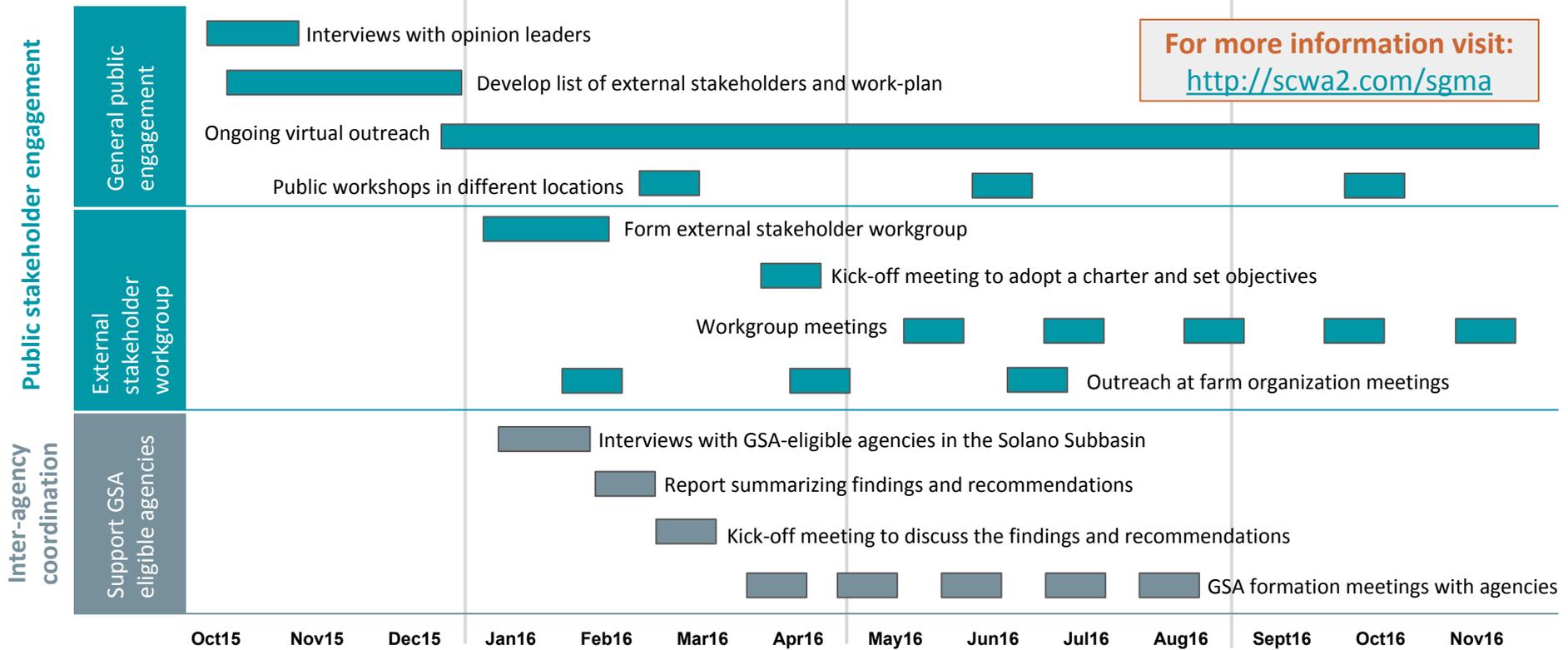


Timeline for Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation in the Solano Subbasin

The first step in implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) is to develop GSAs. The formation of one or more GSAs in the Solano Subbasin that have widespread support of the eligible agencies, groundwater users, and others requires two interrelated processes:

- Inter-agency coordination:** The convening of GSA-eligible agencies to identify and implement an appropriate governance approach for the GSA.
- Public stakeholder engagement:** The engagement of groundwater users and other stakeholders to ensure that their concerns and interests are included in the GSA formation process.



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Inter-agency coordination

Local agencies are expected to collaborate and coordinate their GSA formations on a subbasin-wide scale to sustainably manage groundwater at a local level. The Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) Board of Directors has been meeting to discuss the GSA formation requirement of the new law, and a workgroup comprised of staff from the agencies that are eligible to serve as GSAs in the Solano Subbasin (agency workgroup) are working with a facilitator to develop a process for forming a GSA. The following are the primary inter-agency coordination activities supporting GSA formation:

- 1 Situation assessment** - The facilitator will conduct a situation assessment from interviews of GSA-eligible agencies in the Solano Subbasin to identify agency interests, concerns, and recommendations relating to GSA formation. Key findings will be reported back to the agencies, and will be used to inform the GSA formation process.
- 2 Coordination support for GSA-eligible agencies** - The facilitator will then convene GSA-eligible agencies in organizing meetings to identify and implement the appropriate long-term governance approach for the local GSA(s). This agency workgroup will seek continuous input from and coordinate with public stakeholders.

Public stakeholder engagement

SCWA and its partner agencies are working with a facilitator to solicit the input of farmers and ranchers, well-owners, businesses, environmental groups, and other stakeholders during the GSA formation process. A stakeholder engagement process will be used to understand and involve groundwater users and other interested parties and their concerns in the GSA formation process. By involving those affected by SGMA, the local agencies intend to build widespread support on a GSA governance structure for the Solano Subbasin.

- 1 General public engagement** - The facilitator will hold 3 public workshops in different locations, attend farm organization meetings, and develop resources to (a) educate the public about SGMA requirements, GSA responsibilities, key SGMA implementation decision points, and groundwater conditions; and to (b) solicit public input during the GSA formation process. SGMA information can be accessed at: <http://scwa2.com/sgma>
- 2 External stakeholder workgroup** - The facilitator will organize an external stakeholder workgroup composed of 10-25 members from the agricultural and landowner communities from the Solano Subbasin who will meet every 4-6 weeks in 2016 to ensure that stakeholder concerns and interests are heard and to the extent possible reconciled through formation of the GSA.