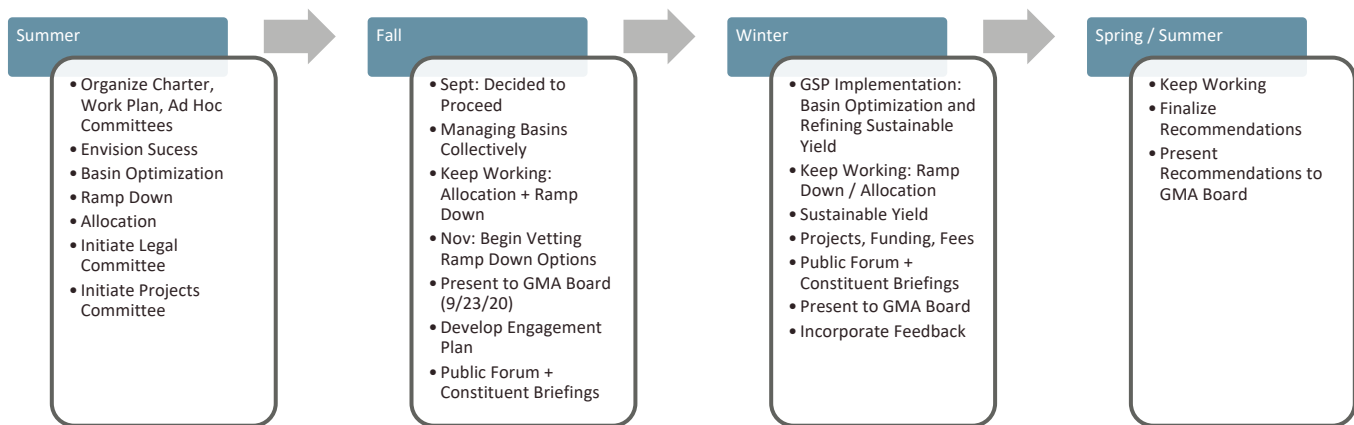


Facilitated Process Discussion Framing

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This document will serve as tool to document the overarching “road map,” meeting plan, and topics under consideration. CBI will track this document in consultation with the Core Stakeholder Group and technical staff.

Road Map



Core Stakeholder Group Bodies of Work

GSP Implementation					
Basin Optimization	Refining Sustainable Yield	Ramp Down Allocation	Projects	Replenishment Fees	Project Governance / Implementation

Core Stakeholder Group Meeting Framework	
1 6.25.20	Framing Success in 2040 Charter and Meeting Plan Prepare for Basin Optimization Work
2 7.16.20	Refine Charter, Discuss Group Composition Basin Optimization
3 8.4.20	Charter Next Steps Frame Issues on Ramp Down Discuss Legal Ad Hoc Committee Purpose and Objectives
4 8.18.20	Managing Basins Collectively Frame Issues on Allocation and Discuss Ramp Down Criteria and Options Begin discussing Purpose and Objectives for Projects Ad Hoc Committee
Aug 26	FCGMA Board Briefing - Process Update
5 9.1.20	Basin Optimization Scenarios (Decision Criteria and Feedback on Proposed Scenarios) Review Refinements on Legal Committee Charge, Purpose, and Objectives <i>Decide to proceed...</i> Discuss briefing talking points and spokespeople for GMA Board and other constituent organizations <i>Time permitting: Charter</i> Back-Up Voting
6 9.15.20	Managing Basins Collectively Review Project Committee Composition and Charge Review Talking Points for GMA Board Meeting
Sept 23	FCGMA Board (deadline ~9.10.20) Seek policy discussion on Managing Basins Collectively
7 9.29.20	Ramp Down
8 10.13.20	Presentation: Orange County Water District Replenishment Program Ramp Down: Propose Options and Develop Decision Criteria
9 10.27.20	Ramp Down Options and Treatment of Surface Water Discuss Borrego and LPUG Examples
10 11.10.20	Projects Ramp Down If ready, develop plan to vet Ramp Down Options with public, constituents, Board, etc.
11 12.8.20	Ramp Down Projects Revisit Managing Basins Collectively
Future Topics	Replenishment Fees . Understand flows between OPV and West Las Posas subbasin (discussed CSG#7)

