

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 7, 2020
To: Improvements Committee
From: Mark Martin, General Manager
Subject: Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)/Plan (GSP) Membership Related to Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) and Sloughouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) Negotiations

In past communications to the Board, I have mentioned an action whereby the SCGA in November 2019 entered into a settlement agreement with SRCD expressing the intent to negotiate areas of responsibility in the capacity of Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) responsible for preparation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP). RMCS D has participated as a voting Board member of the SCGA for over a decade. In late December, the Executive Director of the SCGA, Darrell Eck, contacted me to bring to my attention the fact that RMCS D sits within the potentially negotiated jurisdiction of one or both GSAs. Mr. Eck conveyed that RMCS D would have the option of selecting the GSA where it would like to participate for preparation of a GSP.

What is for discussion and of potential concern to the RMCS D, is the latest GSA Boundary discussion would potentially cede the SCGA portion of the RMCS D district to SRCD. Given my prior discussions with SCGA staff on the extent of the South American Sub-basin, it was my understanding the South American Sub-basin extends into the western portion of the RMCS D District. Since this portion of the South American Sub-basin is the very area within the RMCS D that is most viable for a well, and the demands on groundwater from that area would be impacted largely by SCGA member impacts on that basin, it does not seem to make sense that SRCD would govern this area as the GSA since it is less hydrologically tied to the Cosumnes Sub-basin that largely impacts SRCD concerns. It is my opinion RMCS D should be concerned about the RMCS D's prime well site area being relegated to a GSA where RMCS D does not sit as a board member and where RMCS D would be asked to contribute to preparation of a plan where a majority of that GSA's area is much less relevant to RMCS D groundwater, surface water and groundwater recharge interests. At this point, I would strongly recommend that RMCS D advocate that the area currently under SCGA's area of influence remain with the SCGA.

Attached is a map that reflects the area of concern and proposed boundaries. I have submitted a number of follow-up questions related to this potential action to Mr. Eck of the SCGA but have yet to receive a response.

SRCD Proposed New GSA Boundary

The area represented by SRCD would be as depicted that roughly follows these rules: within the South American Sub-basin, outside of the urban service line, outside of OHWD's boundary

Legend

- Cosumnes Sub-basin
- Non SGMA - Sac County
- OHWD
- SCGA - Urban Service Line

