

Eel River Valley Groundwater Basin Stakeholder Outreach Tracking and Documentation Tool, 2015-2019

Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Agency/ Organization/ Group	Topics discussed at meeting	# of participants
February 24, 2015	Board of Supervisors chambers, Eureka	Humboldt County Board of Supervisors	Provide guidance on County response to SGMA, Direct Public Works to convene a workshop for stakeholders on SGMA, Authorize staff to apply for grant funding	Video available on Access Humboldt.
April 27, 2015	Humboldt County Agricultural Center, Eureka	Workshop on groundwater in the Eel River Valley	Overview of groundwater legislation, Overview of hydrogeology in the Eel River Basin, Invited Statements, Facilitated discussion	42
May 20, 2015	Riverwalk Lodge, Fortuna	Eel River Forum- hosted by Friends of the Eel River and CDFW	Key aspects of SGMA, State Water Policy Water Code 113, Basin Ranking, Powers of Authority, Beneficial Uses and Users, Legislation Summary, Timeline, Outreach, Initial data review, Understanding the basin and its' functions	-
October 6, 2015	Board of Supervisors chambers, Eureka	Humboldt County Board of Supervisors	Update on Eel River Forum workshop, approves formation of Eel River Valley Groundwater Working Group	Video available on Access Humboldt.
October 21, 2015	Humboldt County Agricultural Center, Eureka	Eel River Valley Groundwater Working Group	SGMA overview, Eel River Valley groundwater basin overview, Role of the working group, Proposition 1 grant program proposition	27
December 14, 2015	Humboldt County Agricultural Center, Eureka	Eel River Valley Groundwater Working Group	Proposition 1 grant program, DWR medium-priority ranking for Eel River Valley groundwater basin, working group membership, Irrigation Water and Fertigation Management Planning Project	28
February 22, 2016	Humboldt County Agricultural Center, Eureka	Eel River Valley Groundwater Working Group	Update on DWR Guidelines, Compliance Timeline, and Alternative Submittals, Proposition 1 Grant Program update, Summary of Water Supplier Information, Presentation of monitoring data from Cheryl Laffranchi (Northcoast Pumphouse), HCRCD Irrigation/Fertigation Study update	35
April 25, 2016	Humboldt County Agricultural Center, Eureka	Eel River Valley Groundwater Working Group	Brief updates, Proposition 1 grant for technical study and planning, GSA formation and governance, Update on Humboldt County RCD's Irrigation Water/Fertigation Management Planning Project	34

September 12, 2016	Humboldt County Agricultural Center, Eureka	Eel River Valley Groundwater Working Group	Review current compliance approach for SGMA and purpose/membership of Working Group, Review previous meeting materials, Update on groundwater basin assessment, Update on HCRCD's Irrigation Water and Fertigation Management Planning Project	31
November 7, 2016	Humboldt County Agricultural Center, Eureka	Eel River Valley Groundwater Working Group	Review previous meeting materials, Update of technical study, Project timeline and Submittals	30
December 2, 2016	Humboldt County Agricultural Center, Eureka	Eel River Valley Groundwater Working Group	Irrigation water use, DWR basin priority ranking, DWR alternative submittal, Initial results from groundwater basin assessment data collection, Review timeline and next steps	27
December 13, 2016	Board of Supervisors chambers, Eureka	Humboldt County Board of Supervisors	Adopt a resolution authorizing Public Works to submit a Groundwater Sustainability Plan Alternative	Video available on Access Humboldt.
December 20, 2016	Humboldt County Agricultural Center, Eureka	Eel River Valley Groundwater Working Group	Irrigation water use, Alternatives to GSP	24
March 22, 2017	Riverwalk Lodge, Fortuna	Eel River Forum- hosted by Friends of the Eel River and CDFW	Alternative Plan submittal, Basin ranking process, SGMA, Sustainability Indicators, Concerns, Timeline, Working group purpose and scope, SGMA paths to compliance, Review of existing data	-
May 3, 2018	Humboldt County Farm Bureau, Eureka	Humboldt County Farm Bureau	SGMA legislation review, Sustainability Indicators, SGMA paths to compliance, Basin ranking process, Working group structure, Ag water use summary, Review of existing data	-
June 21, 2018	Humboldt County Agricultural Center, Eureka	Eel River Valley Groundwater Working Group	GSP alternative submittal, Annual report for 2017 water year, DWR's draft 2018 basin prioritization results, Working group purpose review	19
September 30, 2019	Humboldt County Agricultural Center, Eureka	Eel River Valley Groundwater Working Group	DWR's assessment of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Alternative submittal, Basis for DWR's assessment, Review of monitoring data, Discuss formation of GSA, Prop 68 Grant funding opportunity	26

Interests represented at each meeting include: agriculture, environmental, water service districts, municipalities, residents, disadvantaged community members, and beneficial users.

