



To: Board of Supervisors
From: Birgitta E. Corsello, County Administrator
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Subject: Significant Issues Update

Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update

Background of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014, requires local jurisdictions and water agencies that overlie groundwater basins designated as high or medium priority by the State to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). The GSAs are then responsible for developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to manage their groundwater resources. Locally, the Solano Subbasin, which is identified as a medium priority basin by the State, has five GSAs within its boundary. These GSAs are the Solano Subbasin GSA, (of which Solano County is a member), City of Vacaville GSA, Sacramento County GSA, Solano Irrigation District GSA, and the Northern Delta GSA (see attached map). Together, these five GSAs also formed the Solano Subbasin GSA Collaborative (Solano Collaborative) for the purpose of having an open, transparent, and stakeholder-driven process to develop and implement a single GSP to manage the water resources in the subbasin. The Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) serves as the coordinator for the Solano Collaborative.

Once developed the GSP will provide an overall assessment of the groundwater conditions in the Solano Subbasin and provide methods to achieve and measure sustainability goals over a 20-year horizon. The GSP for the Solano Subbasin must be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2022 and requires annual reviews and five-year updates through 2042. Information about the Solano Collaborative, GSAs in the Solano Subbasin, and GSP development may be found at the Solano GSP website: <https://www.solanogsp.com/>.

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Since 2017, members of the Solano Collaborative have been engaging stakeholders and interested parties in the development of Solano Subbasin GSP. The Draft GSP is available for a 30-day public comment period through **November 15, 2021** at: <https://www.solanogsp.com/gsp-public-draft/>. A hardcopy of the Draft GSP is also available at the Clerk of the Board.

Upcoming Public Events Sponsored by the Solano Collaborative

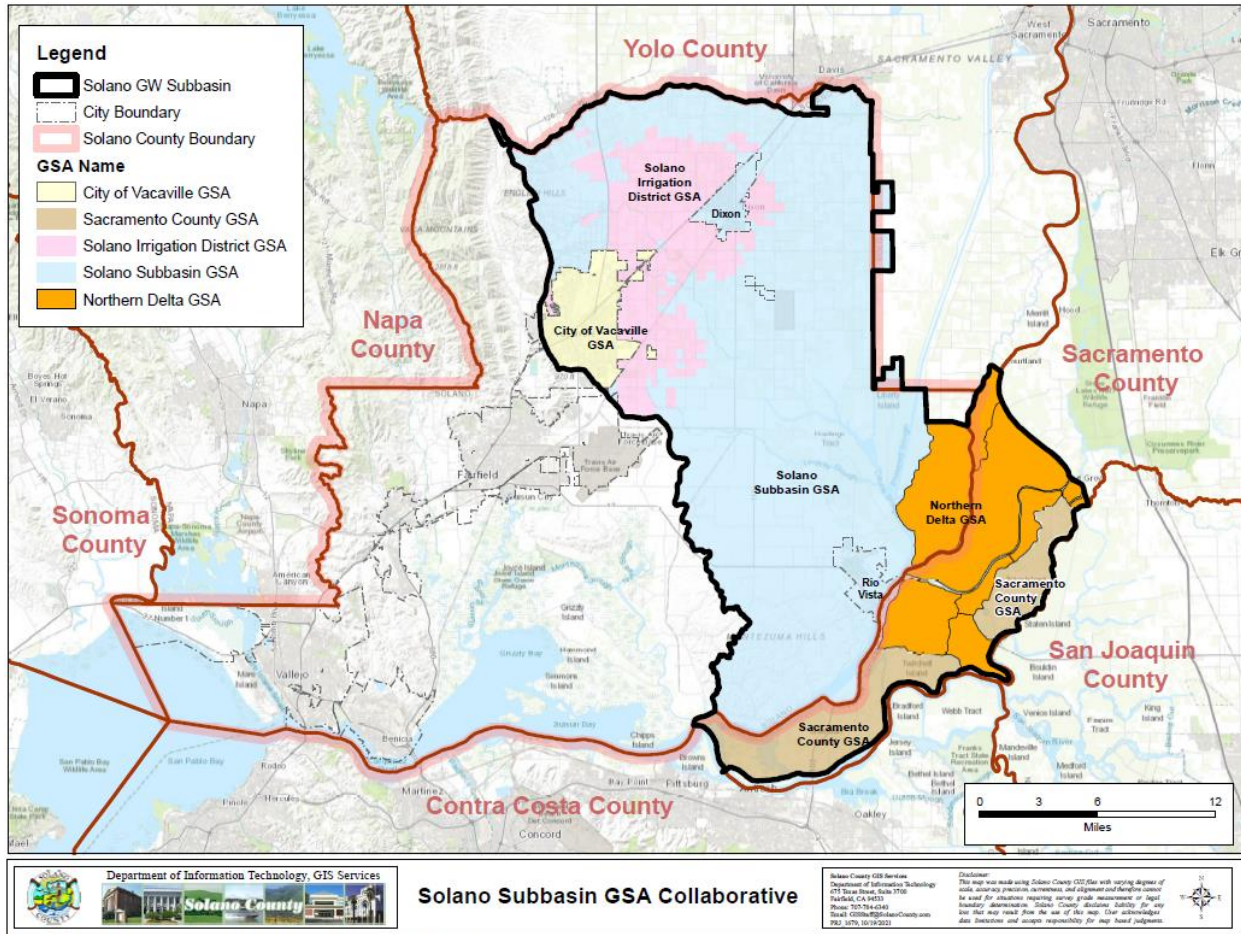
- (1) GSP Virtual Town Hall Meeting, Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Learn about the Solano Subbasin GSP and how to provide your input in the Draft GSP prior to submission to the California Department of Water Resources in January 2022. For more information and to [REGISTER](#) for the Town Hall online meeting, visit <https://www.solanogsp.com/save-the-date-solano-subbasin-virtual-town-hall/>
- (2) Solano GSA Virtual Board Meeting, Thursday, November 11, 2021, 5 p.m.
Review and discuss finalization of the GSP. This meeting is hosted via the Zoom platform. Download the GSA Board of Directors meeting agenda packet, including meeting

connection information at <https://www.scwa2.com/governance/solano-gsa-board-of-directors/>

- (3) Solano GSA Board Meeting, Thursday, December 9, 2021, 5 p.m.
Consider final GSP for adoption. The meeting agenda and platform for this meeting has yet to be determined. Visit <https://www.scwa2.com/governance/> a week prior to the December 9 meeting date for more information.

Other Public Meetings and Information

- (1) Board meetings and agenda packets for the five GSAs can be found by clicking [HERE](#).
- (2) GSP Community Advisory Committee meeting information can be found by clicking [HERE](#).



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