



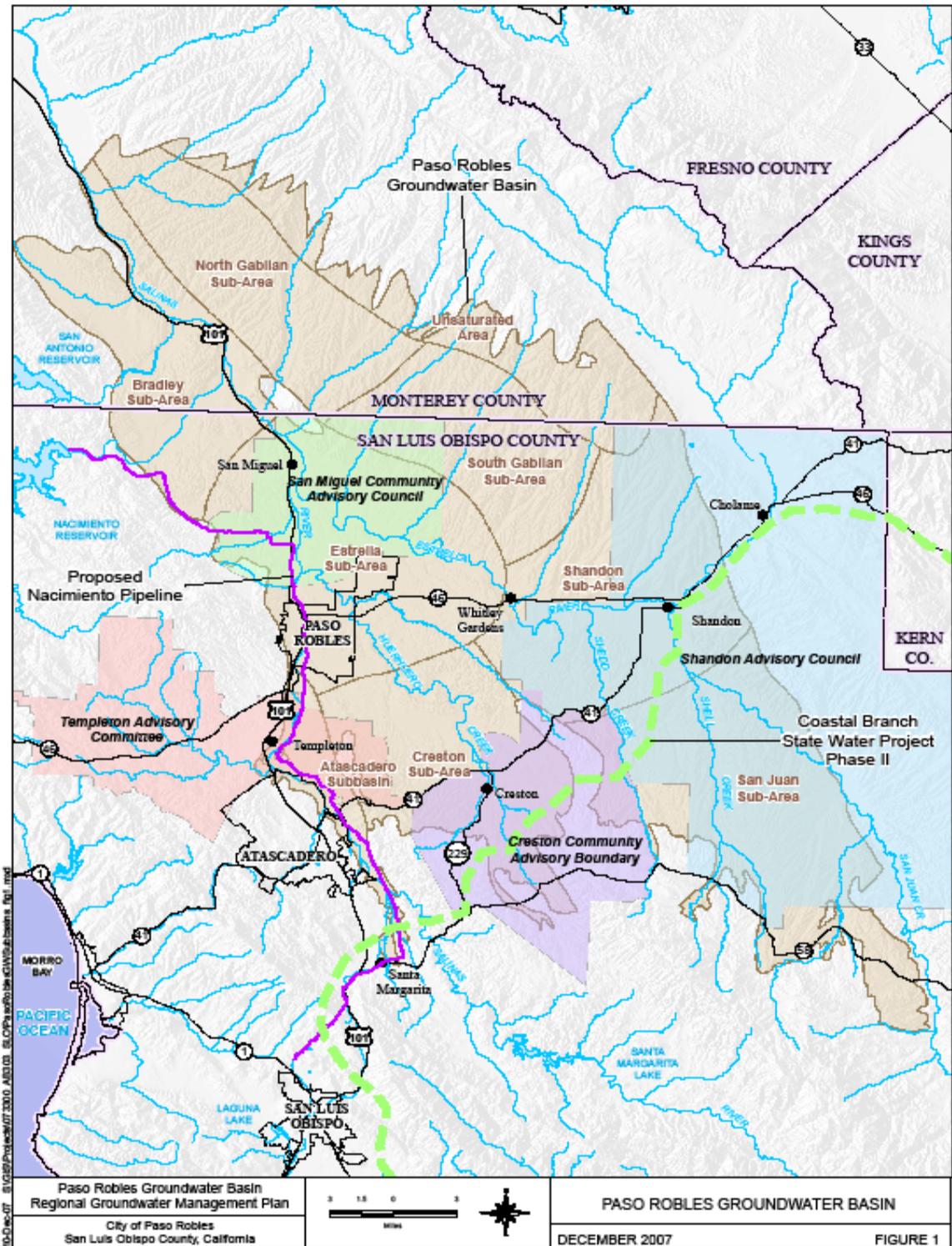
Paso Robles Basin Groundwater Management Plan

Introductory Meeting
North County Water Forum

September 4, 2008

Overview

- Background
- Purpose and Goals
- Scope
- Schedule
- Budget
- Approach



Background

- Currently sole source of water supply
- Critical to the region's healthy agribusiness
- Concern about potential overdraft conditions
- Estrella Subarea is experiencing groundwater level declines and has been identified by the RMS at a Level of Severity I
- Pumpage has been projected to reach sustainable yield

