Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) Quarterly Meeting:

Dinuba Wellfield RI/FS Project

Water Boards

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### Agenda

- **1. Project Review**
- 2. Remedial Investigation Report Overview
- 3. Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model
- 4. Groundwater Zone Designations
- 5. Contaminant Sources and Transport
- 6. Solute Transport Modeling
- 7. Schedule & Upcoming Milestones
- 8. Questions & General Commentary

# **Project Review: Goals & Benefits**

# **Project Overview**

- City of Dinuba received a \$1.75 million Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant from the SWRCB for the Dinuba Wellfield RI/FS Project.
- Study to develop potential implementation options to clean up or prevent the spread of non-point source pollutants in its municipal wellfield.
- Identify effective means to address nitrate, DBCP and 1,2,3-TCP, which are widespread in the shallow aquifers in the region and identify projects which can be funded under future implementation grants to help assure a more secure and higher quality water supply for the City.

## Project Overview and Status

FORMATION ENVIRONMENTAL





Remedial Investigation (RI) Report Table of Contents

- 1.0 Introduction
- 2.0 Background
- 3.0 Summary of RI Data Collection and Analysis
- 4.0 Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model
- 5.0 Nature and Extent of Nitrate, DBCP, and 1,2,3-TCP
- 6.0 Identification of Data Gaps
- 7.0 References





# Setting and Background

CV-SALTS Management Zone Archetype Analysis: Alta Irrigation District

CENTRAL VALLEY SALINITY ALTERNATIVES FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY (CV-SALTS)

Nitrate Implementation Measures Study (NIMS)

**Final Report** 

CENTRAL VALLEY SALINITY ALTERNATIVES FOR LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY (CV-SALTS)

Region 5: Updated Groundwater Quality Analysis and High Resolution Mapping for Central Valley Salt and Nitrate Management Plan

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Alta Imgation District Management Zone: Aggressive Restoration TECHNICAL native Modeling Scenario Results

#### **Prior Investigations**



**Kings Subbasin** Groundwater Sustainability Agencies



Groundwater Sustainability Annual Report





Groundwater Sustainability Plan Adopted December 13, 2019

> GE Alta Irrigation District Area Management Zone Pilot Study Steering Committee Meeting Alta Irrigation District February 13, 2019



**Surface Water Features** 



**Contaminated Site** 





#### Data Analysis Boundaries



#### Small Water System Wells







#### Domestic Wells



# Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model



# Wells Used for Aquifer Textural Analysis

Legend Wells Used In Lithological Analysis Well Type





## Aquifer Textural Analysis



Note: Grain size defined as sand and gravel in the Unified Soil Classification System.

#### **Textural Analysis Cross Sections**





# Groundwater Zone Designations

### Supply Well Screen Intervals

------ Ground Surface Elevation ------ Well Destroyed ------- Screen Interval



#### **Contaminant Distribution with Depth**





#### **Groundwater Elevations Spring 2005**



Shallow Groundwater <230 feet bgs

**Deep Groundwater > 230 feet bgs** 

## Example Nested Sentinel Monitoring Well Hydrographs



# Contaminant Sources and Transport

#### Geochemical Data - Nitrate



- Agricultural Fertilizers
- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)
- Municipal Wastewater
- Septic Systems

#### Transport

 Assume no sorption or retardation



 Assume no chemical transformation or losses below the rootzone

• Simulate loading at water table using SWAT and adjust to achieve observed shallow groundwater concentrations

#### Geochemical Data - DBCP

#### Sources

- Soil fumigant; widely applied to grapes in Dinuba area
- Use starting in 1950s and banned in 1977
- Current concentrations decreasing

#### Transport

- Weakly sorbed, K<sub>d</sub> reported as 0.06 to 0.07 (mg/kg soil per mg/L water) in low carbon aquifers near Fresno
- K<sub>oc</sub> reported as 1.6 to 2.11 (g organic carbon/g soil), like 1,2,3-TCP

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- Biodegradation insignificant below root zone
- Half life estimated as 6.1 to 141 years in oxic aquifers in the absence of significant biodegradation
- Simulate loading at water table to match shallow groundwater concentrations, decreasing at observed rate at City Well 14

