



EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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Board of Directors

AGENDA

Wednesday, August 12, 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. Coastal Cleanup - Selinda Centeno from San Joaquin County Public Works, Water Resources Division - [Page 3](#)

V. Action Items

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- B. Member GSA Assessments – Approve the table of increased dues for ESJGWA Members which allocates an additional \$167,000 in costs using the allocation formula currently in use by the ESJGWA - [Page 23](#)
- C. Budget Amendment – Adopt a revised budget with the following: [Page 27](#)
 - 1. Budget amendment to reflect a \$167,000 increase in spending authority and an create a new budget item “2025 Periodic Evaluation/GSP Response,” and
 - 2. Reclassify \$17,000 from budget item “Model Development and Support” to budget item “2025 Periodic Evaluation/GSP Response”

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA
(Continued)

- D. Well Mitigation Program – Review and consider action to adopt a resolution approving the amended and restated Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin Program for Domestic Well Mitigation

VI. Authority Staff/Agency Reports

- A. Staff Report – Julia D. Berry, ESJGWA Executive Director
B. Chelsea Spier, CA Department of Water Resources - [Page 38](#)

VII. Directors' Comments and Project Status Reports

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting

September 9, 2026

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

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

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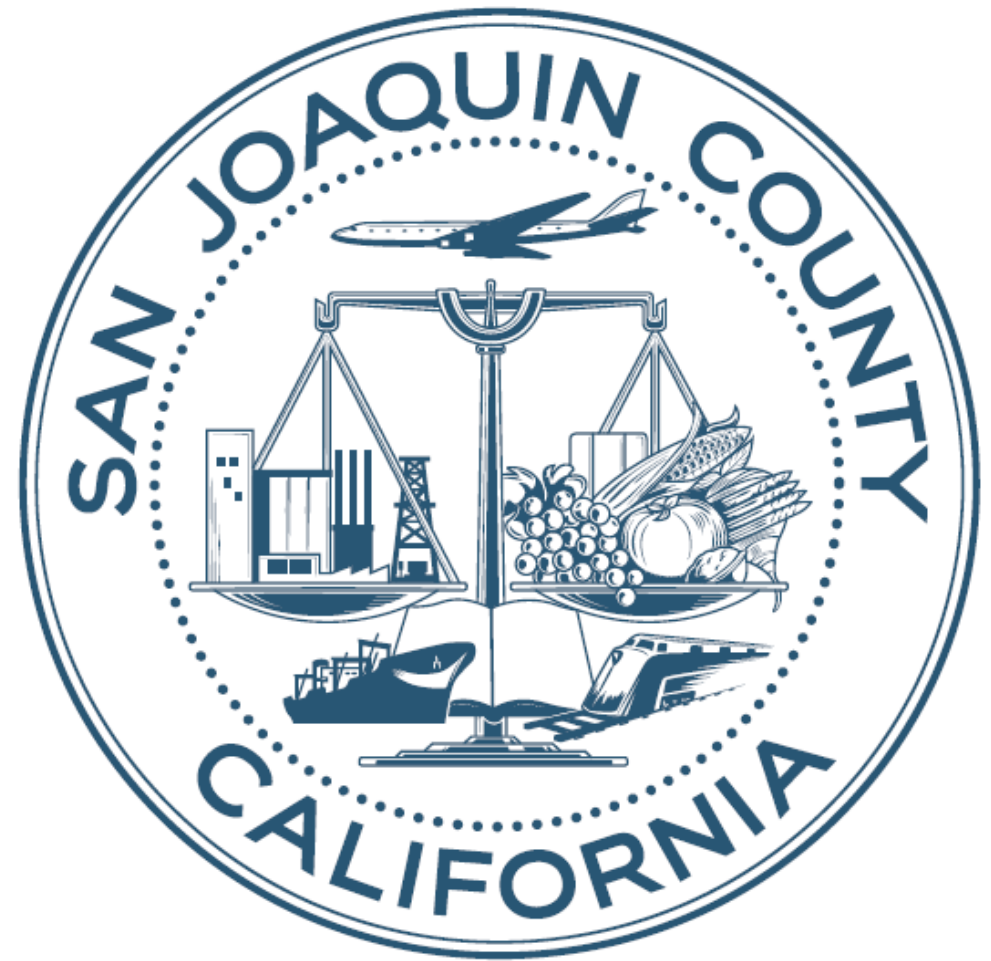
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San Joaquin County

Working for YOU

San Joaquin County's 26th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day

Event Date: September 20, 2025 · 9 AM-12 PM

Introduction to Coastal Cleanup

Celebrating 40 Years of Coastal Stewardship

San Joaquin County's 26th Year of Participation

- Held annually on the 3rd Saturday of September
- Part of the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) led by the Ocean Conservancy
 - The ICC now includes 45 states, Washington D.C., and over 100 countries!
- California Coastal Commission serves as the Statewide Coordinator
- San Joaquin County participates through local coordination and community partnerships

How It Works

- The County **Coordinator** recruits **Site Captains**
- **Site Captains** recruit **volunteers** for local cleanup sites
- Volunteers work **three hours** to collect and record debris data

Cleanup Impact (California)

- Since **1985**, over **1.7 million volunteers** have removed nearly **27 million pounds** of trash from California's waterways
(California Coastal Commission, [2024 Final Results Report](#))
- In **2024**, **45,672 volunteers** collected **376,308 pounds** of debris statewide
(Source: [California Coastal Commission — 2024 Final Results Report](#))
 - 🌍 Each year, thousands join forces to protect our waterways — proving that small actions add up to big change!

