



Merced Subbasin GSA

Governing Board Meeting

January 13, 2022



Land Repurposing Program Roadmap

Land Repurposing Program (LRP) Development Road Map (2022)



| | January | February | March | April | May | June |
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| MSGSA FOCUS: | <i>Process & Goals</i> | <i>Eligibility & Funding</i> | <i>Funding, Monitoring</i> | <i>Administration</i> | <i>Contracts</i> | <i>Implementation</i> |
| Committee Meeting Discussion Items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey results Terminology Eligibility Funding options Hot spots; areas to target | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability zones Incentive options LRP monitoring and enforcement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRP costs LRP administration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRP contract terms GW conditions update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prop 218 package | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRP implementation |
| MSGSA Board Meeting Discussion Items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRP development process & timeline LRP goals & priorities Stakeholder outreach strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey results LRP eligibility LRP funding options (outside and internal sources) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRP funding options (cont.) LRP costs LRP monitoring & enforcement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRP costs and incentives LRP administration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRP contract terms (DRAFT) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRP implementation |
| MSGSA Board Actions & Decision Items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide direction on LRP goals & priorities, outreach strategy, and LRP Road Map | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide direction on eligibility and funding options Approve stakeholder outreach plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide direction on monitoring & enforcement Action regarding pursuit of outside funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide direction on administration and incentives plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide direction on DRAFT LRP contract terms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve LRP contract terms Provide direction on implementation plan |
| Stakeholder Outreach Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post LRP Road Map and LRP Goals & Priorities to GSA website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post LRP survey results summary to GSA website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post update on LRP eligibility to GSA website Workshop on LRP development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post update on LRP costs & funding to GSA website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post update on LRP incentives plan to GSA website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRP landowner recruitment workshop |

Discussion Item: LRP Goals and Priorities

From MSGSA Resolution No. 2021-02

- As part of Phase 1: “Pursue and achieve the Water Year 2025 Objective to **reduce consumptive use of groundwater by 15,000 acre-feet per year**, consistent with the July 8, 2021 resolution.”

From Sept 2021 MSGSA Board Meeting:

Guiding Principles

- Minimize economic impacts
- Maintain landowner flexibility
- Leverage outside resources
- Consider impacts to residents
- Realize multiple benefits

Priorities

- Target certain areas?
 - GW conditions “hot spots”
 - Areas near communities
 - Sustainability Zones
- Target certain land use types?
- Establish interim targets?

Discussion Item:

LRP Stakeholder Outreach Strategy

- Overall Goal is to inform, educate, and encourage participation in the voluntary LRP
- Work with Merced Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committee to amplify outreach
- Messaging centered around the benefits of land-repurposing
- Outreach methods to include
 - Written communications on LRP development process
 - In-person Workshops
 - Early spring focused on LRP development to-date
 - Late spring/early summer to present final/adopted LRP and encourage participation

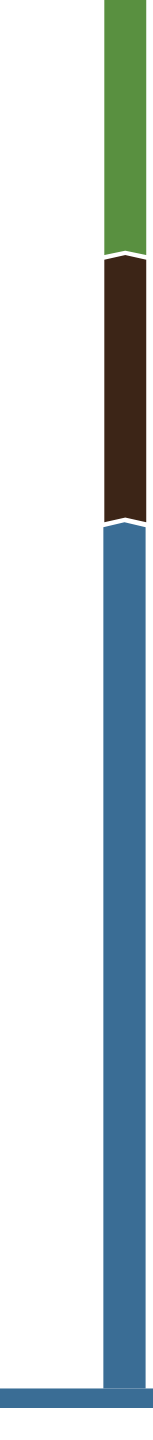
Proposition 218 Development Planning

Proposition 218 process timeline for Phase 1 fee

Objective:

Have funds available by early 2023 for implementing Phase 1 activities

- The fee, if approved, may be collected through the County Assessor's Office as part of fall 2022 property tax bills
- Reverse timeline:
 - August 15, 2022 – Data to Merced County Assessor's Office
 - July 15, 2022 – Public hearing & protest vote
 - June 1, 2022 – Mail ballots to affected land-owners
 - Now through June 1 – develop details and prepare report
- Need ad-hoc committee to work with staff to make recommendations to full Board



Continuation of Workshops Regarding GSP Implementation Phase 1 and Phase 2 Actions

Regional Public Workshops

- First public workshop on the Two Phased GSP Implementation Approach held on November 18, 2021
- Staff is recommending an additional 3-4 regional public outreach meetings
- Topics to include land repurposing, allocation, and funding mechanisms



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Well Consistency Determination Policy

Status update:

- Waiting for proposed changes to County Ordinance 9.27 to properly tie policy to ordinance process
- Developing text to address:
 - Applicability
 - Process
 - Consistency policy for (1) new wells (2) replacement wells
- Meeting with ad-hoc committee in January to discuss draft policy language



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