



EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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AGENDA

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

San Joaquin County Council of Governments
555 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

II. Additions to the Agenda

(The Board may add an item to the agenda if, upon a two-thirds vote, the Board finds that there is a need for immediate action on the matter and the need came to the attention of the Authority after the posting of this Agenda)

III. Public Comment

(Members of the public may address the Board on any matter related to the Authority that is not included on the Agenda. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.)

IV. Presentations

- A. Year to Date May 31, 2026 Financial Report – Khawaja Saifuddin, Water Resources Division, San Joaquin County - [Page 3](#)
- B. Net Groundwater Impact Presentation– Zanjero

V. Action Items

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VI. Authority Staff/Agency Reports

- A. Staff Report – Julia D. Berry, ESJGWA Executive Director
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Board of Directors Meeting
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VII. Directors' Comments and Project Status Reports

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting

August 12, 2026

San Joaquin County Council of Governments
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Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order.

Action may be taken on any item listed on the Agenda.

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Agendas and Minutes may also be found at <http://www.ESJGroundwater.org>

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Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority					
Line Items		YTD	FY 2025-26		
		5/31/2026	APPROVED 7/09/2025		
Fund 21451 (2097FD)					
Fund Balance		2,652,878			2,652,878
GWA GSAs Cost Allocation		664,752			664,753
GWA GSAs Cost Allocation (2025 GSP Update)					
Reserve Fund dedication					
Other Govt Aid from Zone 2		225,000			225,000
State (DWR) Sustainable GW Grant					
Prop. 1 Retention Reimbursement					
Reimbursement from GSAs for Grant Writing					
ARPA					
Carryover (use of reserve balance)					
Interest Income		118,578			
Rebates and Refunds					
TOTAL REVENUES		1,008,330			889,753
Expense			Contract	Staff	Total
General Office					
Supplies		0	500		500
Office Expense		0	500		500
Website Maintenance/Upgrades		1,501	10,000		10,000
Rents Structures & Grounds		0	5,000		5,000
Postage		12	1,000		1,000
Auditor's Payroll & A/P Charges		3,410	1,000		1,000
Miscellaneous Exp.					0
Subtotal		4,922	18,000		18,000
Management and Administration			Contract	Staff	Total
Meetings (Clerk, Records & Board Pkg)		6,702		35,000	35,000
Budget, Contract Admin and Accounting		32,325		65,000	65,000
Professional Services Executive Dir		263,068	324,000	0	324,000
Professional Services PW Admin		725			0
Professional Services GWA Legal		11,713	30,000		30,000
Professional Services County Legal		855			0
Professional Services Public Outreach,		0	15,000		15,000
Interbasin & DWR Coordination		0			0
Grant Writing		0			0
Subtotal		315,387	369,000	100,000	469,000
Technical and Engineering Services			Contract	Staff	Total
2025 GSP Update		11,243			0
Annual Report		95,976	80,000		80,000
Groundwater Data Collection		85,314	100,000	15,000	115,000
ARPA Implementation of Instrumentation (Representative Wells)		0	350,000		350,000
ARPA Monitoring Network Evaluation/Management		0		50,000	50,000
ARPA Monitoring Network Improvements (wells; SW/GW Interact) - Other Grants		227,624	1,500,000		1,500,000
ARPA DMS Implementation		0	125,000	25,000	150,000
Model Development & Support		0	15,000		15,000
Domestic Well Mitigation Program Implementation		0		25,000	25,000
GW Accounting Framework/GW Model Update		0	150,000		150,000
Subsidence Surveying		15,334	25,000	10,000	35,000
Accelerated GSP Work					0
Subtotal		435,490	2,345,000	125,000	2,470,000
Work in Progress					
Professional Services WC (A 18 01)					
Professional Services WC (A 20 01)					
Completion of Prop 68 Project					
Subtotal		0			0
TOTAL EXPENSES		755,799	2,732,000	225,000	2,957,000
Reserve GSP Update					200,000
ARPA Reserve Fund					0
Domestic Well Mitigation Program Fund					200,000
TOTAL EXPENSES INCL RESERVE CONTR		755,799			3,357,000
		2,905,409	Fund Balance		185,631

This charge will be reversed.

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT/ROLL CALL The

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board Meeting convened at the Council of Governments building at 555 E. Weber Ave. Stockton, CA 95202. At approximately 10:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holmes.