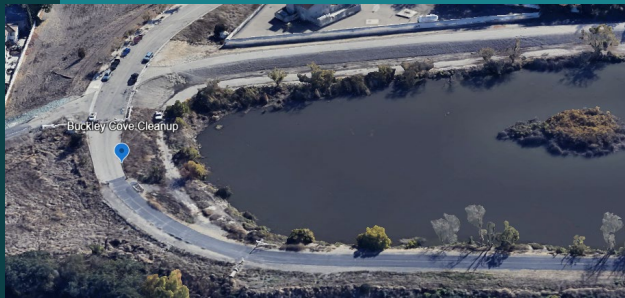




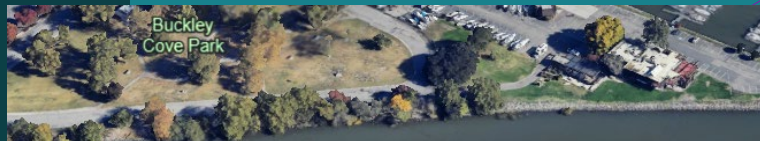
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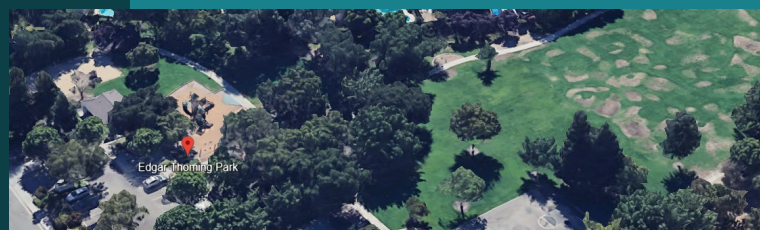
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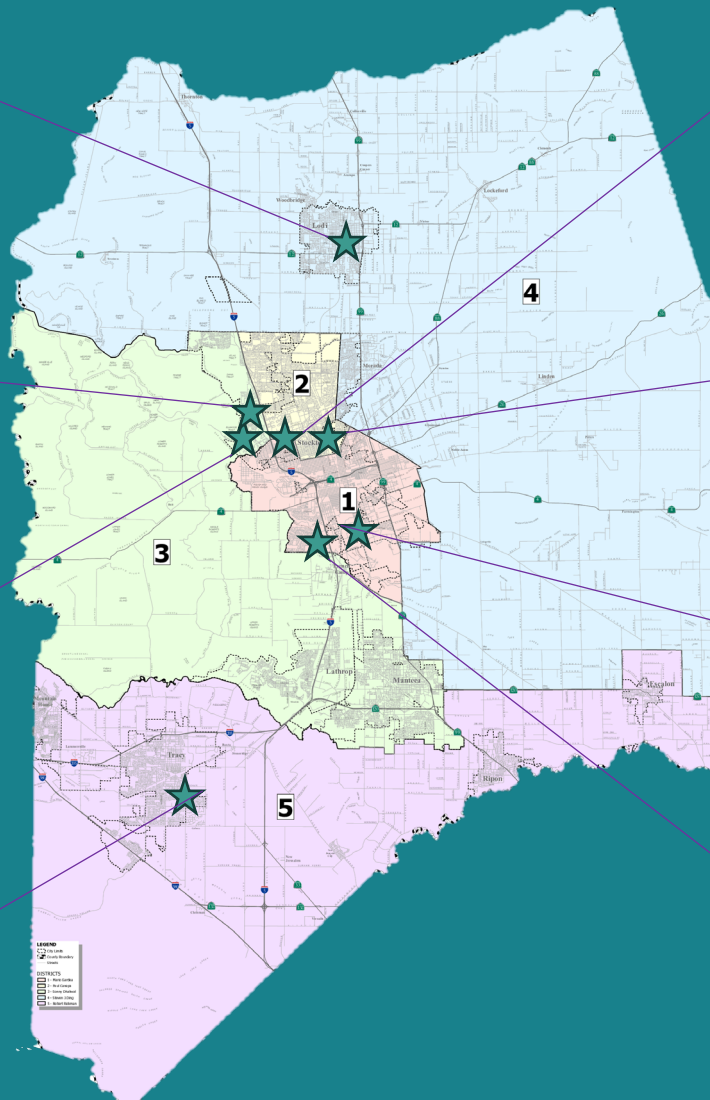
Buckley Cove



Ladd's Marina



Edgar Thoming Park



Calaveras Bridge



American Legion



Mormon Slough



Garfield Ave.

American Legion Park

Site	Captain	Trash (lbs)	Volunteers	Miles Covered	District
American Legion Park	Angie Provencio	40	11	1.5	2



Buckley Cove

Site	Captain	Trash (lbs)	Volunteers	Miles Covered	District
Buckley Cove	Dagmara Saina	422	50	3	3



Edgar Thoming Park

Site	Captain	Trash (lbs)	Volunteers	Miles Covered	District
Edgar Thorning Park	Heather Fernandez	50	14	1	5



Mormon Slough

Site	Captain	Trash (lbs)	Volunteers	Miles Covered	District
Mormon Slough	Artie Valencia	890	44	1	1



Lodi Lake

Site	Captain	Trash (lbs)	Volunteers	Miles Covered	District
Lodi Lake	Kathy Grant	362	106	5	2



