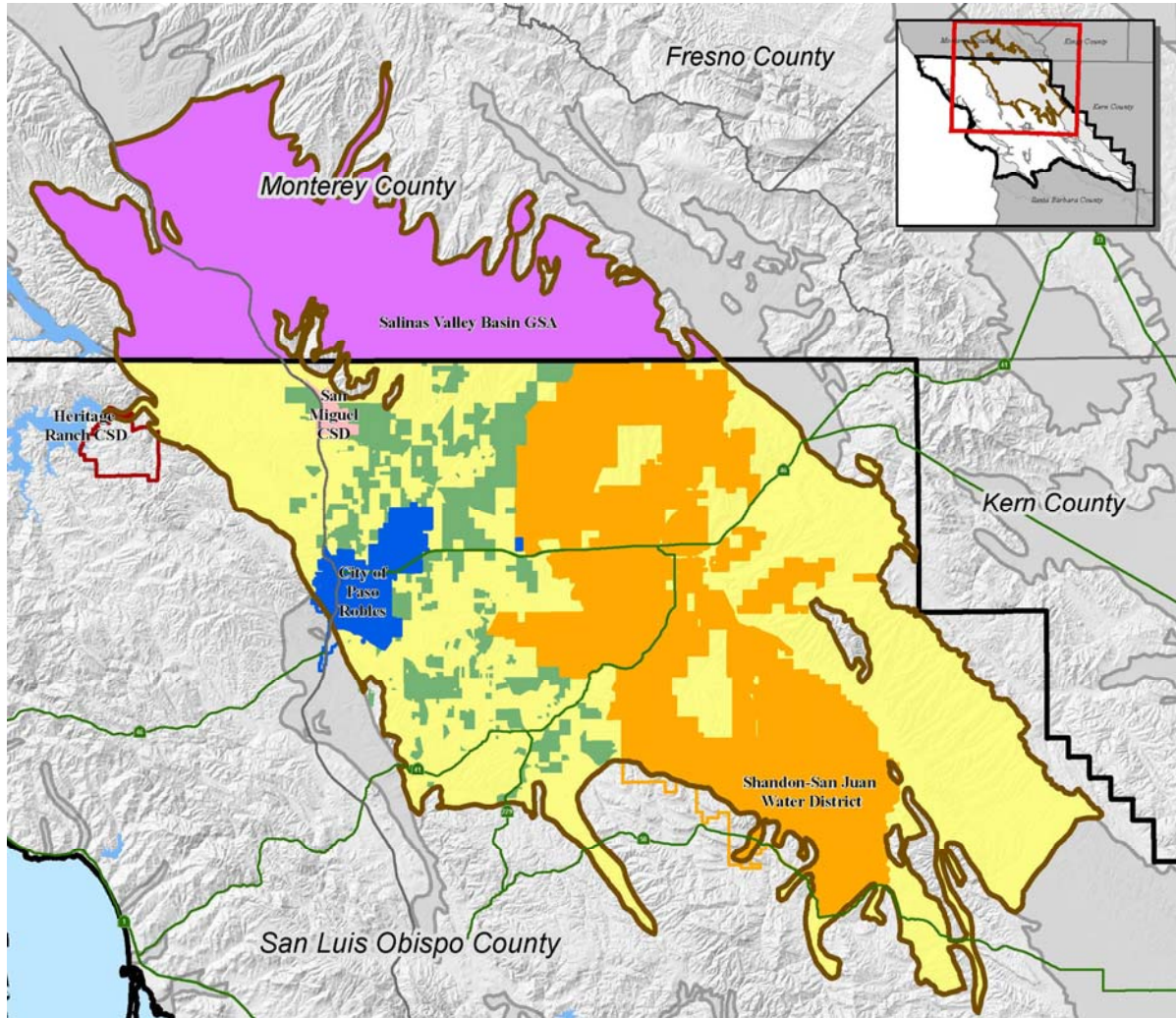


MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REGARDING
PREPARATION OF A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
FOR THE PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN

This **MOA** is entered into by and between
City of El Paso de Robles,
San Miguel Community Services District,
Heritage Ranch Community Services District,
County of San Luis Obispo and
Shandon San Juan Water District

POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL PARTIES TO MOA

- If and only if the **Estrella El Pomar Creston Water District** is formed and its Board of Directors decides to become the GSA within its service area and the County Board of Supervisors decides to withdraw from serving as the GSA within said area, the EPCWD may become a Party to this Agreement.
- The **Salinas Valley GSA/JPA** will likely become a cooperative partner with the SLO County Parties in the Prop 1 Grant Application and with our GSP. An appropriate **Cooperative Agreement** will be created for all Parties to consider.



