

EXHIBIT A

WORKPLAN

PROJECT TITLE: Santa Barbara County Stressed Basins Proposal for Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation for the Cuyama Valley and San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basins.

PROJECT SUMMARY: The County of Santa Barbara (the County) will be working to form GSAs with other local agencies overlying two groundwater basins: Cuyama Valley basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin number 3-13), and San Antonio Creek Valley basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin number 3-14), both of which are medium-priority basins. The objectives of the GSAs will be to ensure that each basin will be managed sustainably through GSA powers and follow-on Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP).

TASK 1 GRANT ADMINISTRATION

TASK 1.1 GRANT MANAGEMENT

Manage grant agreement including: compliance with grant requirements, preparation and submission of supporting grant documents, and development of the “Counties with Stressed Basins” Grant agreement. This task also includes administrative responsibilities associated with the project such as coordinating with partnering agencies and managing consultants/contractors.

Deliverables:

- Environmental Information Form (EIF)*
- Audited Financial Statement Form*
- Final Grant Agreement*

TASK 1.2 REPORTING

Prepare progress reports detailing work completed during reporting period as outlined in Exhibit (F) of this agreement. Progress reports will include sufficient information for DWR program manager to understand and review backup documentation submitted with invoices. Submit reports to DWR.

Prepare Draft Grant Completion Report and submit to DWR for DWR Project Manager’s comment and review no later than 90 days after work completion. Prepare Final Report addressing DWR’s comments. The report shall be prepared and presented in accordance with the provision of Exhibit F.

Deliverables:

- Project Progress Reports*
- Draft Grant Completion Report*
- Final Grant Completion Report*

TASK 1.3 INVOICING

Submit draft invoices to DWR project manager for review and to receive reimbursement on eligible funds per the grant agreement. Collect and organize back-up documentation by task, prepare summary excel document detailing contents of backup documentation organized by task (to match task in grant agreement budget), track budget, and verify math prior to submitting each draft invoice. Respond to DWR project manager’s comments on draft invoice in a timely manner. Submit draft and final invoices.

Deliverables:

- Draft and final invoices*
- Backup documentation and summary document*

TASK 2 GSA FORMATION

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) will cover the entire groundwater basin areas as identified in DWR Bulletin-118. If the groundwater basin boundaries will be modified through basin boundary modification process, the modified boundary will be used for GSA formation. Any overlap will be resolved prior to the completion of this task.

TASK 2.2 OUTREACH AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Develop plan to inform, and promote engagement of interested stakeholder in the formation of GSA. Describe the manner in which interested parties may participate in the GSA formation process. Identify potential stakeholders including relevant EJ, DAC, EDA, and Tribal communities. Identify how stakeholders' interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of the GSA's sustainability plan. Develop protocols for notification of public meetings in the counties overlying the two groundwater basins consistent with applicable regulations.

Deliverables: Data Spreadsheet and GIS files will be included as applicable.

- Draft and final list of interested parties developed pursuant to Water Code §10723.2*
- Number of meetings, list of attendees, public notices*
- Outreach/Stakeholder Engagement Plan*

TASK 2.2 DEVELOPMENT OF MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING (MOUs)

Develop, and use MOU to support coordination among local agencies. The MOUs will define roles and responsibilities of all the agencies involved in the GSA formation. Conduct meetings involving all the agencies who will be in the GSA governance structure. Establish basis for legal authority based on the jurisdictional boundary or the service area boundary. Develop resolution or legal agreement acceptable by all the local agencies who will participate in the GSA.

Deliverables:

- Agendas, minutes, list of attendees*
- Basis for legal authority (including hard copy maps and GIS files)*
- Interim documents*
- Signed copy of MOUs, the resolution and/or legal agreements forming the new agency.*

TASK 2.3 DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Meet with all the local agencies, and discuss all the authorities and requirements under SGMA. Determine the governance structures that work best for each groundwater basins; centralized, distributed or a combination of the two. Develop organizational structure to define task, powers and authorities. Describe how decisions will be made for the development and implementation of GSP. Develop stakeholder involvement process including specific mechanisms for EJ, Tribal, DAC, and EDA involvement. Describe the manner in which the public will be notified of GSA governance structure.

Deliverables:

- A copy of any new bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities developed by the local agency.*
- Summary of governance structure and mechanisms identified to include EJ, Tribal, DAC, and EDA involvement in the decision making process.*
- Copies of public notices*
- A map showing the service area boundary or the jurisdictional boundary and the GSA boundary of all the agencies involved in the GSA formation. Provide GIS files of the service area, the jurisdictional, sphere of influence (if applicable), and the GSA boundaries.*