

July 27, 2023

Water Committee Agenda

Link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6656164155>

To phone in: 669-900-6833, Meeting ID: 665 616 4155

1. Meeting introductions 6:00 – 6:10

2. Presentation/Discussion of the Status of the Cosumnes Groundwater Subbasin and Related Matters 6:10 – 7:00 by Austin Miller, Sloughhouse RCD Executive Director

The ECOS Water Committee invites you to join us in a presentation/discussion of the sustainability of the Cosumnes Groundwater Subbasin (CGA). This subbasin is the source of groundwater providing a significant amount of the water used by agriculture, rural residents, and small urban areas in the south county and western portions of Amador County that are located south of the Cosumnes River. Austin Miller, Executive Director of the Sloughhouse RCD coordinates the management of the subbasin and will present the latest condition of the subbasin as reflected in the annual subbasin sustainability report recently submitted to the state. Austin will also brief us on interactions with the other subbasin GSAs, neighboring subbasins, and the Regional Water Authority on the development of a Regional Water Bank. Finally, Austin will discuss the ability of the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to implement the Subbasin's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) given the loss of grant funds and other limitations and what is planned to deal with these impediments. The effective implementation of the GSP is made more important given plans by local water purveyors to expand conjunctive use, the Regional Water Authority's plan to operate a Regional Water Bank in the North and South American Subbasins, and the potential impacts these activities may have on the sustainability of the Cosumnes Subbasin. Bring your questions and be prepared for a thoughtful presentation and discussion.

3. Regional Water Bank 2012 Accounting Framework Discussion 7:00 – 7:10

The Committee will discuss the 2012 framework and any points or considerations that are appropriate to be made to RWA while it considers the formation of a new framework for the Regional Water Bank

4. Countywide New Well Permitting Process 7:10 – 7:20

The Committee will discuss the issues surrounding County vs GSA permitting and requirements that should be part of a new well permitting program and what ECOS should do about the issue.

5. Committee ongoing work and roundtable

- Ground and Surface water modeling – Neil
- Sac City and County Climate Action Plan status – Ted
- Turf Replacement Study – Katrina
- Water Forum 2.0 update – Committee
- Water Bank – Ted/Barbara/Rob
- Draft EIR Sac City well replacement Program – Ted
- North American Subbasin – Alta/Emily
- South American Subbasin – Barbara
- Cosumnes Subbasin – Neil/Melinda
- Lower American River – Betsy
- Area creeks and streams – Alta
- Comparative Municipal Rate Study/Equitable Rates/social Justice – Ted/Inga/Chris/Emily
- Tunnel Project – Rob

Committee Members

Alta Tura – Sacramento Area Creeks Council, Habitat 2020

Melinda Frost-Hurzel – Cosumnes Collaborative, Water Forum, CGA

Ted Rauh – Committee Chair, ECOS Bd, CNPS, Water Forum

Chris Brown – water conservation, climate change impacts, ECOS Bd.

Barbara Evoy – SCGA, CNPS, Water Forum

Inga Olson – UWMPs, League of Women Voters, Water Forum, SGA

Dr. Neil Dubrovsky – ground/surface water & fate and transport issues, SCGA, CGA

Betsy Weiland – SARA, American River issues, Water Forum, CNPS

Katrina Harrison – Sierra Club, ground, surface and stormwater management.

Emily Sackett – groundwater, rate study