



**City of Greenfield
Arroyo Seco
Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

599 El Camino Real
Greenfield, CA 93927

**Meeting Agenda
January 27, 2026
4:00 P.M.**

Chair Jim Thorp
Vice Chair Michael Griva
Boardmembers
Raul Rodriguez
Paul Wood
Robert White

The Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Agency will be meeting on January 27, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, California 93927, and will be open to the public. This meeting will also be accessible online and may be viewed through the following options:

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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E. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be approved by one action of the Agency, unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received prior to the time Agency votes on the motion to adopt.

E-1. ADOPTION of Minutes of the December 17, 2025 Arroyo Seco GSA Special Meeting

F. AGENCY BUSINESS

F-1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL of Scope of Work to Integrate Demand Management into SMC-TAC's Annual Review Process

- a. Report
- b. Public Comments
- c. Agency Board - Comments / Review / Action

F-2. RECEIVE Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Agency General Manager's Status Report

- a. Oral Report
- b. Public Comments
- c. Agency Board - Comments / Review / Action

G. ADJOURNMENT

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**CITY OF GREENFIELD ARROYO SECO
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
MINUTES**

AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2025

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Thorp, Vice Chair Griva, Board Members Wood and White

Absent: Board Member Rodriguez

Staff: Interagency Attorney Thompson, General Manager Weeks, City Clerk Rathbun

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENCY BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GUS YATES FOR HYDROGEOLOGIC AND GROUNDWATER TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND CONSULTING SERVICES

Staff report was given by General Manager Weeks

A MOTION by Board Member White, seconded by Vice Chair Griva to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Gus Yates for Hydrogeologic and Groundwater Technical Expertise and Consulting Services. All in favor. Motion carried.

RECEIVE ARROYO SECO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY GENERAL MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT

General Manager Weeks stated that the Salinas Valley Basin GSA would be hosting their first advisory committee with their reconstituted advisory group tomorrow. He stated that it would be a different make on that committee than it had been before. He stated that the Salinas Valley Basin had also revamped their by-laws and mission as driven by the Board. He stated that as the representative of this Board, he stated that it was important that they continued to focus on the Arroyo Seco Cone and their management area.

General Manager Weeks stated that this Board directed him to look at developing its own demand management framework and Mr. Yates and he have had a discussion regarding this. He stated that Mr. Yates had provided him with a draft scope of work and stated that he would be bringing it to the Board in January for consideration. He stated that the scope that the Board would be considering would be somewhat process driven. He stated that they had a good idea on how the science of this worked; but the question would be how the Arroyo Seco GSA dealt with it; what kind of recommendations would be coming out of our technical advisory group and who would make what decisions and when.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Chair of the Board

City Clerk of the City of Greenfield



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MEMORANDUM: January 22, 2026

AGENDA DATE: January 27, 2026

TO: Board Members

FROM: Curtis Weeks, General Manager

TITLE: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SCOPE OF WORK TO INTEGRATE DEMAND MANAGEMENT INTO SMC-TAC'S ANNUAL REVIEW PROCESS

The Board of Directors directed staff to begin formulating an approach to demand management for the Arroyo Seco Cone Management Area (ASCMA) late in 2025. The attached scope of work provides a framework methodology to begin integrating management actions, including demand management, into the existing SMC-TAC functions for the ASCMA. Mr. Gus Yates, our project manager and technical representative on the SMC-TAC, will be our technical expert and staff resource the development of the methodology.

DISCUSSION:

To address the ASGSA Board's direction, staff has included a Scope of Work that integrates the SMC-TAC into the Demand Management framework with two main objectives:

- Integrate some or all the SVBGSA's demand management framework criteria and procedures into SMC-TAC's procedures for evaluating data and recommending actions.
- Recommend implementation details for local demand management so that if it is implemented, it is effective and fair.

To date, the SMC-TAC has developed much of the underlying technical approach and process that makes up the SVBGSA's Demand Management policy. Recalling that the policy still needs to develop many of the implementation details needed for a demand management program, this scope will assist the ASGSA further develop management action implementation elements for the ASCMA. The ASGSA raised concern re: the lack of input from the SMC_TAC or any kind of integration from the established technical group for guidance in the development and implementation of Demand Management through the various subbasins in the Salinas Valley. This

scope will focus on some of the how-to associated with Demand Management with focus on the ASCMA and the SMC-TAC.

Staff recommends Board approval of the proposed scope, and requests that the Board direct staff to begin facilitating Mr. Yates work.

ATTACHMENTS

Scope of Work: Integrating Demand Management into the SMC-TAC's Annual Review Process

Integrating Demand Management into the SMC-TAC's Annual Review Process

Scope of Work

January 12, 2026

Introduction

At the September 24, 2025 SMC-TAC meeting, Montgomery & Associates (M&A) presented a “demand management framework” that M&A is proposing be implemented in all Salinas Valley subbasins. The structure and procedure of the demand management framework differ substantially from the annual data review procedures adopted by the SMC-TAC in November 2024. Also, many details of how demand management would be implemented remain unresolved.