In attendance were Directors and Alternates: Craig Stevens, Regina Lackey, Myron Blanton, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Scot Moody, Paul Canepa, Keith Bussman, Secretary Najee Zarif, Vice Chairperson Mel Panizza, Chairperson Robert Holmes, Dante Nomellini, Steve Knell, Travis Kahrs and Christy McKinnon. Alternate Steve Schwabauer joined the meeting midway, replacing Director Jason Colombini.

Directors Absent: George Biagi, Richard Wagner, Alan Nakanishi, Michael Blower, Gary Tofanelli, and Dean Ruiz

Members of the Public in attendance: Julia Berry, Melissa Anna, Chelsea Spier, Kelly Gerkenmeyer, TJ Sallado, Justin Hopkins, Ashley Couch, Gavin Cline, K. Saifuddin, Eva Mijango, Tara Khan, Louie Brichetto Jr., Mary Elizabeth Hope Paulin, Michael Miller, Jennifer Spaletta, Jarin Tasim Anika, Brittany Harker, Maria Razo, Wes Henson, Venki Narasimhalu, Selinda Centeno, Guzman, Kim Hernandez.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were added to the agenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were recorded.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. ESJGWA 2025 Annual Report

Katie Cole, from Woodard & Curran provided a presentation on the 2025 Annual Report.

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of April 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mike Henry

Second: Mel Panizza

Vote was unanimous.

2. Adoption of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Grant Fund Budget Totaling \$781,948 in Appropriations

Motion: Jason Colombini

Second: Paul Canepa

Vote was unanimous.

3. **Adoption of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Totaling \$3,357,000 in Revenues and Appropriations and the Proposed Cost Allocation to ESJGWA Members Totaling \$664,753**

Motion: Dante Nomellini

Second: Scot Moody

Vote was unanimous.

4. **Approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement for Executive Director Services with First Water Partners, Inc. and assign responsibility for ARPA Grant Projects**

Motion: Steve Schwabauer

Second: Paul Canepa

Vote was unanimous.

V. Authority Staff/Agency Reports

1. Julia D. Berry, ESJGWA Executive Director

Greg Young from Zanjero will be giving a presentation at the July meeting. Significant progress has been made in addressing water level measurement and water quality data gaps, including identifying data holders and ensuring information is aggregated. This effort has been underway since last August and is now showing very positive results. Authority management has requested DWR training on the data upload process to help ensure successful submissions by contractor Condor Environmental.

A letter from Department of Water Resources (DWR) was received and has been posted to the portal. Staff meetings have been scheduled to review and address DWR's questions and comments. An email was sent to all GSA staff members encouraging participation and input. The deadline to submit responses to DWR is October 1.

The March subsidence monitoring event showed no measurable change, which is very positive news for the basin.

ARPA funds are currently being expended to drill two new monitoring wells. A third location is being sought in either the south east, or western portion of the basin. Kleinfelder is coordinating with the County, and the City of Ripon is also contributing to the effort to identify potential sites.

Regarding Proposition 4, DWR recently held an orientation and disclosed that the project solicitation package is targeted to be released early 2027. In the meantime, outreach will be conducted to gather landowner input on potential projects to move forward.

2. Chelsea Spier, Department of Water Resources

Chelsea reviewed the attachment from DWR.

VI. Directors' Comments and Project Status

There were no comments.

