

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMO

TO: Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Revised Draft Section 3 of the Napa Valley Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

SUMMARY

This Memo provides a brief summary of revisions made to Draft Section 3 (September 10, 2020) of the Napa Valley Subbasin GSP. The Revised Draft Section 3 (November 3, 2020) addresses comments received from members of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (GSPAC) and the public through (September 23, 2020).

DISCUSSION

Draft Section 3 of the GSP describes local, state, and federal agencies with existing water and land use monitoring and management programs in the Napa Valley Subbasin. These descriptions provide context and a general understanding of efforts underway by other agencies, which may influence groundwater conditions in the Subbasin. Draft Section 3 also describes the beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the Subbasin consistent with SGMA. These descriptions precede additional details to be addressed in subsequent Sections of this GSP, including identification of significant and unreasonable impacts on beneficial users. Many local, state, and federal agencies implement monitoring and management programs in the Napa Valley Subbasin. The objectives of those monitoring programs are often dictated by statutory or regulatory requirements intended to protect groundwater and surface water quality. Draft Section 3 describes those programs and their monitoring networks.

A first Draft of Section 3 was released on September 10, 2020 for public review and comment. Using Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (NCGSA's) SurveyMonkey platform, 23 comments were received during the 9/10/20 to 9/23/20 initial comment period. The technical team at Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) reviewed all comments, including those from GSPAC members and others. Comments were considered and addressed according to four main categories: 1) editorial (including text and figure edits); 2) comments pertinent to the objectives of Draft Section 3; 3) general comments of interest but not directly pertinent to the objectives of Section 3; and 4) pertinent to future GSPAC discussions and one of more future GSP sections. The following paragraphs summarize the extent of revisions made to Draft Section 3 in response to public comment.

The following water resource monitoring and management agencies were added to Draft Section 3 (November 3, 2020):

- Napa County Flood Control and Water Resource Conservation District [Section 3.1.9.1] (although discussed in the initial Draft Section 3, a new section was added for this agency)
- Napa County Williamson Act [Section 3.1.1.1]
- Napa County Erosion Control Plans (ECP) [Section 3.1.1.1]
- Napa County Water Quality and Tree Protection Ordinance [Section 3.1.1.1]
- Napa County Winery Definition Ordinance [Section 3.1.1.1]
- Napa County Agricultural Lands Preservation Initiative (Measure J and Measure P) [Section 3.1.1.1]
- City of Napa and Napa County Watershed Analysis Risk Management Framework (WARMF) Study [Section 3.1.1.2]
- City of St. Helena General Plan- Safe Annual Yield [Section 3.1.1.5]
- California Department of Water Resources (DWR) [Section 3.1.2.1] (although discussed in the initial Draft

Section 3, a new section was added for this agency)

- San Francisco Bay (Region 2) Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) [Section 3.1.2.3] (although discussed in the initial Draft Section 3, a new section was added for this agency)
- California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) [Section 3.1.2.8] (although discussed in the initial Draft Section 3, a new section was added for this agency)
- California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) [Section 3.1.2.9]
- Napa County Resource Conservation District (NCRCD) (although discussed in the initial Draft Section 3, a new section was added for this agency)

The following land use elements or topic categories of applicable general plans were added to Draft Section 3 (November 3, 2020):

- St. Helena Municipal Ordinance 17.112.140 Water Efficient Landscaping [Section 3.2.3.3]

The following Sections were revised and descriptions were expanded and/or clarified according to public comments:

- Napa Valley Agricultural Preserve [Section 3.1.1.1]
- City of St. Helena General Plan- Safe Annual Yield [Section 3.1.1.5]
- California Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) [Section 3.1.2.2]
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) [Section 3.1.2.8]
- Groundwater Level Monitoring Groundwater Quality Monitoring [Section 3.1.3]
- Surface Water Diversion Monitoring [Section 3.1.7]
- Historical Land Use and Water Resource Management and Advisory Committees [Section 3.2.1]
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) [Section 3.3.1.6]
- Beneficial Uses and Users [Section 3.4.1]
- Holders of Overlying Groundwater Rights [Section 3.4.1.1]
- Disadvantaged Communities [Section 3.4.1.6]
- Public Notices and Opportunities for Public Engagement [Section 3.4.2]

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Draft Section 3 (November 3, 2020)

B . Updated Appendix