This scope of work has two objectives:

- Integrate some or all of M&A's demand management framework criteria and procedures into the SMC-TAC's procedures for evaluating data and recommending actions.
- Recommend implementation details for local demand management so that if it is implemented, it is effective and fair.

Demand management differs from many management actions because it can be implemented and reversed relatively quickly, and the location, extent and degree of pumping reduction can be tailored to the areas with excessive water-level declines. In contrast, management actions such as recharge augmentation projects typically have fixed locations, yields and costs. Thus, the five stages of severity laid out in M&A's evaluation procedure could logically be linked to varying degrees of pumping reduction.

Demand management is only one of a variety of management actions that the SMC-TAC might recommend if any of the sustainable management criteria begin experiencing undesirable results or are projected to experience undesirable results. This scope of work will develop a variation of the demand management framework into the SMC-TAC's procedures.

Task 1. Complete the Investigation of Factors Potentially Causing Water-Level Declines

M&A investigated long-term water level trends and found that 63 percent of representative monitoring site (RMS) wells in the Upper Valley Subbasin had long-term declining trends.

Only 11 percent of Forebay wells had significant declining trends. The Upper Valley percentage exceeds SMC-TAC's threshold of 35 percent that triggers an investigation of potential causes. Specifically, the following hydrologic variables should be evaluated for correlation with the long-term water-level declines:

- Historical pumping data by location and depth
- Historical land use or crop data
- Precipitation and evapotranspiration
- Water level trends in 180/400 and Eastside Subbasins
- Map of well permits issued in recent years (from Monterey County Health Department)
- Change in reservoir operation
- Change in monthly or annual net Salinas River percolation between gages (Bradley, Soledad, Chualar)

So far, only historical pumping has been evaluated. Surprisingly, M&A found no correlation between historical pumping and historical water levels, and others have reached a similar conclusion evaluating the same data slightly differently. This result is at odds with the hydrogeologic conceptual model of the Upper Valley and Forebay Subbasins. Furthermore, if water levels are not correlated with pumping, there is no justification for demand management. Further investigation of water-level trends and their potential causes is needed.

For this task, historical data for the remaining hydrologic variables in the above list will be compiled and evaluated for long-term trends. Based on the results, a plausible physical cause of long-term water-level declines will be identified.

Task 1 Deliverable

- Draft and final technical memorandum documenting the trend and correlation analysis, delivered electronically.

Task 2. Develop Demand Management Framework into the SMC-TAC Procedures

Current SMC-TAC procedures define a single threshold above which implementation of some kind of management action is recommended. In contrast, M&A's demand management framework defines five levels of severity that could be linked to five degrees of demand management implementation. The two procedures also differ in how thresholds are defined. The SMC-TAC procedure looks at the number of wells with statistically significant long-term water-level declines. The M&A procedure looks at the number of years during the previous 5-year period that undesirable results occurred.

The two procedures are not fundamentally incompatible. This task will develop recommendations for how to integrate the two into a single localized demand management approach. This might result in selecting one trend analysis method over the other or proposing a hybrid. It will also recommend how the M&A analysis would fit into the annual data review procedure that the SMC-TAC undertakes each spring.

Task 2 Deliverable

- Memorandum in the form of revised and expanded SMC-TAC data evaluation procedures, to be submitted to the SMC-TAC for consideration.

Task 3. Develop a Method for Implementing Demand Management

Assuming that reduced pumping will slow or halt long-term declining trends in groundwater levels, the reductions should be effective and fairly implemented. Major questions to be addressed include the following:

- Should pumping reductions be uniform across entire subbasins, or should they be implemented locally if water-level declines are local?
- If the area of implementation is smaller than the subbasin, who decides what it should be?
- Who decides what percentage of pumping reduction should be implemented in any year?
- Should pumping reductions be mandatory or voluntary? If voluntary, should people who reduce pumping be compensated financially by those who do not? This is somewhat analogous to USDA's Conservation Reserve Program.
- How should a reduction in pumping be quantified and verified? By comparison with a historical baseline of pumping by each user? By allowing a certain amount of land?
- Should demand management generally be implemented for temporary, short-term water-level declines (during droughts) but not as a solution to long-term declines unless clearly necessary?

Most of these questions relate to governance more than technical analysis. Accordingly, this task consists of developing options and facilitating discussions of those options with ASGSA's Advisory Committee, the ASGSA Board, and the Forebay and Upper Valley Implementation Committees. Two possible geographic extents of the demand management program will be considered: the ASGSA area, and the Forebay-Upper Valley Subbasins.

Task 3 Deliverables

- Three Zoom meetings with the ASGSA TAC including preparation of an agenda packet containing information regarding options for each element of the demand

management program. Revisions in the agenda for each meeting will reflect the discussion and decisions from the previous meeting.

- One Zoom meeting with the ASGSA Board including an agenda packet containing the proposed demand management program that emerged from the ASGSA TAC meetings.
- One joint meeting with the Forebay and Upper Valley Implementation Committees including an agenda packet containing the proposed demand management program that emerged from the ASGSA Board meeting. The meeting will be by Zoom.
- A memorandum (draft and final) articulating the demand management program and briefly documenting the process by which it was developed.