentage is applied to the estimated total cost of grant preparation (Table 1).

Table 1. Advancing Groundwater Sustainability in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin

Project and Ranking	Local Project Sponsor	Grant Request	% of Total	Total Cost Share
C1: Representative Monitoring Network Optimization	ESJGWA	\$500,000	3%	\$ 1,750
C2: Delta WTP Groundwater Recharge Project	City of Stockton	\$2,500,000	13%	\$ 8,750
C3: West Groundwater Recharge Basin	SEWD	\$1,500,000	8%	\$ 5,250
C4: City of Stockton DAC AMI	City of Stockton	\$1,000,000	5%	\$ 3,500
C5: Tecklenberg Reservoir	NSJWCD	\$500,000	3%	\$ 1,750
C6: Bellota Weir	SEWD	\$14,000,000	70%	\$ 49,000
C7: Grant Administration	ESJGWA			
Total		\$ 20,000,000		\$ 70,000

We have not defined the grant administrative costs at this time and will discuss at the meeting. The GWA FY 22/23 budget included \$25,000 for grant preparation, but this was intended for GWA projects and those that provide basin wide benefits. These funds would be used to pay the costs for C1: Representative Monitoring Network Optimization. The other costs are to be paid by the GSA Grant Applicants.

Recommendation: It is recommended that invoices for these amounts be sent to the GSA grant applicants. The Public Works Department can cash flow the application but there needs to be a firm commitment from the GSAs to pay their proportionate share by November 11, 2022 via payment or letter of commitment from the appropriate agency or projects, or the GSA project will have to be removed from the application. This would increase the proportionate share of the overall grant costs to the other applicants and charges would need to be adjusted accordingly.

Action: Adopt a motion accepting the costs distribution approach and funding requirements.