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Board of Directors

AGENDA

Wednesday, April 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. SGMA Portal Update and Data Management Approach – Executive Director
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V. Action Items

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- B. Cancel May 8, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting

VI. Authority Staff/Agency Reports

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VII. Directors' Comments and Project Status Reports

VIII. Adjournment

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Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

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Next Meeting

June 10, 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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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: April 8, 2026

TO: ESJGWA Board of Directors
FROM: Julia Berry, Executive Director
SUBJECT: SGMA Portal Updates and Data Management Approach
DATE: March 31, 2026

Recommendation

This report is provided for informational purposes only. No Board action or recommendation is requested at this time.

Background

As part of DWR's review of the 2024 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Amendment, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) asked the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGWA) to simplify its Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Portal to include only wells in the Representative Monitoring Network (RMN).

Previously, the SGMA Portal included approximately 172 ESJGWA wells. Following coordination with DWR, the SGMA Portal was streamlined to include approximately 53 wells that make up the RMN. By focusing the SGMA Portal on the RMN, it creates a cleaner, more consistent dataset for regulatory review.

Many of the wells removed from the SGMA Portal as part of this effort are part of the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program and will continue to be monitored and reported online.

DWR staff have advised that CASGEM wells are expected to be integrated back into the SGMA Portal in July 2026 and will be organized under a separate tab where individual GSAs can upload their data. GSAs are encouraged to continue collecting and uploading this information. Maintaining consistent, long-term groundwater level and water quality data is important for overall basin management. This is especially important in cases where a well currently included in the RMN becomes unavailable, inaccessible, or otherwise unusable. Maintaining a broader pool of monitored wells will allow the Authority to replace wells in the RMN as needed, with wells outside of the network, and ensure that the network remains representative and up to date over time.

Project Status

In response to DWR’s request, staff worked closely with Woodard & Curran and DWR to clean up the SGMA Portal to include only wells in the RMN. This was a coordinated effort to make sure the data in the Portal matches what was promised in the 2024 GSP Amendment.

Table 1 shows the wells that currently make up the RMN. In total, there are 53 wells spread across the GSAs in the basin. These are the wells that will be used for compliance and reporting purposes.

Table 2 shows the wells that are still monitored but are not part of the RMN. These wells continue to provide useful supplemental information about basin conditions, even though they are not part of the formal network used by DWR for evaluation.

Detailed information of which wells are in the RMN and which have been removed from the SGMA Portal will be provided to GSA staff. This document is merely an overview of actions taken.

Additional monitoring wells are currently being installed with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Once these wells are completed, they may be considered for inclusion in the RMN network.

Table 1. ESJGWA Representative Monitoring Network (RMN)

GSA	# of Wells
Central Delta Water Agency	3
Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District	2
City of Lodi	1
City of Manteca	4
City of Stockton	7
Eastside San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	7
Linden County Water District	2
Lockeford Community Water District	2
North San Joaquin Water Conservation District	4
Oakdale Irrigation District	3
San Joaquin County No. 1	7
San Joaquin County No. 2 / California Water Service Company	3
South Delta Water Agency	0
South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	2
Stockton East Water District	2
Woodbridge Irrigation District	4
Total	53

Table 2. ESJGWA Monitored Wells Outside of the Representative Monitoring Network

GSA	# of Wells
Central Delta Water Agency	9
Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District	13
City of Lodi	34
City of Manteca	1
City of Stockton	1
Eastside San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	21
Linden County Water District	0
Lockeford Community Water District	0
North San Joaquin Water Conservation District	16
Oakdale Irrigation District	8
San Joaquin County No. 1	4
San Joaquin County No. 2 / California Water Service Company	23
South Delta Water Agency	0
South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	1
Stockton East Water District	0
Woodbridge Irrigation District	4
Total	135

Next Steps / Data Management Approach

In 2026, how data from the March monitoring event is recorded and reported will be determined by the RMN distinction and if wells are within the RMN network or outside of it.

For wells within the RMN, GSAs who upload their data to the SGMA Portal will continue doing so. If any GSAs need assistance with uploads, staff are available to help ensure that all data is submitted accurately and on time.

