

Appendix H

Water Supply Assessment for Livable
Employment Area Community Plan

Sacramento County Water Agency

Water Supply Assessment for
Livable Employment Area Community Plan - City of Elk Grove General
Plan Amendment

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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

The California Water Code (Water Code) requires coordination between land use lead agencies and public water purveyors. The purpose of this coordination is to ensure that prudent water supply planning has been conducted, and that planned water supplies are adequate to meet both existing demands and demands of planned development.

Water Code Sections 10910 – 10915 (inclusive) require land use lead agencies: 1) to identify the responsible public water purveyor for a proposed development project, and 2) to request a “Water Supply Assessment” (WSA) from the responsible purveyor. The objective of a WSA is to demonstrate the sufficiency of a purveyor's water supplies to satisfy the water demands of a proposed development project while still meeting the current and projected water demands of existing customers. Water Code Sections 10910 – 10915 delineate specific information that must be included in a WSA.

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The City of Elk Grove (City) has requested the preparation of a Water Supply Assessment (WSA) for the Livable Employment Area Community Plan (LEACP) which is proposed for addition to the City’s existing General Plan. The LEACP is proposed to replace portions of the City’s existing Southeast Policy Area Community Plan, a portion of the South Pointe Policy Area, and portions of the Lent Ranch Policy Area/Special Planning Area.

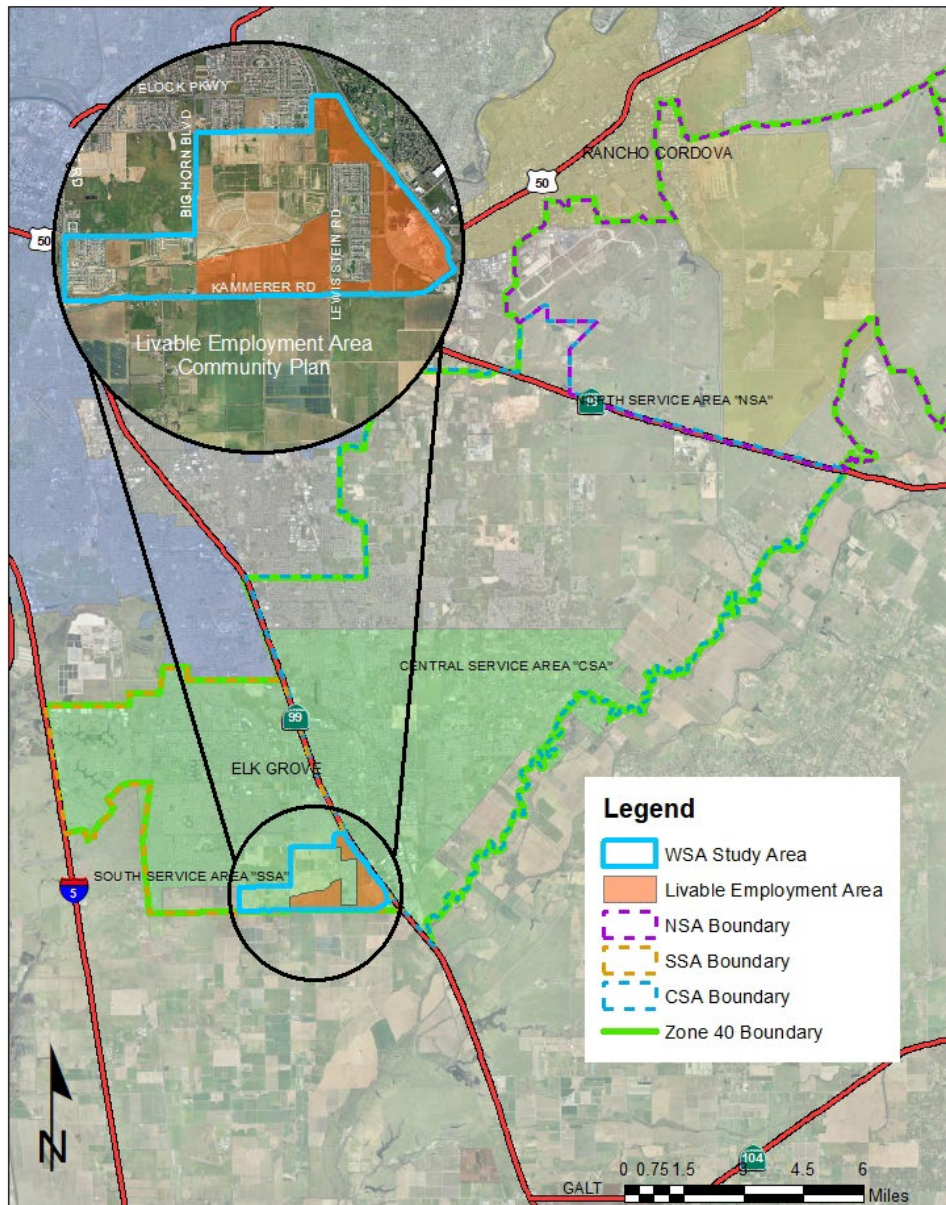
The City has requested that this WSA consider the extent of those areas whose portions have been replaced in addition to the proposed LEACP itself in order to capture the effect of the changes to the existing policy areas. This WSA will therefore cover the new LEACP, Southeast Policy Area (as revised), South Pointe Policy Area/Sterling Meadows Project, and portions of the former Lent Ranch SPA. These will be referred to as the “LEACP Study Area” in this WSA. **Figure 1** is a vicinity map showing the LEACP covered in this WSA. **Figure 2** shows the Study Area covered by this WSA.

