

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Working Group Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 13, 2022
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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1. **Agenda Overview – Purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee**
2. **Public Announcements**
3. **Yolo Subbasin GSP: *Draft* Results of 2022 Project Prioritization Ranking**
 - a. Review of Final Prioritization Criteria (Attachment B)
 - b. Review of Project Prioritization Ranking (Staff Report and Attachment A)
 - c. Schedule for Submitting a DWR SGMA Implementation Grant Application (Staff Report)
4. **Next Steps**
5. **Adjourn**

STAFF REPORT

To: Ad Hoc Working Group Committee, Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

From: Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer, Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

RE: Recommended Prioritization of Projects

Date: October 13, 2022

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- 1) Provide feedback on project prioritization (Attachment A)
- 2) Provide feedback on proposal to ask project proponents whose projects scored five or more to provide additional information for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant Round 2 Program

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (“YSGA”) staff recommends all projects scoring five points or more submit additional information to determine whether the YSGA can include the project in the YSGA’s application to the Department of Water Resources’ Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant Round 2 (“SGMA Round 2”) Program due November 30th.

BACKGROUND

Member agencies submitted 14 projects for YSGA staff to prioritize on September 7, 2022. On August 31, 2022, the YSGA Working Group (“Working Group”) provided comments on draft project eligibility and prioritization criteria. Consero and YSGA staff incorporated feedback from the Working Group and the YSGA Board of Directors approved the project prioritization criteria on September 19, 2022 (Attachment B).

After finalizing the project eligibility and prioritization criteria, Consero worked with YSGA staff to prioritize the submitted projects, which resulted in the following projects scoring five or more points (Attachment A):

1. China Slough Rehabilitation Project
2. YCFC&WCD Winter Water Recharge Program
3. Dunnigan Area Recharge Program (formerly Buckeye Creek Recharge)
4. East Adams and Acacia Canal Improvements for Groundwater Recharge
5. Oat Creek/Zamora Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project
6. City of Winters: Feasibility Study to Upgrade Waste Water Treatment Facility for Reclaimed Water Usage
7. YSGA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Updates (includes Groundwater Model Enhancements, GPS Subsidence Surveys, WRID Upgrades)
8. Woodland ASR Well 31 Project
9. Woodland Recycled Water Project Phase II Expansion
10. Hungry Hollow Area: Water Budget Evaluation and Pilot Projects
11. City of Winters: Feasibility Study for Developing a Surface Water Supply Source

YSGA staff and Consero will complete a draft Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Work Plan for each of these projects. YSGA staff will send this Work Plan to each project proponent and ask them to complete any missing information and send the updated Work Plan back to YSGA staff by October 28, 2022. YSGA staff and Consero will use this additional information to score the applications to ensure project proponents are eligible for SGMA Round 2, the project proponents can provide all required information, and the projects are competitive. Project proponents must have the staff capacity to develop their application components, including securing three comment letters from Underrepresented Communities, and must commit to the schedule outlined below due to the short project solicitation window provided for SGMA Round 2.

YSGA staff cannot guarantee YSGA will include each of the 11 projects selected to move forward for SGMA Round 2 consideration in the final SGMA Round 2 application. The California Department of Water Resources averages the score of each project within a SGMA Round 2 application, so a weak project will reduce the likelihood that all projects will receive funding. Since SGMA Round 2 is a highly competitive program, YSGA must maximize its average score to receive funding.

TIMELINE

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| October 13: | Ad Hoc Committee meeting to review prioritization matrix; YSGA releases SGMA application timeline for member agencies |
| October 21: | YSGA sends completed Work Plan to each project proponent to review and add additional information |
| October 21-28: | Project proponents reviewing Work Plans and adding information, due to YSGA on October 28th |
| October 31-November 4: | YSGA reviews and edits Work Plans, confirms project eligibility for SGMA, scores projects according to SGMA guidelines; YSGA Board of Directors meets to consider approval of projects for including in SGMA Round 2 and approval of SGMA resolution |
| November 7: | YSGA sends portion of application to project proponents relevant to their project for review |
| November 7-11: | Project proponents edit applications and provide additional information |
| November 14-16: | YSGA uploads applications and sends application proofs to member agencies for final application review |
| November 18: | Member agencies confirm application proof is correct and/or provide edits to application proof |
| November 22: | YSGA submits SGMA Round 2 application |
| November 30: | SGMA Round 2 applications due |