

**Table 1 - Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation – Options**

<b>Components</b>	<b>A - Solano Subbasin GSA</b>	<b>B - County of Solano GSA</b>	<b>C – State Management</b>
<b>Management Area</b>	Solano Subbasin in Solano County and portions of RD 2068 and Liberty Island in Yolo County Excludes other GSAs (SID, City of Vacaville, and potential Northern Delta GSA).	Unmanaged areas in the Solano County portion of the Solano Subbasin. Excludes any existing or proposed GSA areas.	Initially covering unmanaged that are outside of established GSAs and could cover the entire Solano Subbasin (Solano, Yolo, and Sacramento Counties), and within existing GSA areas if deemed probationary.
<b>GSA Governance and Board Representatives</b>	<p>Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) establishing 11-member Board of Directors</p> <p>Local control by GSA-eligible and other entities:</p> <p><u>Municipal Representatives (3):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cities of Dixon and Rio Vista</li> <li>• Cal Water* (via MOU with GSA)</li> </ul> <p><u>District Representatives (4):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maine Prairie</li> <li>• Reclamation District 2068</li> <li>• Dixon and Solano RCDs</li> </ul> <p><u>Unincorporated Area Representatives (4):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solano County Supervisors (Districts 4 &amp; 5)</li> <li>• 2 Public Ag. Seats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 appointed by Board of Supervisors from Ag Adv. Comm. nominees</li> <li>○ 1 appointed by the GSA Board from Farm Bureau nominees.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Board of Supervisors	State Water Resources Control Board
<b>Voting</b>	<p>1 vote per member</p> <p>Supermajority voting: 2/3 vote of GSA Board, plus at least 1 vote from a Municipal, District, and Unincorporated representative for certain major actions (identified in Article 6.9):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Budgets</li> <li>• Adoption of fees and credits</li> </ul>	Board of Supervisors voting procedures.	State Water Resources Control Board voting procedures.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract approvals over \$25,000</li> <li>• New Member admission or Employees</li> <li>• GSP Adoption</li> <li>• Claim payments against or by the agency</li> <li>• Acquisitions</li> <li>• Replacement of annual special audit</li> <li>• GSA Coordination agreements.</li> </ul>		
<b>Dispute Resolution</b>	Independent mediator, chosen by disputing parties or appointed by GSA Board chair, will render non-binding decisions based on the guiding principles set forth in JPA.	Board of Supervisors voting procedures.	State Board voting procedures.
<b>Officers</b>	Annual Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary ( <b>Article 7.1</b> ). Member term at discretion of appointing governing body.	Possible Annual Appointment of Board Members to Chair and Vice Chair.	Per State policy.
<b>Treasurer</b>	Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) via staffing agreement with GSA Board, which can be modified in the future ( <b>Article 7.2</b> ).	Solano County auditor	Possibly under State Board auditor.
<b>Staffing</b>	SCWA will provide initial administrative, financial, and personnel staffing services to the GSA ( <b>Article 7.5</b> ). Staff from SCWA and member entities to provide in-kind work to conduct activities, operations, and investigations ( <b>Article 11.7</b> ).	Administrative, financial, and limited project oversight provided by County Department staff. Consultants likely needed for special projects, and to develop and implement the GSP.	State Board staff or consultants and possible delegation of some functions to local agencies.

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<b>Subcommittees</b>	<p><u>Technical Advisory Committee:</u> Staff from each member entity and SCWA. Drafts policies, guidance, and regulations, provides technical assistance for GSP, and coordinates SMAs. (Article 8.2).</p> <p><u>SMA Committees:</u> Each SMA area composed of member representatives, property owners, and stakeholders residing in the SMA. Will undertake voluntary actions, reporting, public outreach, and work necessary to resolve localized conditions (Article 9.3).</p>	Board of Supervisors could form a subcommittee or advisory committees.	The State Board could create subcommittees or advisory committees.
<b>Funding/Costs</b>	<p><u>Operating Budget:</u> Annual adopted by GSA board (Article 11) and held in operating fund through SCWA as fiscal agency.</p> <p><u>Initial contribution:</u> \$6,000 per GSA Board seat. Solano County provides \$18,000 (two Board of Supervisor seats plus Ag. Advisory Committee nominee) (Article 11.4).</p> <p><u>Administration and Overhead:</u> Paid through assessments and fees (Article 3.3.9.1). GSP development and special projects: borne by beneficiaries within SMAs (Article 3.3.9.2).</p>	Initially paid from County General Fund until/unless fees or assessments are established.	Paid through annual fees on wells and volumetric water extracted. State can order extractors to conduct special projects which may result in paying local and state fees.
<b>Special Management Areas (SMAs)</b>	Allows for management of subareas based on differing local conditions (water demand, water source, management strategies or other characteristics). (Article 9.1).	Board of Supervisors could establish various advisory committees or stakeholder groups to serve this purpose.	State Board could establish various advisory committees or stakeholder groups to serve this purpose.
<b>Implementation</b>	SMAs (if established) will promote voluntary measures first. If voluntary measures fail, the	Board of Supervisors will be responsible for implementing	Mandatory monitoring, metering, and annual reporting for all

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	GSA can resort to other mechanisms to achieve sustainability. (Article 4.5.4).	SGMA requirements through ordinances and regulations.	wells. Additional technical reports or interim plan(s) required (Water Code § 5202).
<b>New Membership</b>	New members are Eligible (Article 5.9) through Memorandum of Understanding after: 1) approval by the GSA Board, 2) payment of share of costs that benefits the prospective member, and 3) agreement to the terms of the JPA.	Board of Supervisors would need to enter into an agreement to allow new members and adjust governance structure.	Not applicable.
<b>Withdrawal</b>	Any member may withdraw from the GSA with 60 days' notice (Article 13). Withdrawing member remains liable for proportional costs of unfunded expenditures incurred during their membership. Withdrawing member retains its right to become or participate in a GSA within its jurisdiction.	County withdrawal from any areas it oversees without another GSA covering the area will leave area unmanaged and subject to state intervention and management.	Local GSAs must be formed prior to State withdrawal.
<b>Termination</b>	Requires unanimous termination of the agreement. (Article 13.1)	Board of Supervisors action required.	State is default until local GSAs formed.

**Notes:** \* non-GSA eligible entity, **SGMA** – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, **GSP** – Groundwater Sustainability Plan, **SMA** – Special Management Area