The LEACP Study Area is located along the north side of Kammerer Road, South of Poppy Ridge Road, East of Bruceville Road, and West of Highway 99. This area falls within the SCWA benefit zones. The City intends to expand the LEACP South of Kammerer Road but since the areas south of Kammerer road are outside of SCWA benefit zones, the expansion would be assessed as a separate effort outside of this WSA.

The City of Elk Grove has identified the Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA) as the responsible water purveyor for LEACP Study Area and has requested that SCWA prepare this WSA in accordance with Water Code Sections 10910 – 10915.

WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of this WSA is to demonstrate that the planned water supplies for SCWA’s Zone 40 are sufficient to meet the demands of the LEACP Study Area in addition to the existing and projected water supply obligations over the next 20 years.



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Figure 1 LEACP Vicinity Map



Figure 2 LEACP Study Area Map

OVERVIEW OF THE LIVABLE EMPLOYMENT AREA COMMUNITY PLAN, CITY OF ELK GROVE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT WSA

The Study Area lies entirely within the boundaries of SCWA’s Zone 40/41 service area. The water demands associated with the Study Area have been included and addressed in the latest Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) (SCWA, 2020) and in the development of the Zone 40 “conjunctive use” program as described in the Zone 40 Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) (SCWA, February 2005).

In addition to the above referenced documents, the following documents may be used in whole or in part for the water assessment for Study Area:

- The Central Sacramento County Groundwater Management Plan (SCGA, February 2006);
- The South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, October 2021)
- The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for 2002 Zone 40 Water Supply Master Plan (EDAW, December 2004);
- The Water Forum Agreement (WFA), Sacramento City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning, January 2000.

Figure 3 shows the land use diagram of the LEACP Study Area provided by the City.

