



Mid-Kaweah GSA

## Board of Directors Meeting

10.8.19





# Agenda

1. Regulatory Setting
2. Approach to Comment Management

## Regulatory Requirements

### § 355.4. Criteria for Plan Evaluation (b)

- Does the Plan satisfy the requirements of Subsection (a) to determine whether the Plan, either individually or in coordination with other Plans, complies with the Act and substantially complies with the requirements of this Subchapter.
- Substantial compliance means:
  - *Supporting information is sufficiently detailed and the analyses sufficiently thorough and reasonable*
  - *The Department determines that any discrepancy would not materially affect the ability of the Agency to achieve the sustainability goal for the basin, or the ability of the Department to evaluate the likelihood of the Plan to attain that goal.*

## Regulatory Requirements

§ 355.4.(b)(10)

*Whether the Agency has adequately responded to comments that raise credible technical or policy issues with the Plan.*



## Public Comment Organization

- 12 comment letters, totaling 181 pages, received between the July 31 and Sept. 16 public comment period:

- Bill Huott, 8/10/19
- Kevin Layne, 8/13/19
- Edward Henry, 9/3/19
- The Nature Conservancy, 9/9/19
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 9/12/19
- Westchester Group, 9/13/19
- California Water Service, 9/16/19
- Richard Garcia, 9/16/19
- Kings County Water District, 9/16/19
- Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, 9/16/19
- Self-Help Enterprises, 9/16/19
- Various Non-Profit Organizations, 9/16/19

*(TNC, Community Water Center, Audubon Society, Local Government Commission, Union of Concerned Scientists, Clean Water Action)*

## Public Comment Summary

- Summary of Public Comments to included as an appendix to the GSP.
- Appendix will include:
  - Overview of public comment period and methods to comment
  - Overview of the comment categories and the process to respond to comments.
  - Comment matrix including each individual comment, the response to comment, and the location where – if applicable – the GSP was amended.
  - Copies of each comment submitted during the public comment period.

## Public Comment Database

- Applied detailed comment/response process similar to studies developed consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act
  - Categorization of individual comment
  - Match comment to appropriate GSP section(s)
  - Record response to comment
- Initial categorization completed by Tulare Irrigation District
  - Currently 197 individual comments

# Comment Database

Microsoft Excel interface showing a spreadsheet titled "MKUSA GSP Comments 052719.xlsx". The ribbon includes File, Home, Insert, Draw, Page Layout, Formulas, Data, Review, View, STANTEC, Help, and Acrobat. The spreadsheet has columns: DN, Author, Sub-Category, CN, MCR, Description, Code/Regulator, Comment, Response, and Response Location. A filter menu is open over the Author column, showing a list of authors with checkboxes. The spreadsheet contains four rows of data, with the third row (DN 002, Author Kevin Layne) selected.

DN	Author	Sub-Category	CN	MCR	Description	Code/Regulator	Comment	Response	Response Location
001	Bill Huott						valley was constructed and discovered. A Tulare lake size reservoir, all this water should never flush to the ocean! Never did, it filled Tulare Lake! Come on. We has a good year but now we could have seven years drought! No cushion, no backup, no		
002	Kevin Layne						I just reviewed your recently released GPS. Has anyone put together an abridged version with the highlights that I could easily share with my customers and coworkers? I'd love to see something that explained how many acres of recharge basins were going to be added and how many acre feet they would drink, how much pumping is going to have to decrease and how fast, and how many acres are expected to come out of production and the timeline for that.	August 13, 2019. In response to your inquiry I have attached a GSP Takeaway flyer that has been developed for distribution. This flyer has some of the key information located in the Mid-Kaweah GSA. I also would like to invite you to one of our Landowner Roundtable Meetings. These meetings are specifically for growers within the Tulare ID and are small meetings to discuss the GSP and receive questions or concerns. We still have several dates and times available. Please feel free to take a look at the Landowner Roundtable meeting notice at: <a href="http://www.tularaid.org">www.tularaid.org</a> . Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.	
003	Edward Hc					CS	sq miles". Simple calculation: 700 sq miles x 640 acre/sq mile = 448,000 acres within the KSB. Current accepted KSB acreage is 441,000 acres. So which figure is the most accurate? If the 441,000 acres is correct, then the "occupying some 700 sq miles" needs to be changed to "689 sq miles" to be more accurate (Page 3-2). Top of the page should add in "possible degraded individual septic systems as the result of age, poor maintenance, and/or lack of routine service." See attachment from Washington State Department of Health, How Nitrogen from Septic Systems Can Harm Water Quality. <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/Default/1/Document/6650/337_1-0">http://www.doh.wa.gov/Default/1/Document/6650/337_1-0</a>		

# Database Categorization

## 20 Categories, including

- Disadvantaged Communities
- General, Document Organization
- Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems
- Groundwater Levels and storage
- Hydrogeologic Modeling
- Water Quality
- Interconnected Surface Water
- Management Areas
- Municipal Land and Water Use
- Pumping Allocations
- Public Outreach
- Water Allocation
- Water Budget

## Next Steps

- MKGSA Advisory Committee – Special Meetings
  - Review and Assess Comment Categories
  - Provide advice to Board of Directors on substantive technical and policy issues.
- Time and Date:
  - 3-5 p.m., Oct. 15, 2019
  - 3-5 p.m., Oct. 29, 2019
- Location:
  - Visalia Wastewater Treatment Plant, 7579 Avenue 288, Visalia.