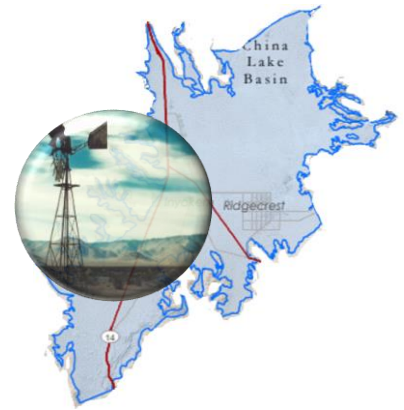


Indian Wells Valley (6-054)
Groundwater Sustainability Collaboration
PLANNING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN
April 6, 2022



1. Planning Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Planning Committee is to support development of Work Plan that will assist the subbasin stakeholders in discussing challenges related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), and multiple related, filed lawsuits, and to help educate the public regarding the issues and concerns.

2. Background

The California Department of Water Resources is committed to supporting local agencies and communities in successfully implementing SGMA. As part of that, at the request of local agencies, they are able to provide neutral facilitators able to offer Stakeholder Assessments, Public and Stakeholder Outreach, Meeting Facilitation, Intra-Basin and Inter-Basin Coordination Support, Interest-Based Negotiation, and more.

At the request of the Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWWVD), services are being provided to the Indian Wells Valley Subbasin to assist the subbasin stakeholders in discussing challenges related to SGMA, the Indian Wells Valley GSP, and multiple related, filed lawsuits, and to help educate the public regarding the issues and concerns.

The facilitation effort is guided by this Work Plan, which outlines the activities to be undertaken, schedules and deliverables.

3. Planning Committee Roles and Responsibilities

The Work Plan also defines the roles, responsibilities, membership, and decision-making structure of the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee has been formed to serve as a liaison to the facilitators for the planning and preparation of this Work Plan. The Work Plan informs the approach and assists in deliverables related to:

1. Gathering Background Information
2. Preparation of a Stakeholder Assessment
3. Committee Facilitation
4. Preparation and Facilitation of up to three publicly noticed meetings

Planning Committee Members are asked to:

- Represent their respective organizations and constituencies in discussions and knowledge sharing.
- Foster collaboration for leveraging resources and collective implementation to realize subbasin benefits.
- Communicate to their respective organizations and constituencies regarding committee functions and outcomes.

4. Membership

Members of the Planning Committee serve at the pleasure of the Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWWVD) and are selected based on the member organization's interest and recommendations. The following organizations have been identified as participants and may select their own representatives; however, continuity of the committee membership is important, and the organizations are asked to select one or two designated members to serve as the regular attendees of up to five, 1–2-hour meetings:

- U.S. Navy
- IWWVD
- Searles Minerals Valley
- Mojave Pistachios
- Meadowbrook Dairy

5. Decision-Making

This committee is an advisory group focusing on collaboration and information sharing for advancing sustainable groundwater management in the subbasin. Any recommendations of the group will be developed through a consensus-seeking approach designed to find common ground. Any individual organization's commitment for further action will be the sole purview of the decision-making authority of that member.

6. Meeting Protocols

Planning Committee meetings will be guided by an agenda prepared by the facilitator and followed with a brief meeting summary, that includes attendance, action items, and key decisions.

Meeting Ground Rules

- **Use common conversational courtesy.** Do not interrupt each other, use appropriate language, avoid side conversations.
- **Humor is welcome** but should never be at someone else's expense.
- **Stay focused on the charge and deliverables.** Focus on agenda and priorities determined by the embers.
- **All ideas and points have value.** The purpose of the Plenary is to share ideas and capture various perspectives. All ideas have value in this setting. Providing alternate approaches and perspectives also is constructive.
- **Members' positions may change** as information is discussed and conditions change.
- **Electronic courtesy.** Please turn cell phones or other electronics off or to silent mode. Please advise of scheduled disruptions in advance.
- **Honor time.** Please follow the time guidelines provided by the facilitator to accomplish ambitious agendas.

7. Schedule

Time is of the essence for the development and implementation of this Work Plan. Below is a summary of the key tasks, timeline, participants, and deliverables associated with each task. The timelines included are estimates. Task 2 and Task 3 are considered optional tasks and will proceed based on the recommendation of the facilitators.

Task	Timeline	Who	Deliverables & Outcomes
<p>1. Process Initiation – Committee formation and facilitation.</p>	<p>April 2022 – May 2022</p>	<p>Planning Committee (IWVWD, Searles, MP, Meadowbrook, US Navy)</p>	<p>Work Plan that defines Committee roles, membership & decision-making. Public Meeting to share Work Plan and milestones.</p>
<p>2. Stakeholder Assessment – 20 one-on-one or small group interviews.</p>	<p>May 2022 – July 2022</p>	<p>Key basin stakeholders representing diverse interests. The Planning Committee will help to determine the basin stakeholders to be interviewed.</p>	<p>Presentation of Findings - Includes Assessment results and the facilitator’s recommendations for next steps. Assessment will help to identify key issues and points of discussion, which will serve as the foundation for public meeting topics under Task 3.</p>
<p>3. Public Meetings – Up to 3 public workshops and a presentation of updates at up to 4 publicly noticed meetings (e.g., Board meetings). Public workshops are anticipated to focus on key issues and topics of discussion as identified through the Stakeholder Assessment in Task 2.</p>	<p>July 2022 – December 2022</p>	<p>The Planning Committee will help prepare the agenda and facilitation plan for each public workshop. The Planning Committee is anticipated to provide input and advise on prioritizing issues identified in the Stakeholder Assessment.</p>	<p>Stakeholder Recommendations Document - Results of each public meeting will be compiled into a Stakeholder Recommendations Document, or similar document, that represents the group’s collective decision or recommendations on the topic.</p>