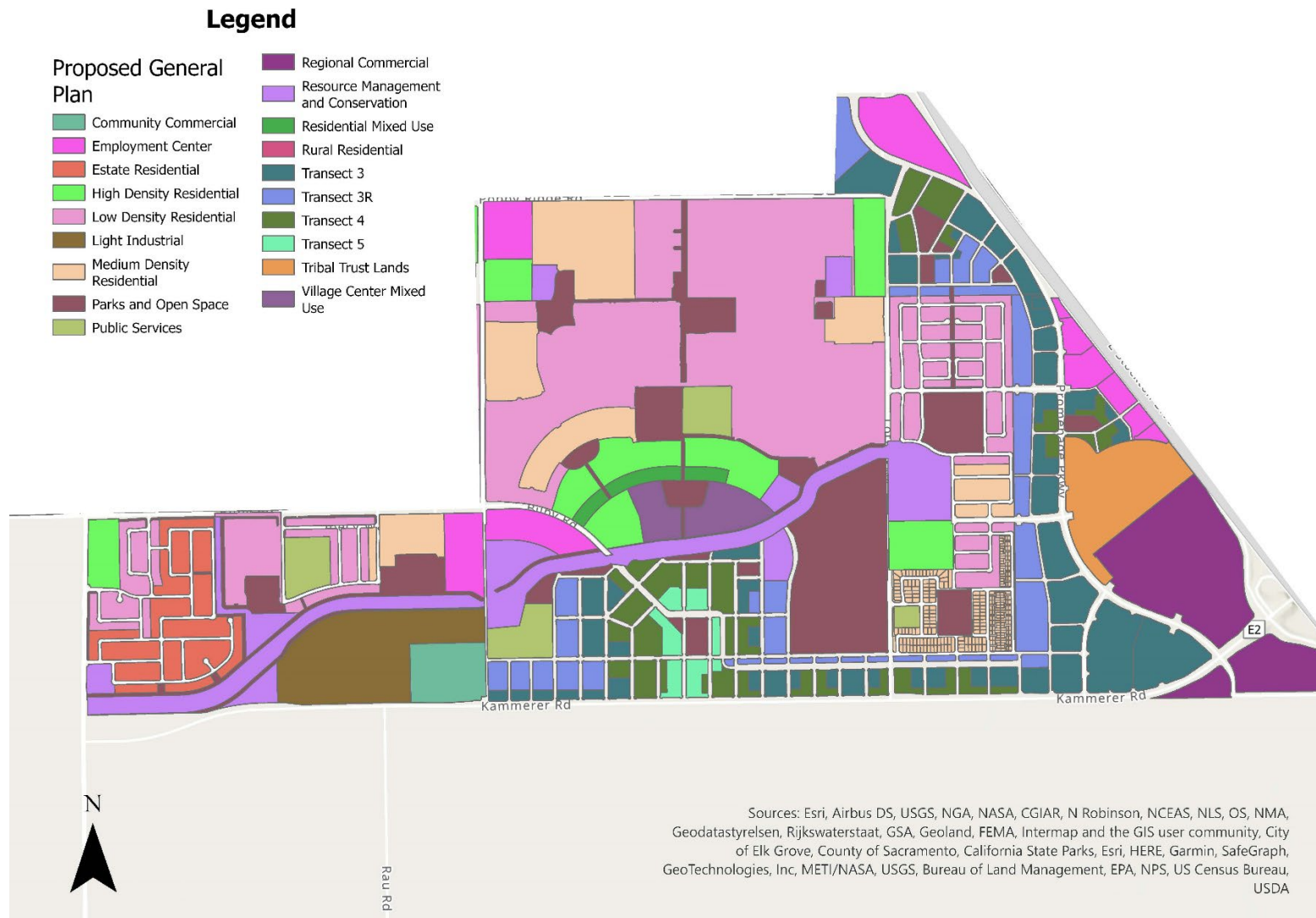


Figure 3 LEACP Study Area Land Use Diagram

WSA FOR THE LEACP/GPA

Water Code Sections 10910 – 10915 delineate the specific requirements of a WSA. The WSA for the LEACP Study Area is structured according to these requirements.

DETERMINE IF PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO CEQA [Section 10910 (a)]

The City has made the determination that LEACP is subject to CEQA.

IDENTIFY RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM [Section 10910(b)]

The City has identified SCWA as the responsible public water provider for the LEACP Study Area.

DETERMINE IF UWMP INCLUDES WATER DEMANDS [Section 10910(c)]

The total area for the LEACP Study Area is estimated to be 1,481 acres. The projected annual water demand for the LEACP Study Area is 3,669 acre-feet per year (AF/year), including system losses. The proposed land use and projected water demand for the LEACP Study Area is provided in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Proposed Land Use and Water Demand Estimate for the LEACP Study Area

Land Uses	Corresponding Land Use Classification in WSMP	Unit Water Demand Factor (AF/Year/Acre)	Gross Acreage	Water Demand (AF/Year)
Residential Designations				
Multi-family Residential (low density)	Multi-family Residential	2.44	571.0	1,393.2
Multi-family Residential (medium density)	Multi-family Residential	2.89	184.2	532.3
Multi-family Residential (high density)	Multi-family Residential	3.33	93.6	311.7
Rural Estate	Single-family Residential	1.37	47.3	64.8
Subtotal - Residential			896.1	2,302.0
Light Industrial	Industrial	2.02	53.1	107.3
Commercial	Commercial	2.02	148.3	299.6
Public Recreation	Landscape Irrigation	2.80	113.7	318.4
Public	Government and Institutional	0.81	145.4	117.8
Mixed Land-use	Commercial	2.15	20.8	44.7
Tribal Trust Land*	Commercial	2.02	39.8	0.0
Zoo	n/a	n/a	63.7	223
Subtotal – Non-Residential		-	584.8	1,110.8
Total w/o System Loss				3,412.8
System Loss (7.5%)				256.0
GRAND TOTAL			1,480.9	3,668.8

Note: Information was provided by The City of Elk Grove in an email dated March 17, 2023.

*Tribal Trust Land water demand included with Commercial water demand.

The LEACP Study Area is included in the WSMP and the estimated demands are accounted for in the current 2020 UWMP, which describes SCWA’s existing and projected water demands through 2045. Therefore, the UWMP will serve as the base document for preparing the WSA for the LEACP Study Area. See Section 2.32 – current and Projected Land Use of the 2020 UWMP.

Table 2 Population Projection for SCWA Zone 40

SCWA Service Areas	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Zone 40 - North Service Area, Central Service Area, South Service Area ¹	169,000	197,027	225,054	253,081	275,698	298,314

¹ Population developed in the 2020 UWMP – see Table 2-5: Zone 40 Population Forecast tied to UWMP connection Projections.

Table 3 Water Demands for SCWA Zone 40 – Normal Year (AF/Year)

SCWA Service Areas	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Zone 40 - North Service Area, Central Service Area, South Service Area ¹	46,235	54,494	62,006	68,143	74,388

¹ Water demands developed in the 2020 UWMP – see Table 4-10(a): Zone 40 Forecast Potable Water Use

The water demands for all other dry year scenarios can be found in the 2020 UWMP Chapter 4.

The water demands associated with the LEACP Study Area are substantially included in all tables above and in the UWMP. **Table 4** shows the estimated water demand growth for the LEACP Study Area.

Table 4 Projected Water Demand Growth in Five-Year Increments for the LEACP Study Area (AF/Year)

	2023	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Projected Water Demand	1,000	1,750	2,100	2,800	3,413	3,413

Note: Information was provided by The City of Elk Grove in an email dated March 23, 2023.

IDENTIFY EXISTING WATER SUPPLIES FOR THE PROJECT [Section 10910(d)]

SECTION 10910(d)(1)

Section 10910(d)(1) requires identification of existing water supply entitlements, water rights, or water service contracts relevant to the identified water supply for LEACP Study Area and a

description of the quantities of water obtained by SCWA pursuant to these water supply entitlements, water rights, or water service contracts in previous years.

