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DWR Facilitation Support Services Program

Services Offered through DWR-funded Professional Facilitators:

- Stakeholder assessments
- Governance development
- Public outreach
- Tribal government engagement
- Meeting facilitation
- Intra-basin and inter-basin coordination support
- Interest-based negotiation/consensus building
- Stakeholder communication and engagement planning
- Targeted outreach to underrepresented groundwater users
- Identification and engagement of interested parties

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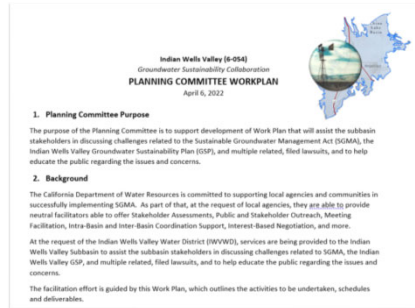
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The Planning Committee

The purpose of the Planning Committee is to support development of Work Plan that will assist the subbasin stakeholders in discussing challenges related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), and multiple related, filed lawsuits, and to help educate the public regarding the issues and concerns.

Participants

- Indian Wells Valley Water District
- United States Navy
- Searles Minerals Valley, Inc.
- Mojave Pistachio
- Meadowbrook Dairy



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Work Plan Overview: Key Tasks



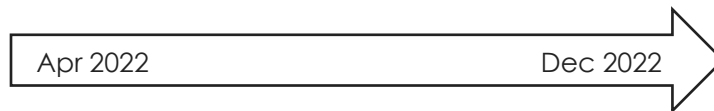
PROCESS INITIATION



STAKEHOLDER ASSESSMENT



PUBLIC MEETINGS



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Key
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Process Initiation

April – May 2022

- What: Planning Committee formation
- Who: IWVWD, Searles, MP, Meadowbrook, US Navy
- Outcome: Work Plan & Public Meeting
 - **Work Plan** defines Committee roles, membership & decision-making
 - **Public Meeting** to share Work Plan and milestones

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Stakeholder Assessment

May – July 2022

- What: 15 one-on-one or small group interviews
- Who: Key basin stakeholders representing diverse interests
- Outcomes: Presentation of Findings
 - Assessment results and facilitator's recommendations for next steps
 - **Key issues and points of discussion** will serve as the foundation for public meeting topics

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Stakeholder Assessment Interviews

Interview Participants

Trona Communities
 Federal Government (US Navy, Department of Justice, Bureau of Land Management)
 Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
 Industry Representatives
 Large-Scale Agricultural Representatives
 Water District and Water Utility Representatives
 Environmental Representatives
 Domestic Well Owners and Users
 Business Community Representatives
 Small Agriculture Representatives
 Inyokern Community Services District
 Mutual Water Company Representatives

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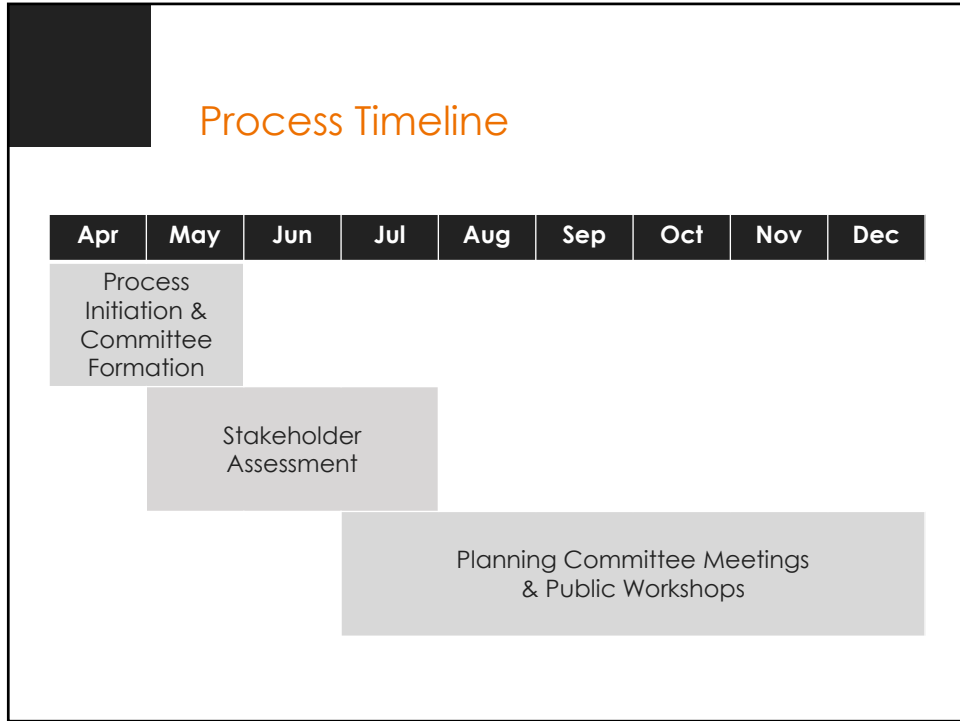
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Public Meetings