For wells that are outside of the RMN, there are two category considerations as some wells are part of the CASGEM program and some are not. For CASGEM wells, GSAs can send their data to the Executive Director, who will forward it to DWR to upload it to the CASGEM Portal. The second option is to upload it directly if they have CASGEM login access. As long as the data is submitted to the CASGEM Portal, either approach will be satisfactory.

The second category covers wells outside of the RMN that are not part of the CASGEM program. GSAs are encouraged to continue collecting and maintaining data from these wells, as they provide valuable supplemental information about basin conditions.

Beginning with the Fall 2026 monitoring event, the Authority will transition to a more centralized well monitoring approach. ESJGWA will contract with Condor Environmental to conduct samplings for RMN wells, and Condor will upload the data to the SGMA Portal on behalf of the GSAs. This approach is intended to simplify the process, reduce the administrative burden on GSAs, and improve consistency across the dataset.



Meeting Date: April 8, 2026

TO: ESJGWA Board of Directors
FROM: Julia Berry, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Proposed ESJGWA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and Member Cost Allocation
Date: April 2, 2026

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the ESJGWA Board of Directors review the proposed ESJGWA FY 2026-2027 Budget totaling \$3,357,000 in appropriations to be offset by revenues including a carryover of the existing fund balance with no increase to the proposed GSA Member Dues in the amount of \$664,753.

The proposed Budget is presented to the ESJGWA Board with direction for each GSA to go back to their respective board or council for feedback with the expectation to return on June 10, 2026, to adopt the proposed Budget. In accordance with the ESJGWA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Article 4.7.a., the proposed Budget must be approved by a Supermajority Vote defined as two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors present.

Reasons for Recommendation

The ESJGWA Ad Hoc Executive Committee reviewed and recommended the presentation of the attached budget at a February 27, 2026 meeting.

The total proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget is a balanced budget, totaling \$3,357,000 in appropriations, offset by a projected carryover of \$2,652,878 from the fund balance, \$225,000 contribution from San Joaquin County Water Investigation Zone No. 2, and \$664,753 in GSA Member Contributions.

The proposed Budget for the next fiscal year assumes staff services provided by San Joaquin County transition to the Executive Director with the exception of *Budget Item 15 - Meetings (Clerk and Records)* and *Budget Item 16 - Budget, Contracting and Accounting*. Article 4.10 of the Joint Powers Authority Agreement designates “the County of San Joaquin to serve as administrator and secretary of, and keeper of records for, the Authority.” Secondly, Article 5.7 reads “The Treasurer of the County of San Joaquin shall (i) be the depositary of the Authority, (ii.) have custody of all funds of the Authority, and (iii) have the duties and obligations of the Treasurer...” In accordance with the Agreement, these duties will continue to be performed in partnership with County staff at the direction of the Executive Director.

The budget also assumes the unrestricted portion of the fund balance will be spent in full on July 1, 2027, and the restricted portion of the fund balance is expected to total \$400,000 with \$200,000

reserved for the Domestic Well Mitigation Program and \$200,000 reserved for the 2030 GSP/Periodic Evaluation.

The proposed budget is funded in part by the collection of GSA Member Dues which will not increase in 2026-2027 from the prior year. The proposed amount to be allocated among the 16 GSAs is \$664,753. The allocation formula is based on both groundwater pumping and population and has been in use by ESJGWA since 2019.

FY 2026-2027 Recommended GSA Member Allocation						
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%