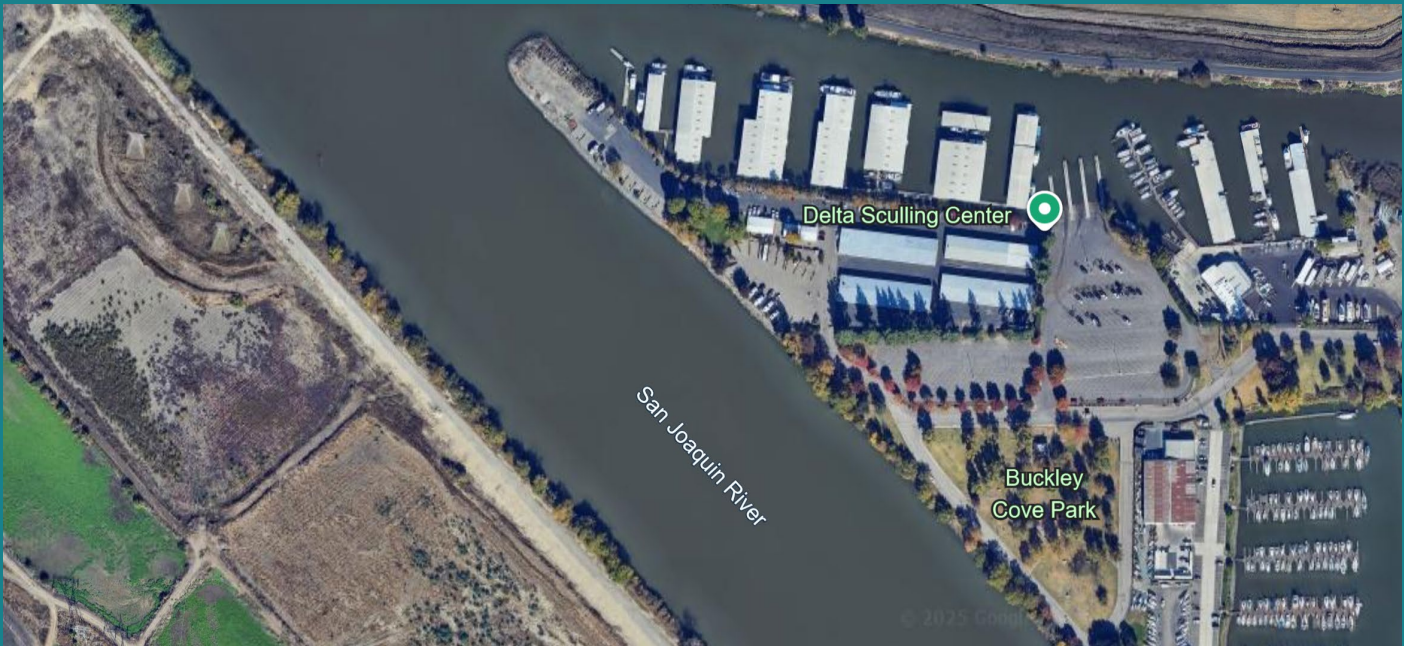
Calaveras Bridge

Site	Site Captain	Trash (lbs)	Volunteers	Miles Covered	District
Calaveras Bridge	Antonia Hernandez	705	87	5	1



Ladd's Marina

Site	Site Captain	Trash (lbs)	Volunteers	Miles Covered	District
Ladd's Marina	Faye Roberts	200	16	2	3



Port of Stockton

Site	Site Captain	Trash (lbs)	Volunteers	Miles Covered	District
Port of Stockton	Julia Ulm	3,500	25	0.5	1



Event Highlights

Metric	2024	2025
Number of Sites	8	8
Total Trash Collected (lbs)	10,479	5,694
Number of Volunteers	497	357
Total Miles Covered	13.8	19



California Coastal Cleanup Day

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

9AM-12PM

CLEANUP LOCATIONS

- AMERICAN LEGION PARK
- BUCKLEY COVE
- CALAVERAS RIVER
- LODI LAKE
- EDGAR THOMING PARK
- MCHENRY RECREATION AREA

VOLUNTEERS CAN SIGN UP AT WWW.SJWATER.ORG

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Port of Stockton
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**FOR SITE SUGGESTIONS OR QUESTIONS, YOU CAN
REACH ME (SELINDA CENTENO) AT
SCENTENO@SJGOV.ORG OR 209-468-3560**

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 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: Richard Wagner, Alan Nakanishi, Regina Lackey, Michael Blower, Myron Blanton, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Scot Moody, Keith Bussman, Christy McKinnon, Secretary Najee Zarif, Vice Chair Mel Panizza and Chair Robert Holmes

Directors Absent: Craig Stevens, George Biagi, Gary Tofenelli, Paul Canepa and Dean Ruiz

Members of the Public in attendance: Executive Director, Julia Berry, Chelsea Spier, Scott Williams, Louie B., Selenda Centeno, Aaron Cardenas, Luke Jackson, Melissa Anna, Nait Vann Alviar, Chris Heppner, Katie Cole, Jennifer Spaletta, Valerie Kincaid, Hope Paulin, Mary Elizabeth, Maria Razo, Jarin Tasmin Anika, Justin Hopkins, Greg Young, Omar Samara, Kevin King, Brandon Warmerdam, Joe Turner, Gavin Cline, Alex Chetley, Brittany Harker, Andrew Renshaw, Travis Small, Jeff M. and Michael Miller

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were added to the agenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were recorded.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. Year-to-Date May 31, 2026, Financial Report – Khawaja Saifuddin, Water Resources Division, San Joaquin County

Khawaja Saifuddin shared the following highlights from the Year-to-Date Financial Report through May 31, 2026:

- Revenues are \$1,008,330.00
- Total Expenses = \$755,799.00
- ARPA Funds Spent = \$227,624.00
- Leaving a balance of \$2,905,409.00

2. Net Groundwater Impact Presentation – Zanjero

Greg Young covered the contents of his presentation.

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of June 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Scot Moody

Second: Regina Lackey

Vote was unanimous.

2. Woodard and Curran Consultant Proposed Scope of Work to Address DWR Comments on 2025 GSP Amendment of Periodic Review

Motion: Jason Colombini

Second: Mel Panizza

Vote was unanimous.