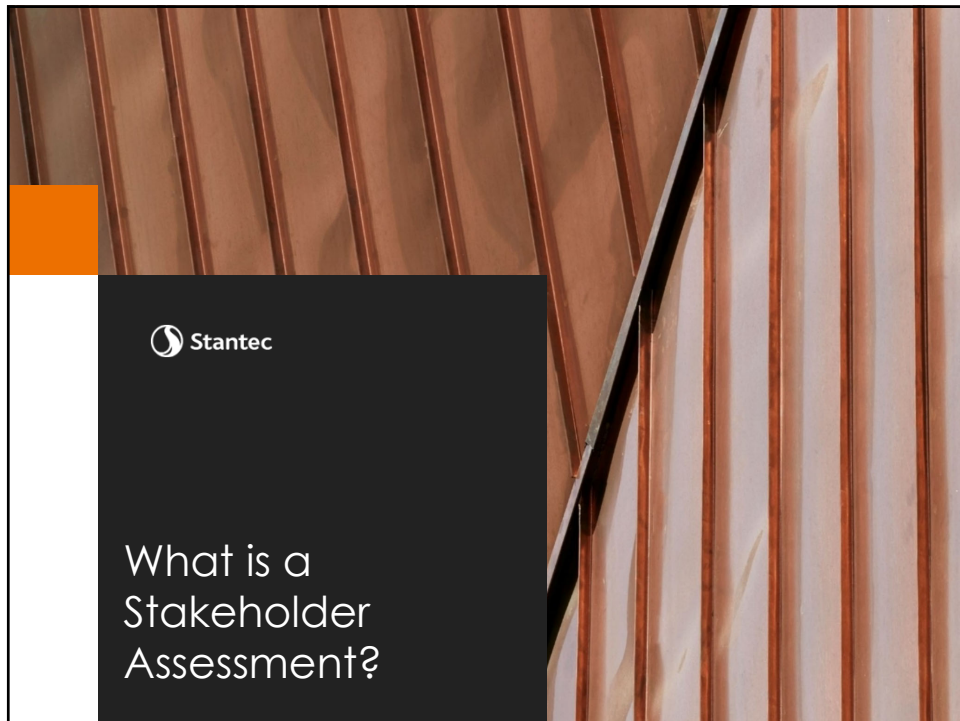
July – December 2022

- What: Committee Meetings, Public Workshops, and Presentations
 - Up to 3 public workshops
 - Up to 4 publicly noticed meetings (e.g. Board meetings)
- Who: Planning Committee and basin stakeholders
- Outcomes: Stakeholder Recommendations Documents
 - Summarizes collective outcomes on a topic

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What – Stakeholder Assessment

- Evaluate the needs and conditions of your project /initiative as they relate to the stakeholders and community to minimize risk.
- Conduct an internal and external environmental scan:
 - Evaluate non-technical risks
 - Determine the best engagement techniques for the circumstances

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Objective

Gather key information regarding:

- Opinion leaders
- Potential partners (funding and infrastructure)
- Regulatory and political context
- Advocates and detractors
- Attitudes and knowledge
- Other elements that would be useful to the crafting of decisions

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What is involved?

An assessment is the evaluation of a series of questions related to the proposed project/process:

- What is being proposed?
- Who are the stakeholders?
- When will it occur?
- Why will it matter?
- How (what methods) will be used?

Importantly, none of these questions can be answered with a simple "yes" or "no".

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What is the benefit?

- Thinking about stakeholders BEFORE embarking on a major project or initiative helps avoid or mitigate potential issues.
- Upfront work may seem to take more time but evidence shows the work pays off later.

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Who, What, When, Why - Stakeholders

- Who are they? (Citizen, Partner, Provider, Regulator)
- What do they care about?
- Who are their trusted messengers?
- What are the best ways (how) to connect with them?
- When should we talk to them / sensitivity?
- What do we need to know from them?

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WHO – Stakeholder Typology

- Place-based
(Landowners, neighbors, jurisdictions)
- Governments
- Regulator, Grantor
- Elected Officials
- Partner, Rights Holders
- Service Provider, Suppliers, Vendors
- Internal, Organizational
- Investors, Lenders, Shareholders
- Environmental Community
- Business, Commerce
- Community-based Organizations and Individuals
- Media Based
- Citizen, Partner, Provider, Regulator
- Competitors, Industry

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WHAT – Defining Scope

- Tailored to the project or policy being considered
- Scope may be larger than the eventual project
- May narrow what is eventually considered OR the full magnitude may not be known
- Generally better to take a broad view of what should be included

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Understanding the Why *Issues to be Assessed*

- Items of project design and features (project goals and objectives)
- Separate Outcome from Implementation
- Test for Both

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Issues (cont.)

- **Joint Fact Finding** - In many cases parties may have a different understanding of the facts. SA determines what expectations are for jointly evaluating facts and/or decision criteria.
- **External and internal scan** - Describes the external and internal context in which the project will occur. A typical question is, "What outside or internal events will drive or impact the project?"

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Goal: Getting to Yes



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