Eel River Valley GSP Stakeholder Outreach Tracking and Documentation Tool, 2020-2022

Meeting Date/Location	Agency/ Organization	Email-blast to Stakeholder List? when?	Additional outreach and publicity (press release, ads, posting on other websites, notice in other newsletters)	Topics discussed at meeting	# of participants, interests represented	Evaluation, additional comments
3/5/2020 Humboldt County Agriculture Commissioners Building, Eureka, CA	Eel River Groundwater Working Group	Yes, 2 weeks prior and week of meeting	Meeting notice posted on County Groundwater website.	Presentation and discussion on SGMA Compliance, the steps to completing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) by January 2022, the proposed options for creating a Groundwater Sustainability Agency by April 2020, and timeline of project.	40- agriculture, environmental, water service districts, municipalities, residents, disadvantaged community members, beneficial users.	
6/11/2020 Farm Bureau office, Eureka, CA	Humboldt County Farm Bureau Board Meeting	No	Farm Bureau staff provided notice to members and public.	Explained the SGMA process, provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions.	17- agriculture producers, small businesses, beneficial users	
9/13/2020, Zoom meeting	Humboldt County Resource Conservation District	No	District staff provided notice to board members and public via email and District website (humboldtrcd.org)	Presented Eel River GSP project to Board members and public, and an update on progress.	13- agriculture, environmental, beneficial users	
11/5/2020 Farm Bureau office, Eureka, CA	Humboldt County Farm Bureau Board Meeting	No	Farm Bureau staff provided notice to members and public.	Provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions.	15- agriculture producers, small businesses, beneficial users	
11/4/2020 Agriculture Commissioners meeting room, Eureka, CA	Humboldt/Del Norte County Cattlemen's Association	No	Association staff provided notice to members and public.	Provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, solicited participation for water balance work, and answered questions.	10- agriculture producers, beneficial users	

11/30/2020, Zoom meeting with option to meet at Humboldt County Agriculture Commissioners Building, Eureka, CA	Eel River Groundwater Working Group	Yes, 2 weeks prior and week of meeting	Meeting notice posted on County Groundwater website.	County staff explained the SGMA process, provided an update on project process, an introduction the project team, and answered questions.	30- agriculture, environmental, water service districts, municipalities, residents, disadvantaged community members, beneficial users.	Web-based platform not as effective as in person meetings. Explore additional options for stakeholder engagement.
12/10/2020, Zoom meeting	Humboldt County Resource Conservation District	No	District staff provided notice to board members and public via email and District website (humboldtrcd.org)	Provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions.	22- agriculture, environmental, beneficial users	
12/16/2020 Zoom meeting	NOAA and NMFS	No	Individual outreach to NOAA and NMFS biologists and engineers who expressed interest in participating in the Eel River GSP development.	Provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions.	7- GSA staff and NOAA/NMFS biologists and engineers	Gained an understanding of NOAA/NMFS concerns in the basin and how they may contribute to the GSP development.
March 8-12, 2021, Ferndale and Fortuna	Seven (7) Small in person group meetings with different agriculture producers	Individual outreach via email and/or phone call	No	Explained the SGMA process, provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, solicited participation in data collection, received comments, and answered questions.	41- agriculture, Western United Dairymen, Humboldt County RCD, County Supervisors	Effective group meetings where participants could speak freely and have an authentic conversation. Gained understanding of concerns.
3/15/2021 Zoom Meeting	Fortuna City Council	No	City staff provided public notice on their website.	Explained the SGMA process, provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions.	19- city government, disadvantaged community members, beneficial users	
4/1/2021 Farm Bureau office, Eureka, CA	Humboldt County Farm Bureau Board Meeting	No	Farm Bureau staff provided notice to members and public.	Provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions.	15- agriculture, State Veterinarian, small businesses	

4/8/2021 Zoom meeting	Humboldt County Resource Conservation District	No	District staff provided notice to board members and public via email and District website (humboldtrcd.org)	Provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions.	17-board members, agriculture producers, agency personnel, beneficial users	
4/20/2021 Zoom meeting	The Buckeye Board meeting	No	Buckeye Executive Director provided notice to members and public.	Explained the SGMA process, provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions.	13- Agriculture, timber production, small business, environmental	
4/20/2021 Zoom meeting	Cal Trout and Trout Unlimited	Individual outreach via email and/or phone call	Individual outreach to biologists and engineers who expressed interest in participating in the Eel River GSP development.	Explained the SGMA process, provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions.	6- GSA staff and CalTrout and Trout Unlimited biologist, engineer, and hydrologist.	Gained an understanding of CalTrout/Trout Unlimited concerns in the basin and how they may contribute to the GSP development.
4/21/2021 Zoom meeting	The Nature Conservancy	Individual outreach via email and/or phone call	Individual outreach to those who expressed interest in participating in the Eel River GSP development.	Explained the SGMA process, provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions. Focus of discussion was on GDEs.	6- GSA staff, TNC geologist, County consulting modeling team members	Gained an understanding of TNC concerns in the basin and how they may contribute to the GSP development.
4/29/2021 Zoom meeting	Friends of the Eel River	Individual outreach via email and/or phone call	Individual outreach to those who expressed interest in participating in the Eel River GSP development.	Explained the SGMA process, provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions.	5- GSA staff, FER Executive Director and Board member	Gained an understanding of FER concerns in the basin and how they may contribute to the GSP development.