Staff was given general direction to return will action items to amend the budget to fund the proposal.

V. Authority Staff/Agency Reports

1. Julia D. Berry, ESJGWA Executive Director

Julia shared the following updates:

- Meetings have been taking place with Greg Young, Zanjero and GSA staff members
- Meetings with GSA staff members and Woodard & Curran regarding to address the response to the DWR six topics.
- Technical Memos will be circulating to the GSAs by September 1, with time to present at the September 9, 2026, ESJ Board Meeting and to meet the October 1, 2026 DWR response deadline.
- The ESJGWA Spring 2026 groundwater level data is uploaded into the SGMA Portal with 100% participation except for one well which was not accessible. The GWA improved historical groundwater level data on the SGMA portal by filling Spring and Fall 2024 and 2025 data gaps when available.

2. Chelsea Spier, Department of Water Resources

Chelsea reviewed the attachment from DWR.

VI. Directors' Comments and Project Status

No comments.

VII. Adjournment at 12:05pm

STAFF REPORT**Meeting Date: August 12, 2026****Items V.B and Item V.C.**

TO: ESJGWA Board of Directors
FROM: Julia Berry, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Approval of Increased Dues for ESJGWA Members to Cover Additional Appropriations (Item V.B.)
Adopt a revised ESJ Budget Increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$167,000 and reclassify \$17000 to alternate budget category (Item V.C.)
Date: July 23, 2026

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the ESJGWA Board of Directors take action on the following:

1. Approve the table of increased dues for ESJGWA Members which allocates an additional \$167,000 in costs using the allocation formula currently in use by the ESJGWA, and
2. Adopt a revised budget with the following:
 - a. Budget amendment to reflect a \$167,000 increase in spending authority and an create a new budget item "2025 Periodic Evaluation/GSP Response," and
 - b. Reclassify \$17,000 from budget item "Model Development and Support" to budget item "2025 Periodic Evaluation/GSP Response."

Reasons for Recommendation

In 2025, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies submitted a Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update and 2025 Periodic Evaluation to the CA Department of Water Resources (DWR). DWR has two years to review and respond to these submittals. DWR has reached out during its review to seek clarification prior to determining on the completeness of the submittals. A budget amendment is needed to reflect the cost of responding to comments and requests for clarification on the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update and 2025 Periodic Evaluation.

The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 ESJGWA budget was adopted by the Board of Directors on June 10, 2026. At the time the budget was adopted, the scope of work and cost estimate to perform this work were not available. As a result, these costs were not included in the budget. An initial estimate received by Woodard and Curran to respond to DWR and to coordinate with GSAs was \$166,745. The scope of

work was approved by the ESJGWA Board of Directors at its July 8, 2026 meeting. An additional \$16,990 of time invoiced in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year brings the project cost to \$183,735. This is proposed to be funded by increasing GSA member allocations by \$167,000, and by reclassifying \$17,000 from the already approved 2026-2027 budget, in a total amount of \$184,000 allocated to Budget Item “2025 Periodic Evaluation/GSP Response.” The increase in member allocations from \$664,753 to \$831,753 represents 25% increase.

Table 1. FY 2026-2027 GSA Member Allocation - Approved 6/10/26 illustrates the current GSA member allocation and *Table 2. FY 2026-2027 GSA Member Allocation - Proposed Amendment 7/8/2026* shows the increase to each GSA in blue, using the allocation formula currently in use by the ESJGWA.

Table 1. FY 2026-2027 GSA Member Allocation - Approved 6/10/26						
GSA	Minimum	Pumping	Population	Eastside GSA Zone 2 Adjustment	Total	%
CDWA	\$10,000	\$3,640	\$549	\$(1,000)	\$13,189	2.0%
CSJWCD	\$10,000	\$52,570	\$2,710	\$(1,000)	\$64,280	9.7%
Eastside SJ GSA	\$10,000	\$24,049	\$3,536	\$15,000	\$52,585	7.9%
LCSD	\$10,000	\$437	\$525	\$(1,000)	\$9,961	1.5%
LCWD	\$10,000	\$184	\$949	\$(1,000)	\$10,133	1.5%
Lodi	\$10,000	\$5,499	\$19,593	\$(1,000)	\$34,092	5.1%
Manteca	\$10,000	\$7,190	\$21,649	\$(1,000)	\$37,839	5.7%
NSJWCD	\$10,000	\$55,353	\$7,402	\$(1,000)	\$71,755	10.8%
OID	\$10,000	\$15,131	\$637	\$(1,000)	\$24,767	3.7%
SDWA	\$10,000	\$1,716	\$2,403	\$(1,000)	\$13,120	2.0%
SEWD	\$10,000	\$62,499	\$13,854	\$(1,000)	\$85,353	12.8%
SJC #1	\$10,000	\$28,195	\$5,678	\$(1,000)	\$42,873	6.4%
SJC #2	\$10,000	\$3,099	\$13,398	\$(1,000)	\$25,497	3.8%
SSJGSA	\$10,000	\$22,735	\$12,825	\$(1,000)	\$44,561	6.7%
Stockton	\$10,000	\$8,724	\$93,334	\$(1,000)	\$111,058	16.7%
WID GSA	\$10,000	\$11,831	\$2,859	\$(1,000)	\$23,689	3.6%
	\$160,000	\$302,852	\$201,901		\$664,753	100.0%

