

SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Proposed 2010 Work Plan for Preliminary Planning

Mid- Jan	SCWA Board of Directors authorizes staff to proceed with work plan to initiate preliminary planning and education on groundwater management planning and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) technical study of the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Basin
Jan – Feb	<p>Convene a Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Basin Steering Committee</p> <p>The Steering Committee would be a small committee (8 to 10 members) representative of groundwater interests in the Santa Rosa Plain. The committee would meet monthly between February and September and perform the following key tasks during that timeframe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guide education activities on the USGS technical study and groundwater management planning frameworks ▪ Conduct outreach to identify stakeholder representatives and address concerns related to groundwater planning ▪ Provide input on modeling scenarios for the USGS study ▪ Receive updates and provide input on groundwater banking feasibility study ▪ Recommend an appropriate groundwater planning framework (considering legal and policy issues)
Feb	Hold convening meeting for Steering Committee: Set the committee charter, membership, roles and responsibilities, and schedule.
Feb - April	<p>Begin planning technical workshops for the public and developing educational and stakeholder outreach plan and supporting products.</p> <p>Supporting outreach products would include a number of fact sheets and informational brochures covering the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General groundwater hydrology ▪ Santa Rosa Plain groundwater setting and USGS technical study ▪ Groundwater policy and groundwater management planning options <p>Additionally, the Steering Committee will receive a briefing from the USGS and provide input on modeling scenarios associated with USGS technical study.</p>
May	Finalize outreach plan and technical public workshop program and agenda.
May-Aug	Conduct technical public workshops and educational outreach events on initial findings of the USGS technical study and groundwater planning at existing organizations throughout the Santa Rosa Plain. The purpose of the events is to build common understanding of the groundwater basin and benefits and options for groundwater planning
May-Aug	Staff and Steering Committee to conduct outreach to identify stakeholder representatives and address concerns related to groundwater planning. Particular areas of focus will involve working with agricultural representatives to clarify and address concerns, and identify stakeholder participants that could represent rural residential well owners.
Oct	Steering Committee make recommendation on if, when, and how groundwater planning might move forward. Recommendation would include appropriate planning framework and stakeholder participation
Nov	Report back to SCWA Board of Directors with recommendation
Spring 2011	USGS Publishes Technical Study