

Introduction

- The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin is Governed by 5 Independent GSA
 - ◆ San Miguel GSA (CSD)
 - ◆ City of Paso Robles GSA
 - ◆ Shandon-San Juan GSA
 - ◆ Estrella-El Pomar-Creston GSA
 - ◆ County of San Luis Obispo GSA, white areas not governed by other GSAs
- The GSAs have agreed to cooperate. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was created and signed by the GSAs. MOA details how the GSAs will manage the Basin.
- The Paso Robles Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC) is the governing body designated by the MOA.
- The MOA has defined percentages for Cost Sharing and Voting. The percentage are listed below:
 - ◆ San Miguel GSA (CSD) 3.0%
 - ◆ City of Paso Robles GSA. 15.2%
 - ◆ Shandon-San Juan GSA 20.2%
 - ◆ Estrella-El Pomar-Creston GSA 29.3%
 - ◆ County of San Luis Obispo GSA 32.3%

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- Most funding for Basin management activities has come from the DWR Grant. Additionally, GSAs have contributed directly to funding the Annual Reports and some other expenses.
- Grant Funding runs out April 2025.
- Spring of 2024, PBCC presented its first Budget for consideration by each GSA. The PBCC Budget covers:
 - ◆ Expenses not funded by the Grant in the FY 24-25.
 - ◆ All future proposed administrative and operational activities for FY 25-26 and FY 26-27.
 - ◆ The Budget does not include “Projects”.
 - ◆ Kicks Off the Funding for GSP Implementation Phase
- Today’s meeting is to consider the implications of the PBCC Budget on EPCWD’s Budget and its assessment to its members.

Draft FY 2024-2025 Expenses Budget (Jul to Jun)

Grant Funded Total		\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,850,000		
Budget Components		FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
PBCC Funded Cost Components					
SGMA-Required					
Annual Reports WY 2024, 2025, 2026	\$	95,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 121,000
GSP Fifth Year Evaluation			\$ 300,000		
ET Ag Water Usage Program				\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Ongoing Basin Monitoring Operations & Maintenance			\$ 75,000	\$ 82,500	\$ 90,750
GSP Initiatives					
Outreach Program (Continued efforts including new website)			\$ 75,000	\$ 82,500	\$ 90,750
Administrative					
Develop Governance Structure (e.g. JPA, etc.)			\$ 50,000		\$ -
Executive Director and Support Staff				\$ 180,000	\$ 200,000
Legal Counsel				\$ 82,500	\$ 90,750
PBCC Administrative Costs (Insurance, Audit, Accounting, etc.)				\$ 82,500	\$ 90,750
Grant Development (2 grants)				\$ 82,500	\$ 90,750
Technical Consultant(s) (as necessary)				\$ 110,000	\$ 121,000
TOTAL		\$ 95,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 932,500	\$ 1,015,750
GSA Cost Share					
		FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
County of San Luis Obispo GSA	\$	30,685	\$ 193,800	\$ 301,198	\$ 328,087
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District GSA	\$	27,835	\$ 175,800	\$ 273,223	\$ 297,615
Shandon San Juan Water District GSA	\$	19,190	\$ 121,200	\$ 188,365	\$ 205,182
City of Paso Robles GSA	\$	14,440	\$ 91,200	\$ 141,740	\$ 154,394
San Miguel Community Services District GSA	\$	2,850	\$ 18,000	\$ 27,975	\$ 30,473

What Other SGMA Basin's Administrative Budgets Look Like?

Paso Robles Basin	\$600,000	2024/2025
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Paso Robles Basin	\$1,015,750	2026/2027
Cuyama Basin GSA	\$1,456,717	2024/2025
Salinas Valley GSA	\$2,991,675	2023/2024
San Antonio Basin GSA (SB County)	\$662,785	2023/2024

What Administrative Funding May Look Like in the Future?

“Keep the Lights ON” Funding

Per Irrigated Acre:

$$\frac{\textit{Admin \& Operations Budget}}{\textit{Irrigated Acres}} = \$ \textit{per Irrigated Acre}$$

$$\frac{\$1,200,000}{38,901 \textit{ irrigated acres}} = \$\mathbf{30.80 /AC}$$

Per Acre Foot Pumped (when ET Data is Available):

$$\frac{\textit{Admin \& Operations Budget}}{\textit{Acre – Foot Pumped}} = \$ \textit{per Acre – Foot Pumped}$$

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These types of fees may be implemented Basin wide by each GSA. The current PBCC Rate Study will be exploring the alternatives. Regulatory Fees and Prop 218 fee structures will be considered.

Implementation timing 12-18 months.

These types of fees are used widely throughout GSA's in the State.

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0a	Prior Year Adjustment	\$0	\$0	
0b	Funds gifted from PRIOR Group		(\$5,900)	
1	Administrative Support	\$7,572	\$12,000	\$16,000
3	Engineering/Consultants			
3a	GSI - Consulting Support for GSP			
3b	GSI - Consulting Basin Recharge Study			
3c	GSI - Consulting GW Monitoring Network			\$4,000
3d	GSI - Consulting On-call Support	\$6,734	\$8,000	\$7,500
3e	GSI - GSA Formation Services 2023	\$4,775	\$4,775	\$2,000
4				
5	Projects: 2023/2024			
5b	GW Levels Monitoring, Field Services	\$8,100	\$12,000	\$15,000
5c	Investigate State Water	\$6,745	\$7,500	\$15,000
	Continuous GW Level Monitoring Equip. &			
5g	Maint.	\$8,242	\$10,000	\$15,000
5h	Continuous GW Level Tech Support, GSI	\$5,481	\$6,000	\$5,000
6	Reserve for EPCWD Future Projects, etc.			\$15,000
6a	PBCC Budget Support, EPCWD share		\$27,835	\$30,000
7	Legal Services	\$15,738	\$20,000	\$15,000
7a	GSA Formation Services 2023			\$5,000
8	Insurance, D&O, Liability	\$4,184	\$5,000	\$6,000
9	Auditing/Financial Reporting/Accounting		\$6,000	\$6,000
10	Office Supplies	\$256	\$400	\$1,500
10a	Dues Subscriptions	\$1,282	\$1,500	\$2,000
11	Postage/Printing	\$490	\$600	\$750
12	Telephone, Computer, Internet			\$3,000
12a	Telephone	\$445	\$600	
12b	Web Services	\$1,258	\$1,500	
12c	Equipment, Internet & Software	\$2,256	\$2,500	
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Cash Analysis

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Cash - Bank Balance as of 4/4/24	\$128,972	
less Estimated YE Spending thru 6/30/24	\$46,752	
Year End (budgeting '23-'24) Funds Available		\$82,220

Funding Analysis

Funding Needed

	Proposed 2024/2025 Budget Supporting PBCC 24/25 Budget	Proposed 2025/2026 Budget Supporting PBCC 25/26 Budget
Proposed 2024/2025 Budget Jul/Jun	\$317,050	\$445,723
Less Projected Starting Cash Available July 1	<u>\$82,220</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>
Annual Member Assessment Needed	\$234,830	\$370,723

Assessment Rates

	EPCWD Assessment 2023-2024 Rates	Proposed EPCWD Assessment Supporting PBCC Budget 2024-2025 Rates	Proposed EPCWD Assessment Supporting PBCC Budget 2025-2026 Rates
Irrigated Ag Rate	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$23.80
Non-irrigated Lands at \$0.08/acres	\$0.08	\$0.10	\$0.12
Residential/Commercial Minimum fee \$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Total Membership Assessment	\$80,204	\$234,618	\$370,551
Example: 200ac Vineyard Assessment	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$4,760

Discussion