Chapter 3 of the 2020 UWMP details all SCWA water supplies. Specifically, 3.1 details surface water rights and contracts and 3.2 details groundwater. LEACP Study Area water demands, as part of the Zone 40 water demand, will ultimately be met by conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water and a small portion of recycled water, as described in the WSMMP and 2020 UWMP.

SECTION 10910(d)(2)

Section 10910(d)(2) requires SCWA to demonstrate that water supplies required to serve LEACP Study Area exist. Section 10910(d)(2) defines what constitutes “proof.”

Section 10910(d)(2)(A)

This subsection requires written contracts or other proof of entitlement to the water supplies identified for LEACP Study Area. The contracts and agreements for the surface water supplies are available for review at the offices of the County of Sacramento, Department of Water Resources.

Initial water demands in LEACP Study Area could be met with groundwater. SCWA will exercise its right as a groundwater appropriator to extract groundwater from the basin for delivery to the LEACP Study Area; surface water will be from existing entitlements diverted from the Sacramento River and treated at the VSWTP. In the long-term, the water demands of the LEACP Study Area will be met in accordance with the conjunctive use program described in the Zone 40 WSMP.

Section 10910(d)(2)(B)

This subsection requires a copy of the capital outlay program for financing the delivery of the identified water supply to LEACP Study Area. The documents described below are available for review at the offices of the County of Sacramento, Department of Water Resources.

A financing plan for the construction of groundwater and surface water facilities needed to realize the conjunctive use program identified in the WSMP has been approved by SCWA’s Board of Directors (Board). The financing plan, as outlined in Chapter 7 of the WSMP, identifies the necessary water facility projects and estimated costs associated with implementation of said conjunctive use program (Capital Improvement Program or CIP).

In addition to the WSMP, the Feasibility Report for Sacramento County Water Financing Authority Series 2007 Revenue Bonds (Sacramento County Water Agency Freeport Project) (MWH, April 2007), and the Sacramento County Water Agency FY 2009/10 Water Rate Study Report (FCS Group) evaluated and updated the total cost and fee requirements of the Zone 40 conjunctive use program incorporating all future Zone 40 expenditures for major capital facilities (i.e., surface water treatment plants, groundwater treatment plants, major transmission mains, etc.) and annual operation and maintenance costs. Funding to meet SCWA’s capital and annual funding requirements was then implemented by the Board through the issuance of revenue bonds for certain projects and the adoption of user fee and development fee increases over time.

SCWA's capital outlay program includes the means for financing facilities to deliver the identified water supply to LEACP Study Area. Specifically, all facilities needed to serve LEACP Study Area are included in the CIP, that was financed through the above-described revenue bonds, user fee, and development fee. The development fee and user fee, as described in Titles 3 and 4 of the Sacramento County Water Agency Code, will continue to provide revenue to finance all aspects of the Zone 40 conjunctive use program, including repayment of debt financing. Both fee programs are evaluated annually and adjusted, if necessary, to accommodate changes in the service area, water demands, needed capital projects, and required debt financing. Based on the CIP, a 10-year CIP is annually updated by the Board of Directors.

Section 10910(d)(2)(C)

This subsection requires identification of any federal, state, and local permits required for construction of the facilities identified for delivering the water supply to LEACP Study Area.

Water deliveries to the LEACP Study Area will be made through connecting to the existing T-mains surrounding LEACP Study Area and additional infrastructure internal to LEACP Study Area detailed in the WSMP.

Section 10910(d)(2)(D)

This subsection requires identification of any regulatory approvals required for delivery of the water supply to LEACP Study Area.

Water production, treatment, and storage facilities will be added to SCWA's public water system permit issued by the California Department of Public Health (DPH) and the design of these facilities will require review and approval by DPH. No other regulatory approvals are anticipated.

New water service and discretionary approval of any project may be withheld until compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) is demonstrated. Depending upon the source of water, compliance may be demonstrated by one of the following: participation in the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP); a letter from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to the project proponent and/or federal agency indicating the Project is not likely to adversely affect or result in a take of listed species; incidental take coverage through a biological opinion for the project; or, incidental take coverage through an ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit for the project. This requirement may be a condition of approval for any discretionary action taken by the local land use authority.

IDENTIFY PARTIES DEPENDENT UPON PROPOSED SUPPLY [Section 10910(e)]

SECTION 10910(e)

Section 10910(e) states:

“If no water has been received in prior years by the public water system..., under the existing water supply entitlements, water rights, or water service contracts [identified to serve the proposed project], the public water system, ...shall also include in its water supply assessment pursuant to subdivision (c), an identification of the other public water systems or water service contract holders that receive a water supply or have existing water supply entitlements, water rights, or water service contracts to the same source of water as the public water system, ..., has identified as a source of water supply within its water supply assessments.”

The intent of this section is to identify any potential conflicts that may arise from the exercise of a water supply entitlement, water right, or water service contract to serve a proposed project if such water supply entitlement, water right, or water service contract has not been previously exercised.