VII. Adjournment at 12:39 p.m.

Client: Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority

6/30/2026

Project: Response to DWR Comments on 2024 GSP & Periodic Evaluation

Phases	Labor									ODCs		Total
	Principal in Charge	Project Manager	Technical Manager	Project Planner	Project Engineer	Senior Technical Leader	Project Assistant	Total Hours	Total Labor Costs (1)	ODCs	Total ODCs (3)	Total Fee
	Leslie Dumas	Katie Cole	Sara Roche	Emily Honn	Mackenzie Dughi	Jim Blanke	Project Coordinator					
	\$375	\$350	\$330	\$315	\$300	\$375	\$150					
Phase 1: Project Coordination & Meetings												
1.1 Project Management & GWA Coordination	4	30	6	6			10	56	\$17,370		\$0	\$17,370
1.2. GSA Coordination Meetings	15	20	16	8		8		67	\$23,425		\$0	\$23,425
1.3. DWR Coordination & Meetings (May, July & Aug)	12	12	12	8		4		108	\$16,680		\$0	\$16,680
1.4. GWA Board Meeting (Sept 2026)	2	12	2	2				18	\$6,240	\$500	\$550	\$6,790
1.5 Support Finalizing TMs	6	6	8	9				29	\$9,825		\$0	\$9,825
Subtotal Phase 1:	39	80	44	33	0	12	10	278	\$73,540	\$500	\$550	\$74,090
Phase 2: GWL Response												
2.1 Data Processing & Set SMC for NSCJWD-01 and SEWD-01 (Item 1)	1	0	2	8		2		13	\$4,305		\$0	\$4,305
2.2 Draft Response Letter (Item 1)	1	1	4	8		2		16	\$5,315		\$0	\$5,315
2.3 Draft Response Letter (Item 2)		1	2					3	\$1,010		\$0	\$1,010
2.4 Draft Response Letter (Item 3)	14	1	2					17	\$6,260		\$0	\$6,260
2.5 Data Processing & Set SMCs for 2 new RMN wells (Item 5)	1	0	2	8				11	\$3,555		\$0	\$3,555
2.6 Re-run Impact Analysis w/ 4 new wells (Item 4)	2	1	8	16		2		29	\$9,530		\$0	\$9,530
2.7 Draft Response Letter (Item 4)	2	1	4	8		2		17	\$5,690		\$0	\$5,690
2.8 Draft Response Letter (Item 5)				8		2		10	\$3,270		\$0	\$3,270
2.9 Draft Response Letter (Item 7) (no Item 6)	1	2	4	8				15	\$4,915		\$0	\$4,915
2.x Prepare New Set of Hydrographs (Item 8)								0	\$0		\$0	\$0
2.x Draft Response Letter (Item 8)								0	\$0		\$0	\$0
2.x Finalize Response Letter								0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Subtotal Phase 2:	22	7	28	64	0	10	0	131	\$43,850	\$0	\$0	\$43,850
Phase 3: ISW Response												
3.1 Quantify Depletions from Current Model (Item 1)	2		16	8		4		30	\$10,050		\$0	\$10,050
3.2 Draft Response Letter (Item 1)	1		4	2		2		9	\$3,075		\$0	\$3,075
3.3 Draft Response Letter (Item 2)		2	6					8	\$2,680		\$0	\$2,680
3.4 Draft Response Letter (Item 3)	2		8	4				14	\$4,650		\$0	\$4,650
3.5 Draft Response Letter (Item 4)	1		2	2				5	\$1,665		\$0	\$1,665

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	Leslie Dumas	Katie Cole	Sara Roche	Emily Honn	Mackenzie Dughi	Jim Blanke	Project Coordinator					
	\$375	\$350	\$330	\$315	\$300	\$375	\$150					
3.6 Determine Incremental Depletions from Current Modeling (Item 5)	2		16	8		4		30	\$10,050		\$0	\$10,050
3.7 Draft Response Letter (Item 5)	1		4	2		2		9	\$3,075		\$0	\$3,075
3.x Finalize Response Letter								0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Subtotal Phase 3:	9	2	56	26	0	12	0	105	\$35,245	\$0	\$0	\$35,245
Phase 4: Plan Implementation Response												
4.1 Draft Response Letter (Items 1-4)	4	6	8	8		2		28	\$9,510		\$0	\$9,510
4.x DM Program Deadlines (Item 5)								0	\$0		\$0	\$0
4.x Well Mitigation Program (Item 6)								0	\$0		\$0	\$0
4.x Finalize Response Letter								0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Subtotal Phase 4:	4	6	8	8	0	2	0	28	\$9,510	\$0	\$0	\$9,510
Phase 5: Other Responses												
5.1 GWQ Response - Draft	2	6						8	\$2,850		\$0	\$2,850
5.2 GWQ Response - Final	1	4						5	\$1,775		\$0	\$1,775
5.3 Monitoring & Reporting Response - Draft	2	8		3	8			21	\$6,895		\$0	\$6,895
5.x Monitoring & Reporting Response - Final								0	\$0		\$0	\$0
5.4 Subsidence Response - Draft	2	3		8		2		15	\$5,070		\$0	\$5,070
5.x Subsidence Response - Final								0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Subtotal Phase 5:	7	21	0	11	8	2	0	49	\$16,590	\$0	\$0	\$16,590
SUBTOTAL FOR WORK	81	116	136	142	8	38	10	591	\$178,735	\$500	\$550	\$179,285
Already Encumbered from Prior Contract Task 11												\$12,540
NEW TOTAL REQUEST												\$166,745

1. The individual hourly rates include salary, overhead and profit.
2. Subconsultants will be billed at actual cost plus 10%.
3. Other direct costs (ODCs) such as reproduction, delivery, mileage
4. W&C reserves the right to adjust its hourly rate structure and
5. Additional Woodard & Curran staff may perform work on the project, based on our standard billing rate schedule currently in effect.

