

Northern Sacramento Valley Inter-Basin Coordination Report

Draft available:

http://www.buttecounty.net/wrcdocs/planning/SGWMA/InterbasinCoordination/210707_NSV_IB_Coord_Report_Final.pdf

We are pleased to announce the release of the draft Northern Sacramento Valley Inter-Basin Coordination Report. The content of the report is the result of staff recommendations resulting from regional inter-basin coordination meetings among staff representatives from 11 subbasins (Antelope, Bowman, Butte, Colusa, Corning, Los Molinos, Red Bluff, Sutter, Vina, Wyandotte Creek, and Yolo), facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute (CBI) in 2020-2021.

This report outlines a framework for inter-basin coordination for sustainable groundwater management in the Northern Sacramento Valley. It describes a menu of options for ongoing communication and collaboration between and among groundwater subbasins over the twenty-year implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This framework can be used by Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to support Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development and implementation in several ways.

1. This inter-basin coordination report could be included as an appendix to the GSP and could be updated at regular intervals.
2. Individual subbasins could incorporate sections of the report into the body of the GSP, depending upon specific boundary conditions at adjoining subbasins.
3. Subbasins could draw on the inter-basin coordination framework if they would like to consider entering into one or more voluntary inter-basin agreements during GSP implementation (GSP Regulations in [Article 8, Sec 357.2](#)).

Staff will present the framework as a supporting document to guide and inform discussions with GSA Boards and at other subbasin-specific public venues, such as advisory committees, groundwater commissions, or other relevant venues. These discussions could help determine GSA priorities and the desired approach each GSA would like to take to draw upon the inter-basin coordination framework within their individual GSPs.

Opportunities for public input: Butte County

Vina Subbasin	Wyandotte Creek Subbasin	Butte Subbasin
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vina Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting: July 20, 2021, from 9am-12:30 pm• Vina GSA Board Meeting: August 11, 2021, at 5:30 pm• Draft GSP public review period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wyandotte Creek Advisory Committee Meeting: August 5, 2021, from 9am-12:00 pm• Wyandotte Creek GSA Board Meeting: August 26, 2021, at 2:00 pm• Draft GSP public review period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Butte Subbasin Advisory Board Meeting: : August 26, 2021, from 1-3:00 pm• Draft GSP public review period

Subbasin staff acknowledge that while this report builds upon a long-standing history of regional collaboration, this is just the beginning of inter-basin coordination efforts under SGMA. Therefore, this framework will be continually refined throughout GSP implementation and inter-basin coordination activities will occur on an ongoing basis.