Table 2. FY 2026-2027 GSA Member Allocation - Proposed Amendment 7/8/2026

GSA	Minimum	Pumping	Population	Eastside GSA Non-Zone 2 Adjustment	Total	%
CDWA	\$10,000	\$4,844	\$730	\$(1,000)	\$14,574	1.8%
CSJWCD	\$10,000	\$69,963	\$3,607	\$(1,000)	\$82,570	9.9%
Eastside SJ GSA	\$10,000	\$32,006	\$4,706	\$15,000	\$61,711	7.4%
LCSD	\$10,000	\$581	\$698	\$(1,000)	\$10,279	1.2%
LCWD	\$10,000	\$244	\$1,264	\$(1,000)	\$10,508	1.3%
Lodi	\$10,000	\$7,318	\$26,076	\$(1,000)	\$42,394	5.1%
Manteca	\$10,000	\$9,569	\$28,812	\$(1,000)	\$47,381	5.7%
NSJWCD	\$10,000	\$73,667	\$9,851	\$(1,000)	\$92,518	11.1%
OID	\$10,000	\$20,137	\$847	\$(1,000)	\$29,984	3.6%
SDWA	\$10,000	\$2,284	\$3,199	\$(1,000)	\$14,483	1.7%
SEWD	\$10,000	\$83,177	\$18,438	\$(1,000)	\$110,614	13.3%
SJC #1	\$10,000	\$37,524	\$7,557	\$(1,000)	\$54,080	6.5%
SJC #2	\$10,000	\$4,124	\$17,830	\$(1,000)	\$30,955	3.7%
SSJ GSA	\$10,000	\$30,257	\$17,069	\$(1,000)	\$56,326	6.8%
Stockton	\$10,000	\$11,610	\$124,214	\$(1,000)	\$144,825	17.4%
WID GSA	\$10,000	\$15,745	\$3,805	(1,000)	\$28,549	3.4%
	\$160,000	\$403,052	\$268,701	\$-	\$831,753	100.0%

Attachment Draft FY 2026-2027 ESJGWA Adjusted Budget

DRAFT**PROPOSED 2026-27 BUDGET ADJ - AUGUST 12, 2026**

		Vendor			
		Contract	County	ED	TOTAL
1	Fund Balance (with ARPA Grant)				2,652,878
2	GWA GSA Cost Allocation				831,753
3	Other Gov't Aid from Zone 2				225,000
4	State (DWR) Sustainable GW Grant				
5	Interest Income				
6	Rebates and Refunds				
7	Fiscal Year Revenue				1,056,753
8	Total Fiscal Year Revenue				3,709,631
9	Expenses				
10	Professional Services				
11	Professional Services - Executive Director (ED)	350,000			350,000
12	2025 Periodic Evaluation/GSP DWR Response	184,000			184,000
13	GW Acctg/Net Impact Model - Zanjero	150,000			150,000
14	GW Data Collection/Monitor - Condor	145,000		15,000	160,000
15	Annual Report - W&C	83,000			83,000
16	Engineering Services	50,000			50,000
17	Budget. Contract Admin & Acctg		65,000		65,000
18	Meetings (Clerk & Records)		35,000		35,000
19	Subsidence Surveying - KSN	25,000		10,000	35,000
20	Professional Services GWA Legal - Andy P	30,000			30,000
21	Model Dev & Support (Portal) - W&C	13,000			13,000
22	Domestic Well Mitigation			25,000	25,000
23	Professional Services Public Outreach	15,000			15,000
24	Misc Expenses/Contingency	10,465			10,465
25	Website Management & Updates	5,000			5,000
26	2025 GSP Update				-
27	Professional Services County Legal	-			-
28	Professional Services PW Admin				-
29	Postage	-			-
30	Supplies	-			-
31	Office Expense	-			-
32	Rent Structures & Grounds	-			-
33	Auditor's Payroll & A/P Charges	-			-
34	Subtotal Professional Services				1,210,465
35	ARPA Grant				
36	ARPA - Monitoring Imprvmnts (New Wells)	1,363,535			1,363,535
37	ARPA - Instrumentation Implmt (Telemetry)	350,000			350,000
38	ARPA - Data Mgmt System Implementation	125,000		25,000	150,000
39	ARPA - Monitoring Network Evaluation			50,000	50,000
40	Total Expenses	2,732,000	100,000	125,000	3,124,000
41	Reserves - GSP Update				200,000
42	Reserves - Well Mitigation Program Fund				200,000
43	Total Reserves				400,000
44					
45	Fund Balance with Reserves				585,631



EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 12, 2026

TO: ESJGWA Board of Directors
FROM: Julia Berry, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Adopt a resolution approving the amended and restated Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin Program for Domestic Well Mitigation
Date: August 4, 2026

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the ESJGWA Board of Directors take action on the following:

Adopt a resolution approving the amended and restated Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin Program for Domestic Well Mitigation.

Reasons for Recommendation

The proposed resolution amends and restates Resolution No. 24-02, adopted September 11, 2024, which established a coordinated subbasin-wide program and an initial \$200,000 Dry Well Mitigation Fund. The updated program provides a single process for emergency, interim, and financial assistance when a domestic water supply well fails because of groundwater overdraft occurring after January 1, 2015. The amended program reinstates the six-month period for claims occurring between January 1, 2015 and August 12, 2026. The six-month period to submit claims for this timeframe will expire on February 12, 2027.

Program Overview

Although the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin has not experienced significant reported dry wells, the program establishes a proactive framework for claim review, interim drinking water, technical determinations, appeals, and applicant privacy. Program activities and funding needs will be reviewed annually and adjusted as experience and community needs develop.

Eligibility. The program applies to domestic well failures caused by declining groundwater levels, water-quality exceedances, or land subsidence when the condition resulted from overdraft pumping occurring after January 1, 2015. Water-quality claims require an exceedance of an applicable state or federal maximum contaminant level at the time of failure.

