



## Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee

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### Committee Charge

The Charge of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee includes the following:

#### Desired Outcome:

Generate a recommended Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to be submitted to the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) that provides appropriate guidance, measures, and metrics for achieving sustainable groundwater management for the Napa Valley Groundwater Subbasin.

#### Process Objectives:

- Develop, with members of the Advisory Committee, a Groundwater Sustainability Plan that fulfills DWR requirements, and integrates the interests of Napa County and the array of stakeholders represented on the Advisory Committee
- Support collaboration between Napa County and other relevant jurisdictions
- Support well informed, balanced, and collegial engagement
- Promote better understanding of the interests of each participant
- Work toward being able to support implementation of the recommended Plan

#### Tasks for the Advisory Committee:

- Receive briefings on, and become familiar with the role and purpose of a GSA and development of a GSP
- Receive briefings on and become familiar with Best Management Practices for the sustainable management of ground and surface waters within the Napa Valley Subbasin
- Receive briefings on and become familiar with applicable law and regulation for the sustainable management of groundwater
- Receive briefings on and become familiar with data sets and analytical tools intended to help Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) develop and maintain groundwater sustainability
- Craft well-informed solutions and incorporate new information to address deficiencies identified in Napa County's Alternative GSP
- Utilize available data and tools to develop meaningful thresholds or other objective criteria that defines sustainable groundwater management practices for the Napa Valley Subbasin

GSPAC should address at least the following specific tasks, so as to be able to render recommendations to the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency:

1. Identify and recommend a set of key measures and threshold conditions that would trigger remedial action on the part of the GSA to avoid the degradation of groundwater and surface water conditions.
2. Identify possible policies, strategies and actions that would be triggered if and when a threshold condition were to be reached.
3. Propose adaptive management solutions to guide implementation and address anticipated issues.

#### Napa County Sideboards

Napa County has articulated “sideboards” to guide the Advisory Committee’s development of the Plan elements. These sideboards are attributes and objective measures that must be met by the Plan; they are not intended to state specific solutions.

Sideboards include:

1. Any outcome must be consistent with State Law;
2. Any outcome must sustain the economic viability of Napa County’s economy;
3. Any outcome must foster sustainability of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems and other essential ecosystem functions;
4. Any outcome must be conducive to fulfillment of DWR requirements for GSP development and ongoing monitoring and reporting.