June 2026 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)

Grants

California Grants Portal

The California State Library, in partnership with the Department of Water Resources and other state grantmaking agencies, has launched the California Grants Portal – your one destination to find all state grant and loan opportunities provided on a first-come or competitive basis. Visit grants.ca.gov to find funding opportunities for you and your community.

Prop 4, Bond Grant Funds

Here is a link to sign up for DWR's Prop 4 [email notification list](#).

Joint Workshop for the Proposition 4 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program (\$320 million) & Watershed Resilience Grant Program (\$152 million available) was held April 30, 2026, 9am – noon. This was a joint workshop on the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program](#) and the [Watershed Resilience Grant Program](#).

This virtual workshop provided a general overview of both programs, discuss upcoming Proposition 4 funding opportunities, and provide an opportunity for early input on program development ahead of developing Guidelines. Registration and additional details will be shared soon through email. **Workshop slides and the recording will be posted on the above webpages.**

Other DWR Prop 4 grant program information:

- The [Dam Safety and Climate Resilience](#) program has closed public comment on draft Guidelines. Final guidelines will be released later this year.
- The [California Irrigation Management Information System \(CIMIS\) draft Guidelines](#) are now available. Workshops are planned for June 26th and 29th. The public comment period begins on May 20, 2026, and closes at 5:00 p.m. PDT on July 3, 2026.
- The public review period for the draft Guidelines of the [Riverine Stewardship](#) has ended. Final Guidelines will be released over summer.
- The [Urban Streams](#) program released draft Guidelines May 20, comment end date is July 29th. Public workshops will be held July 8 and July 22.
- The [Water Desalination Grant Program](#) will hold a pre-draft Guideline webinar on June 22nd from 1:00–2:00 PM. [Register here](#).

DWR's Underrepresented Communities and Small Farmer Technical Assistance Program

The mission of the Program is to determine the needs, risks, and vulnerabilities with the implementation of the SGMA for underrepresented communities and small farms in medium and high priority basins, including critically overdrafted (COD) basins. The types of services provided include, but are not limited to: Groundwater level monitoring; Aquifer testing to determine long-term yield and supply; Identifying Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs); Analyze well interference; Identifying additional water supply; Analyze existing well condition using downhole video log; Rehabilitation of water storage tank; Long-term water supply and demand analysis; Analyze and help to facilitate water transfers. **More information is available on the webpage.** Local entities can request services by emailing SGM_TA@water.ca.gov.

Upcoming conferences, webinars, new reports and data

DWR Releases Onboarding Resources for Groundwater Sustainability Agencies

DWR has developed GSA Onboarding Resources including an Onboarding Checklist and a Handbook Template, to support GSAs as they welcome new board members and staff into their roles under SGMA) These materials are designed to help orient new team members to GSA governance, local GSP implementation, and key SGMA requirements. The resources include two documents. The first is the Onboarding Checklist paired with Section I of the Handbook Template, which highlights GSA- and GSP-specific information. This file is provided as a

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customizable Word template and is [available here](#). The second document includes Section II of the Handbook Template, presented as a PDF that outlines statewide information and resources; it is [available here](#). A short training video on how to use the template is under development and will be released soon.

DWR Releases Spring 2026 Semi-Annual Groundwater Update

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the [Spring 2026 Semi-Annual Groundwater Update](#), which provides a look back at California's groundwater conditions during Water Year 2025 and early Water Year 2026. The groundwater update released today includes Water Year 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) and GSP Alternative annual report data reported across 101 groundwater basins. This information is helping provide an increasingly clearer picture of groundwater conditions, including the amount of change in groundwater storage, groundwater extractions, and managed recharge that occurs each year.

C2VSimFG Web Application Released

The California Central Valley Groundwater–Surface Water Simulation Model—Fine Grid (C2VSimFG) Web Application is an interactive online tool for exploring outputs from C2VSimFG Version 1.5. It provides users with streamlined access to model results. C2VSimFG simulates groundwater and surface water conditions across the Central Valley and can be used to estimate regional water budgets for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) planning and implementation. Developed for GSAs and other interested parties, the application is designed to support users with little to no modeling experience. Through a user-friendly interface, users can visualize model outputs without running the model, including hydrographs, water budgets, and zonal budget charts generated on demand from the latest model results. To learn more and access the C2VSimFG web application, visit <https://c2vsimfg.water.ca.gov/>. For questions or technical assistance, please contact c2vsimfgtechsupport@water.ca.gov.

