

STANISLAUS COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Update Regarding the ETSGSA Proposition 218 Assessment

January 31, 2024



AGENDA

1. TAC and Community Meeting Feedback
2. Updated Assessment Rates
3. Draft Ballot and Notice
4. Next Steps / Timeline



TAC AND COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

NON-IRRIGATED COMMUNITY MEETING

- A community meeting was held on January 10, 2024, at the Snelling Community Center.
- Property owners voiced concerns about our initial determination of benefits received by non-irrigated parcels from ETSGSA's services.

TAC FEEDBACK

- At a January 16th special TAC meeting, the possibility of altering the rates was discussed.
- Based on community feedback, the TAC expressed that a lower rate for non-irrigated parcels was likely appropriate.
- *Note – Without changing the budget, lowering the non-irrigated rate increases the irrigated rate.*

SFE AND RATE SUMMARY

Land Use	Normalized Parcel Attribute Score (Table 6)	SFEs	\$ Rate	Unit
Irrigated Parcel Land	100.00	1.000	\$17.75	acre
Non-Irrigated Parcel Land	8.70	0.087	\$1.54	acre

NOTE: MULTIPLYING THE IRRIGATED PARCEL RATE BY THE NON-IRRIGATED NORMALIZED PARCEL ATTRIBUTE SCORE YIELDS ROUGHLY \$1.54 – THE NON-IRRIGATED RATE.

BENEFIT FACTORS

Improved Water Supply Management (65%)

- Based on improved management of water resources within ETSGSA.
- Effective management improves availability and resilience of all water sources.
- Avoidance of undesirable results due to lowering of groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater storage, depletion of interconnected surface water, degradation of water quality, and land subsidence.

Effective SGMA Compliance (35%)

- Avoidance of State intervention; maintaining local control.

LAND USE FACTORS

Improved Water Supply Management

- Irrigated parcel acres assigned a score of 100
- Non-irrigated parcel acres assigned a score of **8** – roughly 1/12 benefit of irrigated parcels.

Effective SGMA Compliance

- Irrigated parcel acres: 100
- Non-irrigated parcel acres assigned a score of **10** – 1/10 benefit of irrigated parcels.

BUDGET AND SFE SUMMARY

Costs		Total Amount
Beginning Unrestricted Net Assets		\$0.00
Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs		\$1,746,537
Total Annual Costs		\$1,746,537

Assessment Calculator			
Total Annual Costs			\$1,746,537
Balance to Assessment			\$1,746,537
	<u>Benefit Units (a)</u>	<u>Rate(b)</u>	(a)*(b)
Irrigated Parcel Land (acres)	94,699	\$17.75	\$1,681,117
Non-Irrigated Parcel Land (acres)	42,358	\$1.54	\$65,420
	Total Assessment Amount =		\$1,746,537

DRAFT BALLOT

OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT BALLOT EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY SGMA OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT

- YES**, I approve the proposed yearly SGMA assessment.*
- NO**, I do not approve the proposed yearly SGMA assessment.*

Signed _____ Date _____
Signature of Record Property Owner, or Authorized Representative

Print Name _____
I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am the property owner or owner's authorized representative of the parcel(s) identified on this official assessment ballot.

**(The proposed assessment amount is printed on the back of this ballot)*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COMPLETION AND RETURN OF OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT BALLOTS

This assessment ballot may be completed by the persons or designated representatives of a firm, organization or public agency owning the property or properties identified by parcel number on this ballot. An explanation of who may complete the assessment ballot on behalf of the recorded property owner and additional instructions are provided on the other side of this Official Assessment Ballot.

To be tabulated, assessment ballots MUST be received before the end of the public input portion of the public hearing scheduled for **Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at 12937 Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA 95380**. You are invited to attend the public hearing. You may return your assessment ballot in the following ways:

- 1) Mail your assessment ballot to the address shown on the enclosed return envelope so that it is **received** on or before April 1, 2024.
- 2) Deliver it in person at the April 2, 2024 public hearing.

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Who May Complete This Official Assessment Ballot

1. If the property is owned by an individual, the individual may sign.
2. If a property is owned by more than one person, any one owner may sign for all.
3. If the property is owned by a corporation, the assessment ballot may be signed for the corporation by an officer or officers authorized to make contracts or by resolution of the corporation's Board of Directors.
4. If the property is owned by another legal entity, the assessment ballot may be signed by any person authorized by law to make contracts for the entity.
5. If the property is owned by a public agency, the assessment ballot may be signed by any person authorized by law to make contracts for the agency or by resolution of the agency's Governing Board.

