



San Pasqual Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan Technical Peer Review



Mission

The San Pasqual Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Technical Peer Review (TPR) will provide expert review and suggestions to aid in the preparation of a scientifically sound GSP for the San Pasqual Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin). The TPR will provide comments that substantively improve the understanding and analysis of the Basin and its management.



Principles of Participation

Role of TPR

The TPR is a non-partisan, non-sectarian, collaborative group that was created by the Core Team, composed of City of San Diego (City) and County of San Diego (County) staff (the Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies [GSAs]). The TPR will provide technical reviews and participate in discussions with the consultant preparing the GSP. The Core Team hired the consultant to prepare a technically sound GSP that meets the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and is acceptable to the City and to the County. The TPR is not empowered by ordinance, establishing authority, or policy to render a binding decision of any kind.

Composition

The consultant preparing the GSP will subcontract with two qualified third-party specialists (independent technical reviewers) with expertise to perform the work and who meet the following qualifications:

- Be a professional Geologist in a State of the United States of America
- Be a Professional Engineer in the State of California, and/or
- Have a PhD in Hydrogeology, Hydrology, Geology, or related field



The qualified specialists should also have appropriate expertise in hydrogeologic water supply investigations and/or related modeling and research. In addition to the two specialists hired by the Core Team, Advisory Committee (AC) members may also hire one qualified specialist that meets the criteria above to serve as a TPR member, assuming all fees are borne by the AC member.

Responsibilities of TPR Members

To accomplish the mission described above, TPR members are being asked to:

- Review and provide constructive comments to the Core Team and consultant team where technical concerns may arise during the development of the GSP
- Commit to attend and participate in TPR public meetings during the development of the GSP (see Meeting Agenda section below)
- Review all agenda and background materials distributed prior to each TPR meeting by the TPR point of contact
- Provide information in a timely manner in response to data requests
- Work cooperatively with the Core Team, consultants, and other TPR members
- TPR members shall provide non-biased technical contribution to the GSP, not to advocate for a particular interest or outcome
- TPR members shall explore/verify the conclusions and recommendations from other TPR members, in addition to reviewing the consultant team's work

Discussion Process

TPR members agree to abide by the following discussion process during the TPR meetings:

- A neutral third-party will facilitate the meetings
- One person speaks at a time
- No side conversations
- TPR members will treat each other with respect
- All comments will be constructive
- Focus on the topic(s) planned for each meeting



Meeting Attendance

In order for the TPR process to work effectively, full participation of members will be essential. TPR members are asked to commit to attend all TPR meetings.

Support

A neutral third-party facilitator from the consultant team will facilitate all TPR meetings. The facilitator shall convene and oversee the meeting to insure the timely completion of the published agenda. If for any reason, the facilitator cannot facilitate at a particular meeting, a Core Team member shall assume the facilitation responsibilities assigned above to the facilitator.

The consultant team will provide technical and logistical support, including making presentations, answering questions, and helping to coordinate meetings.

Meeting Agendas

The Core Team and consultant team will be responsible for preparing the meeting agendas. Agendas and assigned reference materials will be distributed by email in advance of each meeting. Tentative dates and preliminary TPR meeting discussion topics include:

- **Meeting 1:** TPR Schedule, Data Collection, Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model, Groundwater Conditions – November 7, 2019
- **Meeting 2:** Undesirable Results, Groundwater Model Approach – January 9, 2020
- **Meeting 3:** Groundwater Model Check In, Sustainable Management Criteria – April 9, 2020
- **Meeting 4:** Water Budgets, Sustainable Management Criteria – July 9, 2020
- **Meeting 5:** Projects and Management Actions, Water Budgets – October 8, 2020
- **Meeting 6:** Effectiveness of Projects and Management Actions, Feasibility/Cost – January 14, 2021

Open Meetings

The TPR meetings will be open to the public and a meeting summary will be available for public review. Members of the AC will be allowed three (3) minutes per member to ask questions and provide comments after each



agenda item. The public will be asked to refrain from commenting during the proceedings until the open comment period at the end of the meeting.

Information Sharing

TPR members may want to share information and documents with other TPR members during the TPR process. To ensure that all members have the same information available to them, all documents are to be distributed only through the established point of contact:

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