Use of Groundwater

The water demands of Zone 40 (including the LEACP Study Area) will be met with groundwater and surface water. SCWA has previously exercised its rights as a groundwater appropriator to meet the water demands of its customers and will continue to exercise those rights to provide treated groundwater supplies to LEACP Study Area.

Use of Surface Water

The surface water supplies associated with SCWA’s conjunctive use program fall into the following categories:

- 1) Purchased water supplies available through a current USBR CVP contract.
- 2) Purchased water available through the City of Sacramento for use within the American River Place of Use (POU).
- 3) Water supplies available through SWRCB Permit 21209.
- 4) SWRCB Appropriative Water Right License 1062
- 5) SWRCB Appropriative Water Right License 4060
- 6) Agreement Between Sacramento County, SCWA and Aerojet with respect to Transfer of GET Water
- 7) Contract Between State of California Department of Water Resources and North Delta Water Agency
- 8) 2002 Wholesale Agreement Between SRCSD and SCWA
- 9) 2004 Agreement with the City of Sacramento for Wholesaling and/or Wheeling Water Service for Sacramento International Airport and Metro Air Park
- 10) 2000 Agreement Between City of Sacramento and the Sacramento County Water Agency to Treat and Deliver (Wheel) Surface Water
- 11) 2000 Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Operation of A Water System Interconnection at 2750 Mercantile Drive
- 12) Fruitridge Vista Water Company Contract now held by Cal American Water Company

For USBR CVP purchased water and SWRCB Permit 21209 surface water, the parties that could most directly be affected are other CVP contractors, State Water Project (SWP) contractors, water rights holders subject to Term 91 conditions, and riparian diverters downstream of SCWA's point of diversion. The point of diversion is at a site near the community of Freeport on the Sacramento River.

The source of POU water supply is wholesale water from the City of Sacramento to serve the area that lies within the POU. Delivery of this water to SCWA has been included in the City of Sacramento's long-range plan for perfecting their American River water rights. The diversion location, timing, and volume of delivery are currently under negotiation.

DOES SUPPLY FOR PROJECT INCLUDE GROUNDWATER? [Section 10190(f)]

SECTION 10910(f)

As stated earlier, the water supply for Zone 40 (including the LEACP Study Area) includes groundwater. Section 10910(f) requires additional information about groundwater to be presented in this WSA.

Section 10910(f)(1)

Section 10910(f)(1) requires a review of groundwater information contained in the UWMP relevant to the identified water supply for LEACP Study Area. Section 3.2 of the 2020 UWMP provides a description of the applicable groundwater basins, the status of groundwater management, overdraft conditions, historical groundwater pumping, and the remediated groundwater supply.

Section 10910(f)(2)

Section 10910(f)(2) requires a description of the groundwater basin and the efforts being taken to prevent long-term overdraft.

Section 3.2.2 of the 2020 UWMP describes groundwater management in the South American Subbasin. Below is information for historical context.

- **South American Subbasin (5-21.65)**

For the LEACP Study Area, SCWA would pump groundwater from the South American Subbasin as defined by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118. According to Bulletin 118, the South American Subbasin is defined as the area bounded on the west by Interstate 5 and the Sacramento River, on the north by the American River, on the south by the Cosumnes and Mokelumne rivers and on the east by the Sierra Nevada.

Groundwater in the South American Subbasin is generally classified as occurring in a shallow aquifer (Laguna or Modesto Formation) and in a deep aquifer (Mehrten Formation). The Laguna or Modesto Formation consists of older alluvial deposits of loosely to moderately compacted sand, silt, and gravel deposited in alluvial fans. These deposits are moderately permeable and have a thickness of about 100 to 650 feet. The deeper Mehrten Formation is a sequence of

fragmented volcanic rocks which crops out in a discontinuous band along the eastern margin of the basin. It is composed of black volcanic sands, stream gravels, silt, and clay inter-bedded with intervals of dense tuff breccia. The sand and gravel intervals are highly permeable, and the tuff breccia intervals act as confining layers. The thickness of the Mehrten Formation is between 200 and 1,200 feet. Groundwater is located from 20 to 100 feet below the ground surface depending on when and where the measurement is taken. The base of the potable water portion of the deep aquifer is located approximately 1,400 feet below the ground surface.

Intensive use of groundwater over the past 60 years has resulted in a general lowering of groundwater elevations. Over time, isolated groundwater depressions have grown and coalesced into a single cone of depression that is centered in the southwestern portion of the basin. Groundwater level trends through much of the basin have generally declined consistently from the 1950s and 1960s to about 1980 by 20 to 30 feet. From 1980 through 1983, water levels recovered by about 10 feet and remained stable until the beginning of the 1987-1992 drought; however, wells in the vicinity of Rancho Cordova appear to have recovered less than other wells in the basin since 1995 (generally less than 10 feet). From 1995 to 2003 most groundwater levels recovered to levels that were generally higher than levels prior to the 1987 through 1992 drought. Much of this recovery can be attributed to the increased use of surface water in the South American Subbasin, and the fallowing of previously irrigated agricultural lands transitioning into new urban development areas. In the central portion of the South American Subbasin groundwater level trends observed in California Department of Water Resources monitoring wells generally vary between 40 feet above to 40 feet below mean sea level over the period of the 1950's through the 2000's.