Outreach and application assistance. Authority and member GSA representatives distribute information through County Environmental Health Departments and GSA channels, develop a simple application, and assist residents with filing. The Authority may contract with nonprofit organizations for outreach or application support.

Interim water. Applicants presenting a reasonable facial complaint will receive bottled water for drinking and cooking while the claim is reviewed. For approved claims, interim water will continue until the selected mitigation is completed.

Technical review. Applications may be reviewed by a Technical Review Committee consisting of the applicable GSA district engineer, an Authority-retained licensed engineer, a county registered environmental health specialist, and a well-owner representative, agent, or environmental justice advocate.

Decision and mitigation. The committee may investigate records and retain technical specialists. It will prepare a technical memorandum within 15 days after receiving the application and requested supplemental information. The Executive Director will issue a written decision within 60 days after receiving the memorandum and may approve full or partial mitigation based on the extent to which overdraft pumping contributed to the failure.

Appeal. A claimant may appeal to the Authority Board Chair within 30 days after the Executive Director's decision is mailed. The Board will consider the appeal at the next eligible quarterly meeting and issue the Authority's final administrative decision.

Privacy and public meetings. Board consideration will occur in open session under the Brown Act. Public materials will identify applicants by application number and redact personal contact information and financial figures, as permitted by law.

Claim Administration

Applications may be submitted to the Authority through the San Joaquin County Director of Public Works by mail, in person, or by email at ESJgroundwater@sjgov.org. The Executive Director may summarily reject only those claims that can be resolved by replacing failed electrical or mechanical pump components without redrilling the well.

Claims accruing between January 1, 2015, and adoption of the updated policy must be filed within six months after adoption. Claims accruing afterward are subject to the limitations process and period stated in the program. The amended program reestablishes the six-month period for claims occurring between January 1, 2015 and August 12, 2026. The six-month period to submit claims for this timeframe will expire on February 12, 2027.

Fiscal Impact

The Dry Well Mitigation Fund was initially funded at \$200,000 in 2024. Funding is provided through member GSA dues allocated under the Authority's annual budget formula. The Board may replenish the fund through reserves, additional dues, the annual budget, or a budget amendment. If the fund balance falls below \$100,000, member GSAs will meet and confer in good faith regarding the funding mechanism, replenishment amount, and allocation methodology before replenishment.

Actual expenditures will depend on the number, technical complexity, and approved scope of claims, including interim bottled-water service, investigations, consultants, and long-term mitigation. Staff will review program activity and funding needs annually through the budgeting process.

Attachments

Resolution Adopting Program for Dry Domestic Well Mitigation

Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin Program for Domestic Well Mitigation (Draft dated July 31, 2026)

Draft Dry Domestic Well Mitigation Program Application

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN
GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION R-____-____

ADOPTING PROGRAM FOR DRY DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (“Authority”) is a Joint Powers Authority created by the 16 Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) overlying the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin to coordinate the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) and activities thereunder as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”).

WHEREAS, SGMA encourages GSAs to include in their GSP implementation measures that provide mitigation for undesirable results of overdraft, including the failure of domestic water supply wells due to overdraft pumping occurring after January 1, 2015;

WHEREAS, the GSAs in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin have not experienced significant dry well reports as reported by the State of California Dry Well Reporting System or as reported by individuals within the GSAs;

WHEREAS, nevertheless the GSA’s desire to establish a single program, to be operated through the Authority, that can be used to provide emergency, interim and long-term mitigation assistance for owners and other persons who experience a failure of a domestic water supply well due to overdraft pumping within the subbasin;

WHEREAS, the Authority adopted Resolution No. 24-02 on September 11, 2024, establishing the Program and the Fund described herein, and the Authority now desires to amend and restate Resolution No. 24-02 in its entirety as set forth in this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Authority that:

1. The attached Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin Program for Domestic Well Mitigation is hereby adopted and approved. The Program establishes the rules and procedures to be used by the Authority and its members to address mitigation for failure of domestic water supply wells caused by groundwater overdraft occurring after January 1, 2015.
2. The Program shall be implemented by the Authority and coordinated through the designated Executive Director.
3. The DRY WELL MITIGATION FUND (FUND) was initially funded in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) in 2024. Additional funding shall be raised from GSA Member dues as part of the Authority’s annual budget and apportioned to Member GSAs using the Authority’s annual budget allocation formula.
4. Program activities and funding needs shall be reviewed annually and updated as needed with the understanding that this is an evolving situation and there is a need to establish an initial Program and then adjust as the GSA Members learn more about the needs of the community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Robert J. Holmes
Chairman, Board of Directors
Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater
Authority

ATTEST: Najee Zarif
Secretary, Board of Directors
Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater
Authority

Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin Program for Domestic Well Mitigation

(draft 07/31/26, approved by the ESJGWA on _____)