Please see other side to complete this assessment ballot.

Steps for Completing the Official Assessment Ballot

1. Verify that the owner name, address, and parcel number(s) listed on the ballot are correct. If they are not correct, please call (800) 273-5167.
2. Fill in or clearly mark the oval next to the word "YES" or "NO" to approve or disapprove of the proposed assessment. You may use a pencil or pen.
3. Sign and date the assessment ballot. Only official ballots which are signed and marked with the property owner's support or opposition will be counted. **After marking your vote, simply FOLD the ballot so that your vote is on the inside of the fold. Then place the ballot in the return envelope provided.** No postage is necessary to mail back your assessment ballot.
4. If you make a mistake in completing your assessment ballot or wish to change or withdraw your assessment ballot, please call (800) 273-5167. (See enclosed notice for further information)

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DRAFT NOTICE

The notice includes:

- A description of services to be funded by the assessment.
- A brief description of the benefits received by property owners.
- The total cost of the assessment.
- The maximum assessment rates.
- An explanation of the process for submitting ballots.

NEXT STEPS (1)

Ballot Mailing

- If directed by the Board, ballots will be mailed to property owners on or around January 30th.
- Replacement ballots may be requested at any time during the balloting period.

Balloting Support / Replacement Ballots

- Ballots will be returned to the GSA's PO Box. The GSA will hold all mailed ballots and will not open them prior to the April 2nd public hearing.
- SCI will manage property owner phone calls, requests for more information, and requests for replacement ballots. Calls may be forwarded to the GSA as needed.

NEXT STEPS (2)

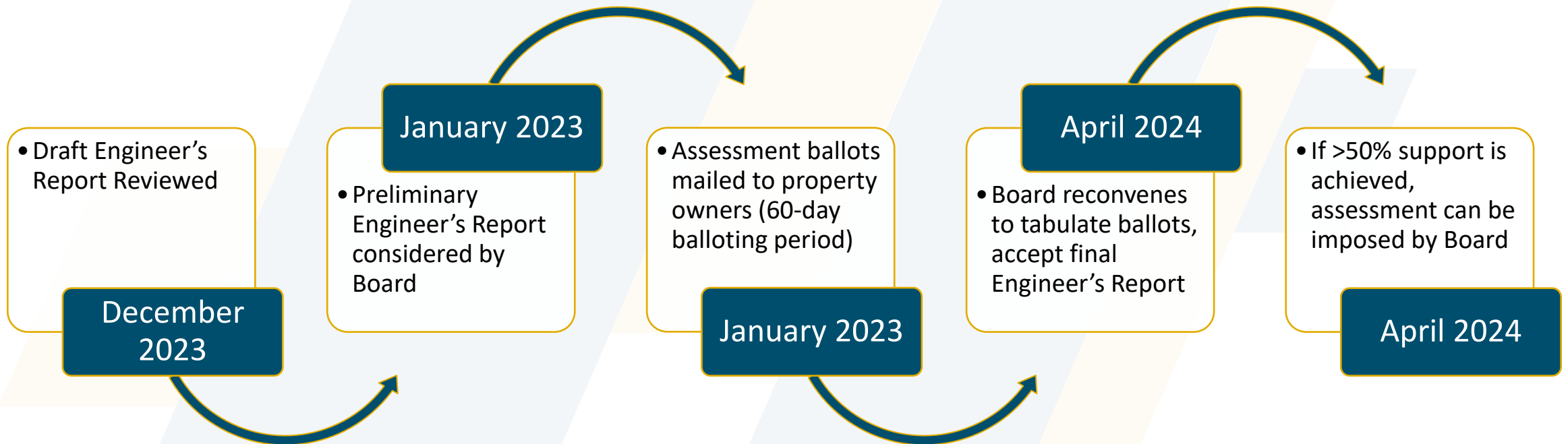
Website Content

- Staff is currently working on a Prop 218 landing page on the GSA's website.
- This will include information and resources related to the assessment and balloting process.
- This site will be posted the day of the mailing at:
 - <https://turlockgroundwater.org/etsgsaprop218>.

Public Hearing and Ballot Tabulation

- SCI will tabulate the ballots at the April 2nd public hearing in full view of the public.
- Ballots may be returned in person at the public hearing prior to the tabulation.

ASSESSMENT TIMELINE



QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION

January 25, 2024