Basin Characterization Program Launches Basin Characterization Tools (BCTools) and Monthly BCX meeting link

DWR's Basin Characterization Program is pleased to announce the release of [Basin Characterization Tools \(BCTools\)](#), a new suite of open-source tools designed to help local agencies, consultants, and researchers better understand California's groundwater basins.

BCTools provides integrated workflows for developing hydrostratigraphic models, creating 3D sediment texture models, and estimating aquifer flow parameters from airborne electromagnetic (AEM) data, lithology and geophysical logs, and aquifer flow measurements. These tools support high-quality, data-driven groundwater analyses and modeling that can advance local and regional groundwater management.

Basin Characterization Exchange (BCX) meeting are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Upcoming webinar information can be found on the [BCX Hub](#). To receive updates on upcoming meetings, [join the BCX listserv](#) or email us at Basin.Characterization@water.ca.gov.

DWR Releases Final Subsidence BMP and Educational Resource Webpage

DWR has released a [final Best Management Practices document](#), that will serve as a guide for groundwater managers on the basics of subsidence, how to best manage it, and available technical assistance.

DWR has also launched of a [new webpage dedicated to providing educational resources and information about land subsidence](#) in California, particularly as it relates to groundwater use and sustainable groundwater management. The resources available on this page are designed to help the public better understand subsidence and associated potential impacts. The page will be updated with educational materials, data, best management practices, and project information as it is available.

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California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118 – Update 2025

DWR Releases [Final California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118 – Update 2025](#). CalGW Update 2025 provides a comprehensive inventory and assessment of available information on the occurrence and nature of groundwater and informs decisions on the protection, use, monitoring and management of the resource. This five-year update builds on the CalGW Update 2020 by integrating data submitted to DWR by local agencies under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), including information reported in Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP), Alternatives to GSPs, annual reports, and other groundwater initiatives. CalGW Update 2025 is part of a comprehensive suite of resources designed to support groundwater understanding and management across the state, including the [Semi-Annual Updates](#), [CalGW Live](#), and the [Basin Characterization](#) program. The full document as well as a highlights document (in English and Spanish) and all appendices can be [downloaded here](#).

Preliminary Sac Valley Aquifer Recharge Potential Maps Available

New: [Aquifer Recharge Potential maps](#) and a [process document](#) are now available to download from the [Basin Characterization CNRA Open Data Portal](#). Note– we'll be updating the ARP Process Document later in October.

DWR Releases Second and Third Paper on Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water

To help GSAs address the depletion of interconnected surface water (ISW) in their Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), the DWR released the second and third in a series of three draft papers that discuss the technical aspects of ISW and quantification of depletions of ISW caused by groundwater pumping. The first paper (Paper 1), [Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water: An Introduction](#), introduced concepts associated with ISW, including approaches for identifying ISW and defining depletion of ISW from groundwater pumping. The second paper (Paper 2), [Techniques for Estimating Interconnected Surface Water Depletion Caused by Groundwater Use](#), continues the foundational concepts presented in Paper 1 by discussing the data requirements, methods, and general implementation process to consider for ISW depletion analyses. The final paper (Paper 3), [Examples for Estimating Interconnected Surface Water Depletion Caused by Groundwater Use](#), continues and expands upon the topics presented in Paper 2 by providing detailed examples of using numerical models to evaluate depletion of ISW. A pre-recorded webinar that summarizes the contents of the three papers and describes the next steps in the development of the guidance document [can be viewed here](#).

The DRAFT ISW guidance document is *tentatively* scheduled for second quarter 2026 for public release.

SGMA Updates and Tools

Update Your GSA and GSP Manager Point of Contact Information in DWR's SGMA Portal

If your GSA and/or GSP Plan Manager Point of Contact (POC) is not current, or you are not sure, please visit the SGMA Portal to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date. When logged in, the Portal allows edits to be made to previously submitted contact information. If you have SGMA Portal questions, please email them to GSPSubmittal@water.ca.gov.

The CASGEM Online System is Moving to the SGMA Portal July of 2026

The Department is beginning to integrate the [California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring \(CASGEM\) Program's Online System](#) with the [SGMA Portal's](#) Monitoring Network Module (MNM). This integration will streamline groundwater elevation data management and reporting processes by consolidating data submission into one location – the SGMA Portal's MNM. Our goal is to provide a more unified and efficient user experience for local agencies, stakeholders, and the public.