Recharge of the aquifer system occurs along active river and stream channels where extensive sand and gravel deposits exist, particularly along the American, Cosumnes, and Sacramento rivers. Additional recharge occurs along the eastern boundary of Sacramento County at the transition point from the consolidated rocks of the Sierra Nevada to the alluvial-deposited basin sediments. This recharge is classified as subsurface recharge along with underground flow into and out of the basin with adjacent groundwater basins. Other sources of recharge include deep percolation from applied surface water and precipitation.

The sustainable yield for the South American Subbasin was estimated as a part of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan development process, under the mandate of the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), using analysis of data and information from a number of groundwater modeling scenarios from the *Integrated Water Resources Model of the Cosumnes, South American, and North American* (CoSANA model) for historical, baseline and project conditions reflecting various hydrologic and operational conditions in the Subbasin. The scenarios used a 50-year hydrologic period, which represented reasonably long-term conditions in the Subbasin. The goal of the analysis was to establish a sustainable yield to avoid causing undesirable results as defined and established as part of the GSP Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC). The estimated long term annual sustainable yield of groundwater from the South American Subbasin is 235,000 AF/year. Supply and demand inputs into the CoSANA model for both current baseline conditions (water years 1970-2019) and projected baseline conditions (water year 2040) included SCWA Zone 40 operations and inclusive of those potentially associated with the LEACP Study Area. The full CoSANA model report may be

viewed as *Appendix 2 –B CoSANA Model Report* of the South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and may be accessed at <http://sasbgroundwater.org/resources.html>

- **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)**

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), passed by the California legislature in 2014, requires local entities to jointly assess groundwater conditions in their local areas and to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) by a specified deadline to ensure that sustainable conditions are achieved within 20 years of GSP adoption. An effective and efficient groundwater management plan is critical to the health and welfare of the people, the environment and all other uses and users of groundwater in a local area.

Six local entities responded to the mandate of SGMA and formed Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) within the South American Subbasin (SASb). Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA), Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD), Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD), North Delta GSAs (NDGSA), Reclamation District 551 (RD 551), and Sacramento County, agreed to work together to develop and implement a GSP for the SASb. The South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (October 2021) was submitted to California Department of Water Resources by the mandated deadline of January 31, 2022, and is under review and pending approval. A copy of the GSP as submitted, may be viewed at <http://sasbgroundwater.org/>.

The local entities represented by the six GSAs in the SASb included the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County Water Agency, City of Elk Grove, City of Rancho Cordova, City of Folsom, Rancho Murieta, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, Elk Grove Water District, OHWD, SRCD and Reclamation Districts. A variety of local interests are also represented by these GSAs, including agricultural-residential water users, agricultural water users, public water systems, local land use planning agencies, environmental interests, surface water users, the federal government, tribal governments, disadvantaged communities, groundwater monitoring and reporting entities, holders of overlying groundwater rights, adjacent Subbasins, industrial users, commercial users, remediation pumpers, natural ecosystems, and the general public. Many of these local entities have a long history with groundwater and surface water management in the SASb and are well equipped to perform SGMA-required planning functions. The six GSAs in the SASb have undertaken a thorough and timely review of past, current and projected future water resources needs and groundwater conditions to meet SGMA requirements for GSP development. Throughout the development of the SASb GSP, regular communication and engagement activities were conducted to inform and receive input from local stakeholders and the general public. The SASb GSP includes a comprehensive groundwater subbasin description, which was used in the development of a regional surface and ground water model that quantifies current water budgets and projects future conditions associated with population growth, land use changes, water conservation, climate change, and consideration of beneficial projects that are planned to occur over the next five to ten years. The SASb GSP also includes a thorough assessment of the impacts of predicted future groundwater levels on beneficial users, including groundwater-dependent ecosystems, shallow wells, and interconnected surface water.

Importantly, these assessments are used to develop measurable sustainable management criteria that avoid significant and unreasonable impacts to these beneficial users, and that can be monitored and adjusted throughout plan implementation. The key finding of the SASb GSP, based on thorough analysis of the best available information, is that the basin will be sustainable over the next twenty years as long as planned recycled water, recharge and other projects are implemented. These projects will raise groundwater levels above current levels, maintain storage volumes, and protect ecosystems, interconnected surface water, and shallow well users. Although projected climate change conditions will increase groundwater use, these effects are not expected to cause the SASb to become unsustainable or to cause significant decreasing trends in groundwater conditions. A groundwater monitoring network comprised of more than 50 wells will be used to track groundwater levels and groundwater quality. Management criteria set at each well in the network will be implemented to assess these conditions over time and ensure that levels and quality remain within a range that avoids significant and unreasonable impacts to beneficial uses and users of groundwater. Once approved by the GSAs, the activities identified and developed through the SASb GSP development process will be implemented, including:

- Ongoing monitoring and annual reporting on conditions in the SASb;
- Ongoing public engagement and outreach;
- Coordination among the GSAs and with neighboring subbasins;
- Development and implementation of a shallow well protection and monitoring program;
- Coordination with regional entities to develop a regional water bank;
- Coordination with land use agencies and water supply agencies to promote consistency with the GSP;
- Coordination with regional agencies in the development of updated climate change projections; and,
- Preparation of a five-year update to the GSP to be submitted in 2027