Paso Basin Cooperative Committee MOA Timeline

10/18/2017	Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Board first meeting
	Ad-Hoc Comm. - RFP for GSP Consultant
11/13/2017	Prop 1 Grant Application due
	City of Paso Robles administers Contract with GSP Consultant
1/8/2018	GSP Consultant begins with assistance from Ad-Hoc Comm.
	Public Outreach and periodic Public Meetings
394	work days
	GSA Group develops a Plan to administer GSP 2020-40
7/31/2019	Prudent to have Draft GSP done and ready to start comment period
8/31-11/29	90 day GSP comment period
	incorporate comments finalize GSP
	Each Party Board and Council Adopts GSP
1/31/2020	GSP due - Basin must be managed under a GSP(s)

GSP Implementation

4/1/2020	first annual report due – GSAs report critical data each year
4/1/2025	5 year Reevaluation of GSP - GSAs reports for DWR approval
4/1/2030	5 year Reevaluation of GSP - GSAs reports for DWR approval
4/1/2035	5 year Reevaluation of GSP - GSAs reports for DWR approval
1/31/2040	Sustainability to be Achieved and Maintained
Into the future	Continued Reporting and Sustainability Assurance

Section 1

PURPOSE

- The purpose of this MOA is to establish a committee to develop a single GSP that will be considered for adoption by each individual Party and subsequently submitted to DWR for approval.
- MOA shall automatically terminate upon DWR's approval of the GSP for the Basin.

Cooperative Committee shall conduct ACTIVITES related to GSP development and SGMA implementation at the pleasure and under the guidance of the Parties

- Development of a GSP
- Selection of consultant(s)
- Development of annual budgets
- Development of a plan and schedule for anticipated tasks
- Implementation of the actions and/or policies, resolution of related issues
- Development of measures that may be implemented in the event insufficient or unsatisfactory progress is being made in development of the GSP;
- Stakeholder participation plan that includes public outreach
- Create *ad hoc* committee(s) to assist in carrying out these activities
- Recommendation that each individual Party adopt the GSP
- Resolution of differences among the Parties;
- Coordination with neighboring GSAs and GSPs

- *It is expected that each of the Parties will contribute in-kind staff support; therefore, annual budgets shall generally not include the staff or overhead costs of any Party associated with participation in this MOA;*

The vote of each Cooperative Committee member shall be weighted in accordance with the following percentages:

- **City Member** **15%**
- **SMCSD Member** **3%**
- **HRCSD Member** **1%**
- **SSJWD Member** **20%**
- **County Member** **61%**

If and only if the EPCWD becomes a Party to this MOA in accordance with Section 3 of this MOA, the voting percentages set forth in Section 4.6 shall be modified as follows:

- **City Member 15%**
- **SMCSD Member 3%**
- **HRCSD Member 1%**
- **SSJWD Member 20%**
- **County Member 32%**
- **EPCWD Member 29%**