A [user manual for the CASGEM submodule can be found here](#) and a [batch import user manual can be found here](#). If you have questions, please reach out to your DWR region office CASGEM contact ([here](#)) or to the CASGEM Program in Headquarters at CASGEM@water.ca.gov.

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DWR releases final WY 2023 statewide land use data

DWR has officially released final data set for 2023 and provisional statewide land use data from Water Year (WY) 2024 for public access and use. The released data follows up on land use mapping conducted in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 where more than 14 million acres of land were classified (including agriculture multi-cropping instances and urban categories) using tools such as remote sensing and geographic information systems. The data can now be accessed at the following locations: [CA DWR Land Use Viewer](#) (viewing and downloading); [CNRA Webpage](#) (viewing and downloading); on the [SGMA Data Viewer](#) (viewing) and the [California State Geoportal](#) (viewing and downloading).

Facilitation Support Service and Translation Services Available to GSA's at No Cost

GSA's developing GSPs are eligible to receive funding for identification and engagement of interested parties, meeting facilitation, interest-based negotiation/consensus building, and public outreach facilitation. [FAQ about FSS is available here](#). More information [can be found here](#). Written translation services available in 8 languages for outreach materials (5,000 word maximum). DWR has **Verbal Interpretation service available to GSA's**. Real-time interpretive services are available to GSAs for virtual, hybrid, or in-person meetings in support of GSP implementation with the goal of engaging underrepresented communities within basins and encouraging equal access for non-fluent English speakers during the implementation of GSP's. If you are interested in learning more or receiving support from an interpretation team email sgmps@water.ca.gov.

Reminders: Drought related tools & guidance

'Be Well Prepared' Initiative and Website

May 17, 2023, DWR released the [Be Well Prepared initiative](#). DWR is providing tools and resources to help communities that are dependent on groundwater and experiencing climate-driven weather extremes, to prepare for potential impacts to household water supplies. The Be Well Prepared initiative focuses on domestic well owners and residents that use and maintain their well. [The website includes resources and information](#) that every well owner should know and understand about: groundwater conditions, well maintenance, water quality, assistance, and additional articles, videos and resources. A [new flyer](#) from DWR provides the four initial steps for well owners to take if they think their well has gone dry. This flyer is also available in [Spanish](#) and [Hmong](#).

SB552: DWR's Water Shortage Vulnerability Scoring and Tool

As part of its technical assistance to support SB 552 implementation, DWR developed the [Water Shortage Vulnerability Scoring and Tool](#) to provide the foundational data and information statewide to counties for their water shortage risk assessment.

Dry Well Susceptibility Map

The DWR, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, has developed an interactive mapping tool, called the Dry Well Susceptibility Tool. This tool identifies areas within groundwater basins that may be prone to water supply shortages in drinking water wells. State and local agencies and well owners can use this tool to anticipate where wells may go dry based on historical conditions to inform drought preparedness decision-making. To use this tool, navigate to [California's Groundwater Live website](#) and click the [Dry Domestic Well Susceptibility tab](#). A fact sheet on this tool, as well as DWR's Dry Well Reporting System, [is available here](#).

Dry Well Reporting Site

There is a website available to [report private wells going dry](#). Information reported to this site is intended to inform state and local agencies on drought impacts on household water supplies. The data reported on this site (excluding personal identifiable information) can be viewed on the [SGMA data viewer](#) or downloaded on the [CNRA Atlas](#). Individuals or local agencies can report water shortages and [a list of resources are included on the webpage](#). The reporting forms are available in both English and Spanish. Local agencies can now sign up to receive notifications of any dry wells reported in their area. To sign up please email sgmps@water.ca.gov.

June 2026 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)

California's Groundwater Live: Up-to-date data on groundwater conditions, well installations and subsidence

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the final [*California's Groundwater – Update 2020 \(Bulletin-118\)*](#), containing information on the condition of the State's groundwater, DWR has also developed a companion web-based application called [*California's Groundwater Live*](#) (CalGW Live), leveraging the [California Natural Resources Agency Open Data Platform](#) (Open Data) to improve the access and timeliness of statewide groundwater information. The easy-to-use interface will make many of the data sets used in CalGW Update 2020 available in an interactive map format that will be updated regularly for viewing and downloading. For more information, visit the updated [California's Groundwater website](#) Contact: CalGW@water.ca.gov.