- **SCWA Conjunctive Use Program**

Section 3.2 and Appendix E of the WSMP provide detailed descriptions of the Zone 40 conjunctive use program. SCWA's operational approach for preventing overdraft of the groundwater basin underlying Zone 40 and optimizing the use of both groundwater and surface water is discussed in detail in these sections. The FEIR for 2002 Zone 40 Water Supply Master Plan includes an extensive analysis of the effects of the Zone 40 conjunctive use program on the groundwater basin and on various recharge sources. A summary of the conjunctive use program is as follows:

SCWA's conjunctive use program is a coordinated approach to manage surface water and groundwater supplies to maximize the yield of available water resources. The conjunctive use program for SCWA includes the use of groundwater, surface water, remediated water, and recycled water supplies. The program also includes the construction of a surface water diversion structure, a surface-water treatment plant, and water conveyance pipelines, as well as groundwater extraction, treatment, and distribution facilities.

This conjunctive use program relies on an abundance of surface water in wet years when as much surface water as possible will be diverted, within entitlement limitations, minimizing the use of groundwater. During these years the groundwater aquifer will be allowed to naturally replenish. In dry years, when surface water availability is reduced, SCWA will pump more groundwater from the replenished aquifer. Using surface water and groundwater conjunctively makes it easier for SCWA to meet demands in a single dry year or in multiple dry years. The goal of the conjunctive use program is to meet all demands during wet and dry years.

SCWA has adopted policies to insure systematic, incremental implementation of its conjunctive use program. These policies are also consistent with the terms of the WFA, which is intended to maintain a long-term sustainable groundwater supply. The policies are included in the SCWA’s UWMP and WSMP, which include specific action items to assure implementation. Action items include development of additional surface water supply and treatment facilities to provide water during wet years, development of groundwater facilities to provide groundwater during dry years, in-lieu “banking” of groundwater during wet years, development and implementation of demand management and water conservation strategies, development of water reclamation facilities to meet non-potable demands, and development of a financing plan to implement these action items.

The conjunctive use program was included in the development of the SASb GSP’s water budget and sustainable yield.

Section 10910(f)(3)

Section 10910(f)(3) requires a description of the volume and geographic distribution of groundwater extractions from the basin for the last five years.

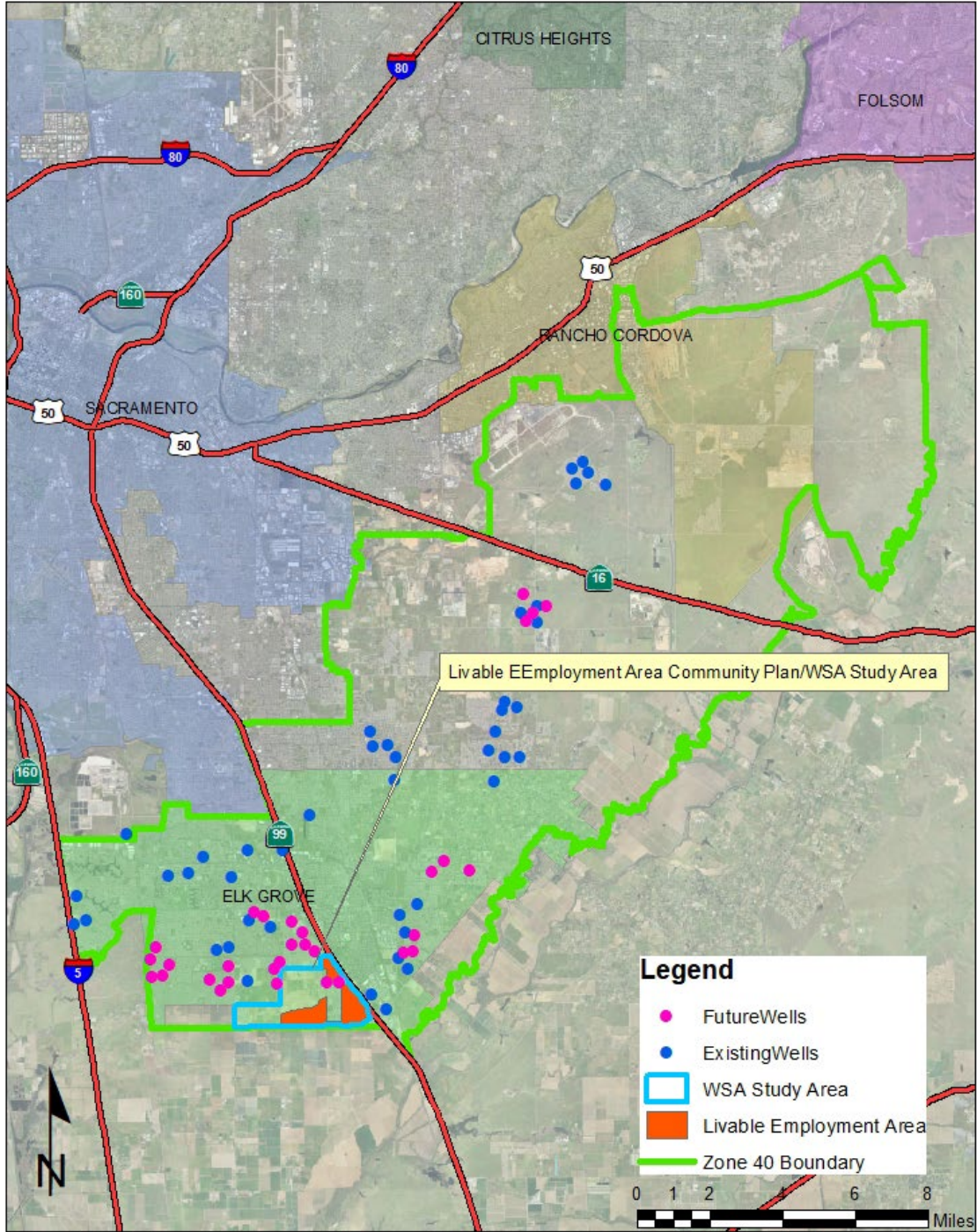
Table 5 identifies past volumes of groundwater extracted by SCWA in Zone 40 between 2000 – 2020. The 2020 UWMP contains 2016-2020 in Table 3-29.