Ramp Down

DISCUSSION TOPIC SEQUENCE: Interests > Decision Criteria > Options

Problem to be Solved	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ How do the basins ramp down or reduce extraction to the sustainable yield by 2040? SGMA requires basins to achieve sustainability by 2040.▪ What makes a smarter ramp down?▪ What concerns do you personally or do others have associated with a ramp down?
Existing Policy	Allocation Ordinance (does not stipulate a minimum allocation or ramp down method)
Resources	Oxnard GSP and Pleasant Valley GSP OPV White Paper [Link] Example: California Emergency Drought Regulation 25% Reduction Regulation (Fact Sheet Link and Resource Page) and Governor Executive Order Example: Borrego Water District Example Stipulated Judgment Example: LPUG White Paper [Link] Core Stakeholder Group Meeting Summaries #6 (9/15/20); #7 (9/29/20) [Link]
Key Term Definitions	Ramp Down: <i>end point = sustainable yield</i> Allocation Reduction Method: <i>how you get there</i> Minimum Allocation: “Sustainable Yield means the maximum quantity of water, calculated over a base period representative of long-term conditions in the basin and including any temporary surplus, that can be withdrawn annually from a groundwater supply without causing an undesirable result.” [Water Code § 10721(w)]
Stakeholder Interests + Issues	<i>Issues identified to date.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ GMA Board has requested a minimum threshold per acre to avoid stranding land with no water.▪ Responsive to different needs and constraints of high-water users and low-water users▪ Move away from CombCodes towards land-based management of allocation as part of reduction strategy▪ Treat surface water and groundwater together▪ Manage water rights questions to create a legally defensible, durable

	<p>approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limit cut-back requirements in short term (5 years) to allow time for project plans to materialize & inform long-term cut-back needs ▪ Develop multiple ramp-down pathways based on different degrees of success with water projects and basin optimization. I.e. Best-case scenario ramp down with significant new water; middle option and worst-case option.
Decision Criteria	<p><i>To be developed: What variables does the Core Stakeholder Group use to consider and evaluate ramp down options?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legally defensible / durable
Options and Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce by % from the base period ▪ Reduce in “steps,” i.e. 5-year increments ▪ OPV White Paper Hybrid Method: % reduction and AF/acre ▪ Establish minimum allocation or acre-foot per acre of land ▪ Others?
Concepts for Proposals	<p>3. <i>Topics to be addressed in ramp down / allocation</i></p> <p>3.1. Assume that ramp down and associated reductions might link Oxnard and Pleasant Valley via joint management and sharing responsibility for reducing pumping (i.e. PV may commit to additional reductions beyond what might be needed if PV were managed as a single basin).</p> <p>3.2. End Point(s): The Core Stakeholder Group has defined the end-point as 50,600AFY, the mid-point range. This assumes a sustainable yield of 39,000AFY in the Oxnard Basin and 11,600AFR in the Pleasant Valley Basin. <i>(agreed to CSG#7 9/29/20). [includes surface water as part of modeling assumptions]</i></p> <p>3.3. Integrate 5-year intervals for adaptive management in concert with the GSP update; adjust sustainable yield and ramp down based on particular pre-defined conditions</p> <p>3.4. Characterize how surface water is factored in.</p> <p>3.5. Consider a minimum allocation, recognizing that it must be supportive of the sustainable yield over the 20-year period.</p> <p>3.6. Do ramp-down elements treat high water and low water users differently?</p> <p>3.7. Consider inter-play of GSP management areas.</p> <p>3.8. Establish a strategy for reducing pumping (timing and location) that might have a greater impact to realize management</p>

	objectives and achieve sustainability goals
Preliminary Recommendation	<i>To be developed</i>
Agreements / Recommendations	<i>To be developed</i>

Allocation

Facilitators' Note: The facilitators would like to acknowledge the history, work, and extensive conversations that have gone into developing the allocation plan, culminating with the adoption of the allocation ordinance. The facilitators acknowledge that the GMA and some stakeholders do not want to reopen the allocation ordinance. The facilitators acknowledge that the allocation plan is a primary driver for other stakeholders' participation in the facilitated process. However, given the articulated goal of avoiding adjudication and given that the ordinance left open some issues to be addressed, the Core Stakeholder Group will consider and decide which issues merit group discussion.

Problem(s) to be Solved	What are the elements of the Allocation Plan that need to be developed or merit attention or refinement? What are the key issues that the group needs to tackle to fully implement the allocation ordinance, specifically, or an allocation plan, more generally?
Existing Policy	Allocation Ordinance Groundwater Market Pilot Project in Oxnard Subbasin
Resources	Trading Sustainably: Critical Considerations for Local Groundwater Markets under SGMA, Nysten et al, Wheeler Water Institute (June 2017) Orange County Water District Allocation Annual Application Process (<i>check with Alden</i>)
Key Term Definitions	
Stakeholder Interests + Issues	<i>Ideas expressed during stakeholder assessment process</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incentivize conjunctive use ▪ Clarifications on carryover ▪ Avoid penalizing farmers who were early adopters of conservation measures ▪ Avoid big winners and losers—everyone “feel some pain”

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- Avoid zero allocations
 - Address issues of poor historical data on water use
 - Base period and initial allocation
 - Equitable partitioning of water between M & I and Ag
 - Move to land-based (vs. wellhead-based) system)
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Decision Criteria

Concepts for Proposals

4. Allocation Proposal Topics
 - 4.1. **Land-based system:** Support exists for moving to a land-based system. GMA is working to put that in place and anticipates realizing this around the GSP update (5 years).
 - 4.2. Treatment of surface water and carryover: what are the provisions in periods of extended drought?
 - 4.3. Landowners who receive water from United and PVCWD – do they receive an allocation? What are the provisions in periods of extended drought?

Preliminary Recommendation

Agreements / Recommendations
