

Comments for GSA meeting Feb. 15, 2018

I have been attending water meetings for some time. I look forward to a completed GSP. Friends have asked if there has been any substantial discussion of how our overdraft will be made sustainable. (I regard a sustainable level to be output equaling input, allowing for some variation.)

Many have suggested that we will import water. Is there any subgroup or committee that is examining the likelihood of importing water? From where? How much? How? By pipeline? By truck? At what cost?

The Todd report said that even with conservation, we can not decrease water usage to a sustainable level. Is there a subgroup or committee examining how much more we could conserve? Many of us have already reduced our water usage. Would everyone have to reduce their usage by the same amount, even those who have already reduced usage? Is it possible to reduce more? If we implemented additional conservation measure, what would those be?

I have read Nick Panzer's comments (1-18-18) on the white paper. I generally agree with his observations. I oppose delaying groundwater extraction reductions. Is anyone researching this, or discussing reductions? When could reductions be implemented? Who would have to reduce extractions? Is this solution the same as conservation? If not, what is the difference? If it is the same, then how can we reach sustainability?

There has been a suggestion that new water sources will be found. What evidence is there to support this idea? That sounds like wishful thinking.

If we don't have committees working on these issues, when will we?

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