1. **PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY LIMITS:** This Program provides emergency, interim and financial mitigation for domestic water supply wells that have been determined to have failed due to groundwater overdraft conditions occurring since January 1, 2015.
2. **DRY WELL MITIGATION FUND:** The Authority established in 2024 a DRY WELL MITIGATION FUND (FUND) with a funding target in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00).
 - 2.01 Initial funding shall be raised from GSA Member dues as part of the Authority's annual budget and apportioned to Member GSAs using the Authority's annual budget allocation formula.
 - 2.02 By action of the Authority Board of Directors, the Fund may be replenished by utilizing reserves or additional Member dues as part of the Authority's annual budgeting process or as a budget amendment.
 - 2.03 Should the Fund fall below ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00), GSA Members will meet and confer in good faith to determine the appropriate funding mechanism, replenishment amount, and GSA Member allocation methodology prior to Fund replenishment.
3. **PUBLIC OUTREACH AND CLAIMS ASSISTANCE:** Authority and GSA Members shall assign staff or representatives (collectively herein referred to as "staff") to engage in public outreach to give notice to domestic well owners and residents of their right to request assistance under this Program, and how to apply for assistance.
 - 3.01 **Outreach:** Staff will perform outreach to populations likely to require assistance under this Program and create fliers and website links to publicize this Program. Information shall be made available at appropriate locations such as County Environmental Health Departments and GSA offices. Information will be distributed to GSAs to make available via GSA websites, GSA social media channels and to their respective local organizations. The Authority may also contract with non-governmental organizations to assist with outreach.
 - 3.02 **Development of an Application for Assistance:** Staff will develop a simple application form for residents applying for assistance under this Program. Pertinent information submitted with the application form may include contact information, location of the well, age of the well, well construction information such as total depth of the well, screen intervals, annular seal depth, and date the well first failed to produce water or meet water quality standards. Applicants will be strongly urged to provide evidence such as official lab results related to water quality concerns, declarations from a licensed well driller identifying the cause of the well failure (if available), and all other evidence in applicant's possession that the failure was caused by overdraft pumping (i.e. depth to water measurements, nearby wells, etc.).

3.03 Filing Applications for Assistance: Staff will assist residents with filing the request for assistance called for in this Program. The Authority may also contract with non-governmental organizations to assist residents with filing claims.

3.04 Government Claims Act Notice: Filing an application under this Program does not constitute presentation of a claim under the California Government Claims Act (Government Code Section 900 et seq.) and does not extend, toll, or substitute for any deadline applicable to a claim against the Authority or a Member GSA, including the six-month presentation deadline under Government Code Section 911.2. This notice shall be printed conspicuously on the application form. Staff assisting an applicant under this Section shall not represent, orally or in writing, that filing an application preserves or extends any such deadline.

4. CLAIMS PROCESS:

4.01 Limitations Period: All claims brought under this Program must have accrued after January 1, 2015. Claims brought that accrued between January 1, 2015 and the adoption of this policy shall be brought within six months of the adoption of this policy. The limitations period for claims brought after the adoption of this policy shall be the limitations process and period provided by the California Government Tort Claims Act (Government Code Section 810 and following).

4.02 Technical Review Committee: A Technical Review Committee will be formed to review each application under this Policy. The Technical Review Committee shall consist of the following members:

4.02.1 The District Engineer for the GSA where the well is located.

4.02.2 A licensed engineer with hired by the Authority on an eligibility list prequalified through a request for qualifications process.

4.02.3 A registered Environmental Health Specialist from the County Environmental Health Department in which the well is located.

4.02.4 The well owner, agent (i.e. well driller, independent consultant, attorney, or designated representative), or environmental justice advocate selected from a list compiled by the ESJGWA Board of Directors.

5. Interim Remedies: The Authority will work with county Office of Emergency Services where the well is located, other non-governmental agencies, or directly with vendors to ensure the applicant is provided an interim water supply to all applicants with a reasonable facial complaint for damages. The Authority may elect to contract with a vendor to provide services. An interim water supply consists of bottled water intended to meet drinking water and cooking needs while the claim is reviewed and processed. If the claim is approved, the Authority will ensure that an interim water supply will continue until the selected mitigation is complete.

6. Claims Subject to Mitigation: The following claims are eligible for mitigation assistance under this Program:

6.01 Well Failures caused by declining water levels that were caused by overdraft pumping that occurred after January 1, 2015.

6.02 Well Failures due to water quality problems caused by overdraft pumping that occurred after January 1, 2015. Water quality problems means well water that exceeds State or Federal maximum contaminant levels at the time of the well failure. Water quality problems that are not the result of overdraft pumping shall not be subject to mitigation under this Program. Eligibility for an alternative water supply such as bottled water may be available through CV-Salts.

6.03 Well failure due to subsidence caused by overdraft pumping that occurred after January 1, 2015.

7. Claim Administration:

7.01 Notice of Claim: Claims must be submitted in the form of a completed application to:

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority
Director of Public Works, San Joaquin County
PO BOX 1810
Stockton, CA 95201

In-person:
Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority
Director of Public Works, San Joaquin County
1810 E. Hazelton Avenue
Stockton, CA 95201

Via Email:
ESJgroundwater@sjgov.org

7.02 The Executive Director of the Authority is authorized to summarily reject any claim if and only if, the well failure can be remedied by replacing failed electrical or mechanical pump components without needing to re-drill the well.

7.03 The Technical Review Committee shall have authority to conduct its own investigation of the evidence including contracting with hydrogeologists and well drillers, researching county well records and requesting records from the applicant.

7.04 The Technical Review Committee will draft a written technical memorandum recommending how, whether and to what extent to mitigate a claim, if any, within 15 days of receipt of the application together with any additional information requested by the Technical Review Committee.

7.05 The Technical Review Committee will forward its Technical Memorandum and Recommendation for funding/mitigation to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will issue a written decision on the Claim within 60 days of

receipt of the Technical Review Committee's memorandum. The written decision will be provided to the Claimant via mail at the address located in the Application on the date it is issued.

- 7.06** The Executive Director may decide to provide complete or partial mitigation for a particular Claim based on a determination of the percentage of responsibility for the well failure related to groundwater pumping as opposed to other contributing factors, such as the age or construction of the well.
- 7.07** A Claimant may appeal a decision of the Executive Director by submitting a written appeal to the GWA Board Chair within 30 days of the mailing date of the Executive Director's decision. The appeal shall contain a copy of the original application, the Technical Memorandum, and the Executive Director's decision, and shall state the basis for the appeal.
- 7.08** The GWA Board Chair shall agendize the appeal for the next quarterly GWA Board meeting that is at least 15 days after receipt of the appeal and provide written notice and the agenda to the appellant.
- 7.09** The GWA Board of Directors shall act on the appeal and issue a written decision. The decision of the GWA Board of Directors is final. There is no further administrative appeal within the Authority.
- 7.10 Open Session and Applicant Privacy:** All Board review, deliberation, and action on individual applications under this Section shall occur in open session in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.). No closed session shall be held for this purpose. To protect applicant privacy, agendas and materials distributed to the public shall refer to applicants by application number rather than by name, and shall redact personal contact information and financial figures from any writing made available to the public, consistent with Government Code Section 54957.5.