VOTING

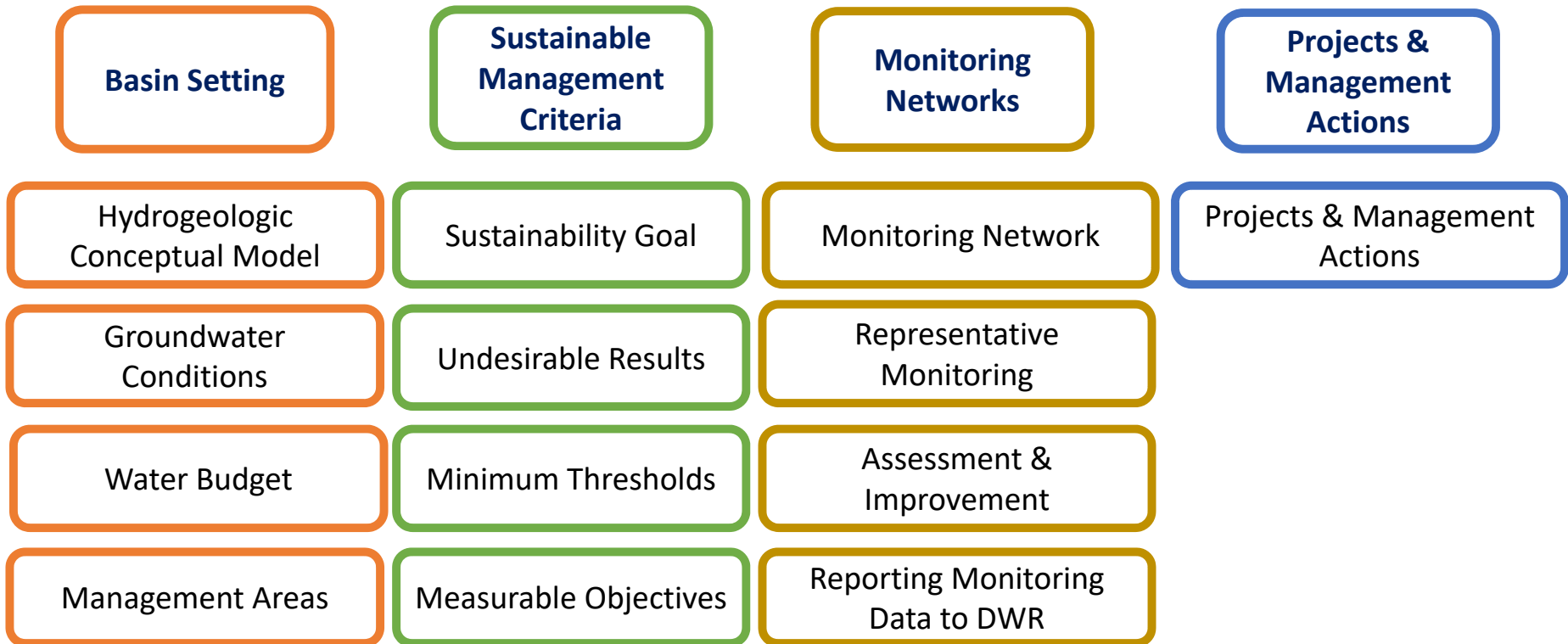
- Any action or recommendation shall require the affirmative vote of **67** percent.
- The following shall require a vote of **100** percent:
 - Adopt the GSP or adopt any amendment thereto.
 - A recommendation that the Parties amend this MOA.
- If there is a recusal, the voting percentage shall be allocated *pro rata* for purposes of determining whether the 67% or 100% threshold has been met.
 - An absence shall not result in any *pro rata* distribution.

- The creation of the Cooperative Committee shall not be construed as a delegation of any powers or authorities, and all powers and authorities of each individual Party shall reside with that Party.

- 1. The Groundwater Sustainability Plan created under this MOA specifically protects healthy groundwater levels and quality.
- 2. The GSP guarantees continued access by all users to the groundwater resource.
- 3. Annual measurements and reporting to DWR protects our groundwater resource from abuse and will not allow for unfair allocations or export of water from a basin such as Paso Robles.
- 4. The process laid out in the MOA and by State Law to create the GSP will be open and public with notification, public meetings and the concerns of all interested parties incorporated.

- 5. The voting percentages in the MOA reflect historical proportional use of groundwater in the basin and represent proportional responsibility to take care of the groundwater resource.
- 6. Those percentages represent how much cost in money, time and effort each party must proportionally expend in creating an acceptable GSP and later in implementing that Plan. Those who use the water must guarantee healthy sustainable water levels across the basin for the benefit of all users.

Paso Basin MOA “Scope of Work”





GRA Offering Free Webinar on Collaborative Engagement in Groundwater Planning

The Groundwater Resources Association of California is offering a free webinar from on collaborative engagement in groundwater planning. The webinar will bring together a panel of groundwater stakeholders and the Consensus Building Institute to look at best practices for collaborative efforts in SGMA implementation, particularly as California's basins look towards groundwater sustainability plan development.

November 1, 2017

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Register for the free webinar at <https://www.grac.org/events/149/>