### Geochemical Data – 1,2,3-TCP

#### Sources

- Constituent of soil fumigants; annual and fruit crops, may persist in hydro-carbon residue from early formulations
- Used starting in 1940s, eliminated in 1984

#### Transport

- Weakly sorbed with a sorption coefficient (K<sub>oc</sub>) of 1.7 to 2.0 (g/g), similar to DBCP
- K<sub>d</sub> is expected to be similar to DBCP

#### Fate

- Biodegradation insignificant below root zone
- Half life estimated from 44 to over 300 years in oxic aquifers with circum-neutral pH
- Simulate loading at water table at constant rate to match shallow detected concentrations

#### Wells Used to Contour Contaminant Data



#### Legend

- Wells With Analytical Data and Screened Interval or Total Depth
- Wells With Analytical Data But No
- Screened Intervals or Total Depth
  - Cities and Towns

City of Dinuba Wastewater Reclamation Facility

City of Dinuba Reclamation Conservation Recreation Pond

Dinuba Water Service Area

Dinuba Refined Model Boundary

Analysis Boundary

#### Nitrate – Shallow Groundwater Average Concentrations (mg/L)



#### Nitrate – Deep Groundwater Average Concentrations (mg/L)



#### DBCP – Shallow Groundwater Average Concentrations (ug/L)



#### DBCP – Deep Groundwater Average Concentrations (ug/L)



#### 1,2,3-TCP – Shallow Groundwater Average Concentrations (ug/L)



#### 1,2,3-TCP – Deep Groundwater Average Concentrations (ug/L)



# Solute Transport Model Development

## **RIFS Solute Transport Model**

#### Develop Dinuba Refined Model

- Refine model grid
- Update local hydrology and pumping
- Calibrate to heads, vertical gradients and ambient well flows

Update through 2015 with data from C2VSim

Extract Dinuba Subregional Model from USGS CVHM

#### **Develop Solute Transport Model**

- Set initial concentrations and loading rates
- Simulate warmup period
- Adjust loading for stable concentrations close to current at end of warmup
- Add DBCP and TCP initial conditions, loading rates and retardation

#### Model Development



# CVHM, DSRM and DRM Model Grids





#### DSRM Model Calibration Results





#### **DRM Model Calibration Results**



### **Model Scenarios**

Scenario 1 GSP Project

Recharge surface water from AID in NE Dinuba

Recharge surface water from AID in one or two recharge basins in NE Dinuba Scenario 2 Rebalanced Pumping

Capture and remove DBCP and 1,2,3-TCP from groundwater

Increase CW14 and decrease CW 16 and 20 pumping, shallow pumping in wellfield expansion area Scenario 3 RCR Pumping

Construct deeper well at RCR to capture nitrate in deep groundwater

Pump water to RCR pond and use to irrigate new 58-acre park Scenario 4 Shallow Pumping

Pump shallow groundwater in nitrate impacted areas

Increase Well 7 pumping, install shallow irrigation wells and use for turf irrigation at athletic fields and new High school Scenario 5 Recharge & Extraction

Recharge AID surface water; shallow groundwater extraction

Recharge at CW14 Ponds combined with shallow groundwater extraction at new High School Scenario 6 Stormwater Capture

> Increase City stormwater retention basin capacity

Increase capacity of existing retention basin system to retain all stormwater in the City during normal years

























# Next Steps Opportunities for Involvement Questions & Comments

### Next Steps & Upcoming Project Milestones

- Draft RI Report August 2021
- Groundwater Modeling Technical Memorandum September 2021
- Draft FS Report September 2021
- Requested Schedule Extension from October 2021 to January 2022 Pending Approval
- Proposition 1 Grant Program Round 3 Concept Proposal due September 7, 2021

	Data Sourcing & Analytics	Geodatabase & Data Management	Data Visualization & Analysis	Conceptual Site Model	Remedial Investigation	Groundwater Transport Model	Feasibility Study
3rd Quarter 20/21							
4th Quarter 20/21							
1st Quarter 21/22							
2nd Quarter 21/22							
3rd Quarter 21/22							
		Complete		In Progress		Not Started	1

# Next Steps

- ✓ Questions?
- Review/comment on draft reports
- ✓ Next meeting September 2021
- Thank you for participating

#### Project Website:

http://www.dinuba.org/departments/122-publicworks/598-dinuba-rifs

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