Table 5 Historical Groundwater Pumping in Zone 40, 2000 – 2020

Year	(Acre-Feet)
2000	20,022
2001	22,306
2002	22,949
2003	22,745
2004	25,790
2005	29,184
2006	31,162
2007	31,249
2008	34,225
2009	34,249

2010	32,171
2011	29,809
2012	26,363
2013	23,274
2014	19,683
2015	20,675
2016	18,856
2017	17,157
2018	16,748
2019	14,654
2020	22,475

Through the water supply master planning process, SCWA identified a system of sixteen separate well fields throughout Zone 40. A distributed groundwater extraction strategy was selected because it would minimize drawdown effects of pumping by spreading extraction over a wide geographic area. The approximate locations of the SCWA's current and future well fields is shown in **Figure 4**.



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Figure 4 Existing and Future Well Fields in SCWA Zone 40

Section 10910(f)(4)

Section 10910(f)(4) requires a description of the projected volume and geographic distribution of groundwater extractions from the basin.

Groundwater use has declined since the VSWTP has come online, but it will increase over time as water demand continues to grow in Zone 40. In wet and normal years, groundwater pumping will be minimized because surface water becomes the major water supply source. In dry years, groundwater pumping will increase significantly as surface water availability is considerably reduced. Section 3.2.2 Zone 40 Groundwater in the 2020 UWMP describes the groundwater use through 2045.

Section 10910(f)(5)

Section 10910(f)(5) requires an analysis of the sufficiency of the groundwater basin to meet the demands associated with LEACP Study Area.

The Groundwater Sustainability Plan development process for the South American Subbasin estimated a long-term sustainable average annual yield of 235,000 AF/year and provided for SCWA's groundwater needs as identified in the WSMP. The WSMP describes a conjunctive use program that identifies and projects a long-term average use of groundwater to meet identified water demands, including the demand associated with LEACP Study Area.

SCWA's conjunctive use program has been extensively analyzed and documented in the WSMP, the FEIR for 2002 WSMP (certified in February 2006), the FEIR – WFA (certified in 1999), and the WFA.

DETERMINATION OF SUFFICIENCY

SCWA determines that it has identified sufficient water supplies to meet the water demands of LEACP Study Area over the next 20 years during normal, single dry, and multiple dry years.

SCWA makes this determination based on the information provided in this WSA and on the following specific facts:

- SCWA's conjunctive use program is a sustainable water supply program that provides a 100-percent reliable water supply while protecting environmental values and stabilizing the groundwater basin underlying Zone 40.
- SCWA's conjunctive use program has been extensively analyzed and documented in the WSMP, the FEIR for 2002 WSMP (certified in February 2006), the FEIR – WFA (certified in 1999), and the WFA. All referenced documents have been subjected to thorough technical peer review and public scrutiny.
- LEACP Study Area will be served by water supplies made available through SCWA's conjunctive use program.
- A financing plan for SCWA's conjunctive use program for constructing facilities required for delivering groundwater and surface water to LEACP Study Area has been approved by the Board through its adoption of the WSMP, Bond Feasibility Reports, and the Sacramento County Water Agency Code.

The 2020 UWMP demonstrates that SCWA's total projected water supplies during normal, single dry, and multiple dry water years meet the proposed water demands over the next 20 years including the proposed LEACP Study Area which being part of Zone 40 is contemplated in the UWMP.

CONCLUSION

This WSA documents all required information specifically delineated by Water Code Sections 10910 – 10915. It demonstrates that SCWA's water supplies are sufficient to satisfy the water demands of the currently proposed LEACP Study Area while still meeting the current and projected water demands of existing customers in the next 20 years. If there are significant changes to land uses for the proposed LEACP Study Area in the future, this WSA may need to be revisited and updated accordingly.