5/25/2021 Zoom meeting	Humboldt County Board of Supervisors meeting	Yes, 5/21/2021	Notice posted on County Groundwater website under News Flash. Email or text was sent to 444 people signed up to receive notices. Notice published on County Board of Supervisors meeting calendar and publicly noticed per Brown Act Rules.	Drought Conditions and Implications for Wildfire Risk and Water Availability, SGMA and Eel River GSP project status. A recording of the meeting can be found on Access Humboldt's Board of Supervisor's video archives .	Meeting is broad cast live through Access Humboldt and participants who wish to speak call in. Unknown how many people actually viewed the webcast.	
5/27/2021 Zoom meeting	California Department of Fish and Wildlife and NOAA	Individual outreach via email and/or phone call	Individual outreach to those who expressed interest in participating in the Eel River GSP development.	Explained the SGMA process, provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions.	6-GSA staff, CDFW and NOAA wildlife biologists	Gained an understanding of CDFW concerns in the basin and how they may contribute to the GSP development.
6/16/2021 Zoom meeting	Ferndale City Council	No	City staff provided public notice on their website.	Explained the SGMA process, provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, received comments, and answered questions.	16- city government, disadvantaged community members, beneficial users, agricultural producers	
7/20/2021 Zoom meeting	Humboldt County Board of Supervisors	Yes, one week before	Notice posted on County Groundwater website under News Flash. Email or text was sent to 444 people signed up to receive notices. Notice published on County Board of Supervisors meeting calendar and publicly noticed per Brown Act Rules.	Provided an update on Eel River GSP project progress, drought impacts to basin, and received comments and answered questions. A recording of the meeting can be found on Access Humboldt's Board of Supervisor's video archives .	Meeting is broad cast live through Access Humboldt and participants who wish to speak call in. Unknown how many people actually viewed the webcast.	
11/5/2021 Eel River basin, Ferndale, CA	Hydrogeology class, Humboldt State University	No	No	Eel River Valley basin geology, water rights, SMCs, modeling results, stakeholder engagement.	13-students, professor, outreach consultant Jack Rice, County staff	
12/14/2021 Zoom meeting	Rio Dell City Council	No	City staff provided public notice on their website.	GSP briefing, answered questions, and received comments	15-City council and staff, and stakeholders	Received public comment
12/15/2021 Zoom meeting	Ferndale City Council	No	City staff provided public notice on their website.	GSP briefing, answered questions, and received comments	18- City council and staff, and stakeholders	Received public comment

12/15/2021 Zoom meeting	CDFW, NOAA, and RWQCB	No	No	GSP briefing, answered questions, and received comments	8-County staff and agency representatives	Received comments
12/16/2021 Ferndale Fairgrounds Turf Room	Agriculture producers and partners	No	Specific outreach to agriculture stakeholders and partners	GSP briefing, answered questions, and received comments	6-agriculture producers	Received comments
12/16/2021 Event barn by the bridge	Agriculture producers and partners	No	Specific outreach to agriculture stakeholders and partners	GSP briefing, answered questions, and received comments	11-agriculture producers, UC Cooperative Extension Livestock Advisor, HCRCD, WUD representatives.	Received comments
12/17/2021 Zoom meeting	Friends of the Eel River	No	Specific outreach to FOER	GSP briefing, answered questions, and received comments	4- County staff and FOER representative.	Received comments
12/20/2021 Zoom	Fortuna City Council	No	City staff provided public notice on their website.	GSP briefing, answered questions, and received comments	20-City Council members, City staff, stakeholders	Received public comment
1/4/2022 Zoom meeting	Humboldt County Board of Supervisors/ GSA	Yes, 12/11/2021 and 12/30/2021	Notice published on County Board of Supervisors meeting calendar and publicly noticed per Brown Act Rules.	Provided GSP briefing, answered questions, and received public comments. A recording of the meeting can be found on Access Humboldt's Board of Supervisor's video archives.	Meeting is broad cast live through Access Humboldt and participants who wish to speak call in. Unknown how many people actually viewed the webcast.	Received public comment
1/6/2022 Farm Bureau office, Eureka, CA	Humboldt County Farm Bureau Board Meeting	No	Farm Bureau staff provided notice to members and public.	Provided an update on the SGMA County program and review report given to County Board of Supervisors on 1/4/2022.	10- agriculture, small businesses, beneficial users	Received public comment
1/13/2022 Zoom meeting	Humboldt County Resource Conservation District	No	District staff provided notice to board members and public via email and District website (humboldtrcd.org)	Provided an update on the SGMA County program and review report given to County Board of Supervisors on 1/4/2022.	Board members, agriculture producers, agency personnel, beneficial users	Received public comment
1/25/2022 Zoom meeting	Humboldt County Board of Supervisors/ GSA	Yes 12/11/2021, 12/30/2021	Notice published on County Board of Supervisors meeting calendar and publicly noticed per Brown Act Rules.	Present Final Eel River GSP for Board adoption, public hearing. A recording of the meeting can be found on Access Humboldt's Board of Supervisor's video archives.	Meeting is broad cast live through Access Humboldt and participants who wish to speak call in. Unknown how many people actually viewed the webcast.	