

Project Committee Charge

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PURPOSE + OBJECTIVES

The Core Stakeholder Group has formed a Project Committee to analyze and frame options for increasing the sustainable yield of the basin to inform the Core Group's deliberations. The project committee will consider the range of possible basin optimization actions and water supply projects and develop recommendations for the Core Group to consider based on cost-benefit analysis, project feasibility, impacts to the price of water, impacts to water quality, drought resilience, multi-benefit considerations and the timeline for project benefits to accrue. The Project Committee will also analyze and recommend project funding options, including recommendations to support a replenishment fee strategy.

The overarching goals of the Project Committee are to 1) Support the Core Group's efforts in identifying a cost-effective portfolio of projects and optimization measures that align with the GSP objectives and respond to regional water needs and 2) Recommend cohesive strategy to bring these projects into fruition for the Core Group's consideration.

DECISION CRITERIA

The Project Committee will consider the following criteria to support analysis and prioritization of basin optimization measures and projects.

Sustainable Yield

- Annual increase in Sustainable Yield (AF/year)
- Sustainability indicators addressed (subcomponent of increase in SY) Project has benefit in impacted area of basin
- Does project add additional water supply? How does water generation compare to other projects (high/med/low)?

Water-supply Resilience

- Strengthen resiliency and operational flexibility of existing and future infrastructure (per DWR's California Water Plan Update 2018).

Technical

- Construction feasibility
- Appropriateness of location
- Ability to accomplish purpose
- Life expectancy of project (for 50-year sustainable management modeling) Level of uncertainty

Environmental

- CEQA/NEPA type and status (timing)
- Will project likely be permitted? / Consistent with environmental regs Sensitivity of location
- Multi-benefits?

Political

- Consistent with adopted jurisdictional plans
- Consistent with planning agency regulations Stakeholder support

Permitting

- Permits required
- Status / time required
- Likelihood of project being permitted

Construction

- Timetable to implement

Operation and Maintenance

- Description

Funding

- Total capital cost
- Capital cost per AF/year produced
- Annual cost
- Annual O&M cost per AF
- Funding source(s) - credible funding source Likelihood of project being funded
- Likelihood to be grant funded / state funded
- Timeline to secure funding

DELIVERABLES / PRODUCTS

The Project Committee will share research and analysis outputs to inform the Core Stakeholder Group's policy recommendations with regard to projects for regional groundwater sustainability. The Project Committee will inform proposals that relate to basin optimization, water supply projects and replenishment fees.

LIST OF QUESTIONS

The following is a list of questions the Project Committees consideration. *The numbering is for reference only.*

1. What projects or infrastructure are necessary to optimize the basin?
2. What is the feasibility of those projects?
3. What are the costs?
4. What are the economics of the projects?
5. What provides the best cost/benefit?
6. What are opportunities for multiple benefits?
7. How do we pay for these projects?
8. What relevant laws and policy frameworks must be considered?

TIMELINE + SEQUENCE OF WORK



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