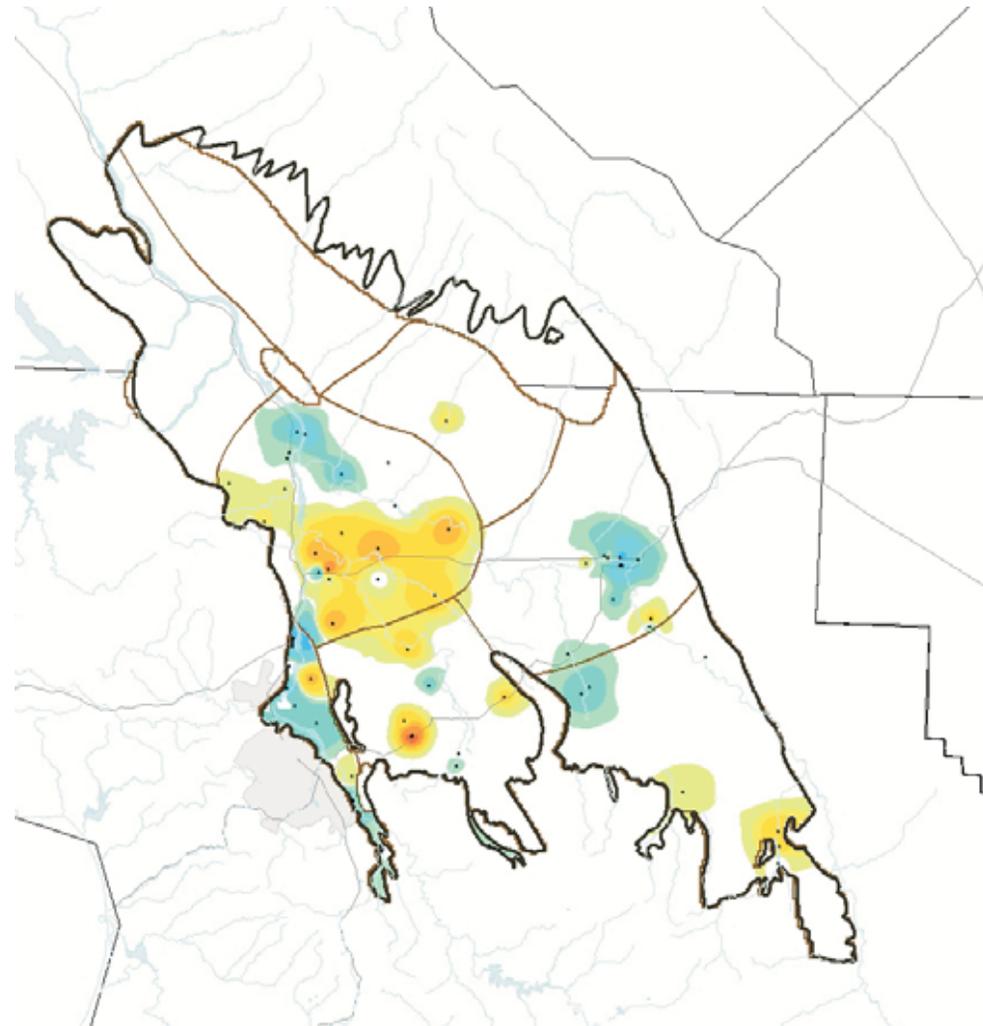
Background (cont.)

- Groundwater monitoring program needs to be updated
- Recommendations from existing studies
- Competitive in the pursuit of grants
- Preservation of water quality

*Sustain health and yield of Basin through
well-planned management*

Purpose and Goals

- Ensure the long-term groundwater supply reliability in the Basin
 - Provide the framework for improved groundwater management
 - Maintain groundwater levels
 - Protect groundwater quality
 - Avoid Subsidence



Purpose

- Build upon the existing stakeholder organization
- Identify projects and programs that can be implemented to improve long-term water supply reliability in the Basin.
- Be recognized by other local, state, and federal agencies and that can be used successfully to pursue grant funding

Goals

- Alert stakeholders to the state of the Basin and the opportunity to keep this Basin in balance and avoid heading into the projected state of overdraft
- Complete and adopt the Plan, particularly the BMOs.
- Expand the existing groundwater monitoring program and annual reporting format for the Plan Area
- Complete a land and water use analysis within the Basin for existing and expected future conditions to evaluate the impacts of land use (and the associated water use) on long-term water supply reliability in the Basin
- Incorporate the results of existing efforts

Scope

- Public Outreach and Stakeholder Involvement
- Identify Groundwater Issues and Develop Basin Management Objectives
- Prepare 2009 Annual Report
- Prepare Groundwater Management Plan

Scope (cont.)

Components of a defensible and competitive Groundwater Management Plan

- Required Components – Senate Bill 1938
- Department of Water Resources Suggested Components
- Voluntary Components – Assembly Bill 3030

Schedule

- June 20, 2008 – Costs incurred after this date are eligible for grant reimbursement
- Quarterly NCWF Meetings
- Semi-Annual WRAC Meetings
- May 15, 2010 – Grant Agreement Deadline
 - Deliverable - Final Groundwater Management Plan
- Pursue adoption by overlying agencies

Budget

- \$208,000 Grant
- \$59,400 Local Cost Share (City and County)
- Potential for full funding of \$242,440

Approach

- Stakeholder Outreach and Involvement
 - North County Water Forum as the Groundwater Advisory Committee
 - Overlying Users and Agencies, including Monterey County
- Consultant Services
 - Experience with successfully developing GWMPs
- City of Paso Robles as Project Manager
- County as Technical Resource and Stakeholder Involvement Facilitator

Questions?

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