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority
Domestic Well Mitigation Program
Application for Assistance

Applicant Information	
Contact Name:	
Phone Number:	
Street Address:	
City, State, ZIP:	
Assessor Parcel Number (APN):	
Well Location (Approximate GPS Coordinates)	
Latitude:	Longitude:

Interim Water Supply	
Are You Requesting an Interim Water Supply?	Yes No
Number of Occupants in the Home:	

Well Construction Information	
Date Constructed (if Known) :	
Is a Well Completion Report (e.g. Driller's Log) Available?	Yes (Attach Record if Available) No
Casing/Well Depth (ft):	
Perforated/Screened Interval(s) Depth (ft):	
Annular Seal Depth (if known) (ft):	
Casing Material:	Casing Diameter (in):
<i>Please attach photos of the well with your application clearly showing the well location and appurtenances (e.g. tank, motor, etc.)</i>	

Pump Information (if Known)	
Pump/Intake Depth (ft):	
Pump Age (Known or Estimated):	
Typical Discharge Rate (gpm):	
Last Pump Test Date (Attach Record if Available):	
Last Service Date (Attach Record if Available):	

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Domestic Well Mitigation Program
Application for Assistance

Well Failure Information				
Date Failure Occurred:				
Issue:	No Flow	Pump Failure	Breaking Suction	Other
Comments/Description:				
Declaration of Well Driller and/or Pump Contractor				
<i>A declaration from a licensed well driller and/or pump contractor identifying and attesting to the cause of the well failure is not required, but may be included in the space below or attached to this application.</i>				
Contractor Company Name:				
Contact Name:		Contact Phone:		
Contractor Address:				
Contractor License Number:				
Signature:				

Applicant	
By signing this application, I am providing permission to access my property and agree to provide information relevant to the investigation of the well failure to the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority and member agency staff and its contractors as requested and/or as required in the Domestic Well Mitigation Policy adopted September 11, 2024. I certify that the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that there are penalties for willfully and knowingly giving false information on an application for Federal, State, and/or Local Agency funds.	
Print Name:	Date:
Signature:	

Please complete and return your application to the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority to either of the following:

By Email	By Mail
esjgroundwater@sjgov.org	Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority PO Box 1810 Stockton, CA 95201

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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](#).

Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program (~\$320 million available)

- [Draft guidelines are now available](#) for the Small GSA (under 10,000 AFY pumping, \$3.5 million in funding) & Technical Assistance (\$6.5 million available). Public comment period for the Draft guidelines ends September 30, 2026. Comments can be provided by emailing FinancialAssistance@water.ca.gov. Workshops will be held Sept 1, 11am – noon ([registration link here](#)) and September 22 10am- 11am ([registration link here](#)).
- Draft Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package for the full Proposition 4 SGMA Draft grant guidelines are expected to be released for public comment, concept proposals are expected to open early 2027, with full applications over summer 2027. Workshops to go over the draft guidelines are scheduled for the following dates (registration links are not yet available):
 - Tribal Public Comment Workshop: October 20, 2026 – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 - General Public Comment Workshop: November 5, 2026 – 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Watershed Resilience Grant Program (~\$60 million for conservation implementation and ~\$92 million for watershed resilience planning and projects)

- These funds will be distributed under 2 separate solicitations.
- Conservation Implementation-Capital projects with a water conservation benefit. Projects don't need to be listed in a Watershed Resilience Plan but must be selected by a "collaborative group" (definition forthcoming in the Guidelines). Draft Guidelines/PSP expected early fall; concept proposals early 2027, full applications spring 2027.
 - Tribal Public Comment Workshop, October 12, 2026, 10am-12pm, [Register here](#)
 - General Public Comment Workshop, October 22, 2026, 1pm-3pm, [Register here](#)
- Watershed Resilience Planning+ (~\$92 million for projects) – Grantees will work collaboratively across their watershed to develop a Watershed Resilience Plan and then use funding to implement the top-priority project(s) identified by that plan. Draft Guidelines/PSP expected this winter; concept proposals late 2027, followed by full applications.

A joint workshop for the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program](#) and the [Watershed Resilience Grant Program](#) was held April 30, 2026. The recording and slides for this workshop are available on these 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](#).

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- 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

2026-2027 Recharge Readiness Webinar Series

DWR, Sustainable Conservation, and the Flood-MAR Network are co-hosting this webinar series to share information about recently completed guidance, projects, and case studies to help recharge project planners and implementers (growers and local agencies, in particular) prepare for the wet season ahead. These webinars will be held twice monthly on the second and fourth Thursday at 11 am Pacific beginning on August 27, 2026. Please see the [accompanying flyer](#) for dates and topics for each meeting. Zoom register link: tinyurl.com/Recharge26-27

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 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 [available here](#).

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

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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 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.

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](#),

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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 fall 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 has moved to the SGMA Portal July of 2026

The Department is completed integration of 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](#), a [Voluntary Submodule User Manual](#) and a [batch import user manual can be found here](#). If you have questions, please check out the CASGEM webpage ([here](#)) or send your questions CASGEM@water.ca.gov.

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

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'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.

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.