Attachments

Proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget

ESJGWA Budget 2026-27 DRAFT PROPOSAL
As of April 2, 2026

		PROPOSED 2026-27 BUDGET					APPROVED 2025-26 BUDGET		
		Vendor				Total	Vendor		
		Contract	County	ED	TOTAL	YTD 2/28	Contract	County	TOTAL
						Actuals			
1	Fund Balance (with ARPA Grant)				2,652,878	2,652,878			2,652,878
2	GWA GSA Cost Allocation				664,753	664,752			664,753
3	Other Gov't Aid from Zone 2				225,000				225,000
4	State (DWR) Sustainable GW Grant				-				
5	Interest Income					88,216			
6	Rebates and Refunds								
7	Total Fiscal Year Revenue				889,753	752,968			889,753
8	Expenses								
9	Professional Services						-	-	-
10	Professional Services - Executive Director (ED)	350,000			350,000	128,068	324,000	-	324,000
11	GW Acctg/Net Impact Model - Zanjero	150,000			150,000		150,000		150,000
12	GW Data Collection/Monitor - Condor	154,000		15,000	169,000	47,538	100,000	15,000	115,000
13	Annual Report - W&C	83,000			83,000	12,239	80,000		80,000
14	Engineering Services	50,000			50,000				
15	Budget, Contract Admin & Acctg		65,000		65,000	32,801		65,000	65,000
16	Meetings (Clerk & Records)		35,000		35,000	6,702		35,000	35,000
17	Subsidence Surveying - KSN	25,000		10,000	35,000	15,334	25,000	10,000	35,000
18	Professional Services GWA Legal - Andy P	30,000			30,000	10,413	30,000		30,000
19	Model Dev & Support (Portal) - W&C	30,000			30,000		15,000		15,000
20	Domestic Well Mitigation			25,000	25,000			25,000	25,000
21	Professional Services Public Outreach	15,000			15,000		15,000		15,000
22	Website Management & Updates	5,000			5,000	1,501	10,000		10,000
23	2025 GSP Update				-	11,243			
24	Professional Services County Legal	-			-	855			-
25	Professional Services PW Admin				-	725			-
26	Postage	-			-	10	1,000		1,000
27	Supplies	-			-		500		500
28	Office Expense	-			-		500		500
29	Rent Structures & Grounds	-			-		5,000		5,000
30	Auditor's Payroll & A/P Charges	-			-		1,000		1,000
31	ARPA Grant								
32	ARPA - Monitoring Imprvmts (New Wells)	1,363,535			1,363,535	136,465	1,500,000		1,500,000
33	ARPA - Instrumentation Implmt (Telemetry)	350,000			350,000		350,000		350,000
34	ARPA - Data Mgmt System Implementation	125,000		25,000	150,000		125,000	25,000	150,000
35	ARPA - Monitoring Network Evaluation			50,000	50,000			50,000	50,000
36	Total Expenses	2,730,535	100,000	125,000	2,955,535	403,891	2,732,000	225,000	2,957,000
37	Reserves - GSP Update				200,000				200,000
38	Reserves - Well Mitigation Program Fund				200,000				200,000
39	Total Expenses with Reserves				3,355,535	403,891			3,357,000
40	Fund Balance with Reserves				187,096	3,001,955			185,631

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 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 Robert Holmes.

In attendance were Directors and Alternates: Richard Wagner, Dante Momellini, Travis Kahrs, Regina Lackey, Christy McKinnon, Myron Blanton, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Scot Moody, Paul Canepa, Keith Bussman, Secretary Najee Zarif, Vice Chairperson Mel Panizza, and Chairperson Robert Holmes

Directors Absent: Craig Stevens, George Biagi, Alan Nakanishi, Michael Blower, Gary Tofanelli, and Dean Ruiz

Members of the Public in attendance: Julia D. Berry, Steve Schwabauer, Gavin Cline, Mary Elizabeth, Brittany Harker, Alex Chetley, Ashley Couch, A. Renshaw, E. Mijango, Chelsea Spier, Nancy Munoz, Melissa Anna, Jennifer Spaletta, and Louie Brichetto Jr.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Elizabeth and Louie Brichetto Jr. provided public comments.

IV. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Director Bussman, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mel Panizza to adopt the minutes from the meeting on February 11, 2026. The motion carried with Mike Henry and Paul Canepa abstaining.

2. Kleinfelder – ARPA Grant and Scope of Work

Joe Zilles from Kleinfelder shared an update on the ARPA Grant and Scope of Work. There are no changes to the \$2.1 million in the budget from Federal Grant Funding for monitoring implementation, instrumentation implementation, monitoring network evaluation, and data management system/project management. He gave updates on projects in North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, Stockton East Water District, Central Delta Water Agency, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Eastside San Joaquin. Grant funds will be

used to drill monitoring wells, outfit wells with telemetry and implement a data management system to capture well data in the basin. Project management is shared by the Executive Director and Kleinfelder, while the Executive Director will head up the data management system development and Kleinfelder will manage the well placement, drilling and instrumentation.

3. Net Groundwater Impact – Scope of Work

A motion was made by Director Colombini, seconded by Director Panizza to authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to enter into an agreement, in a form approved by General Counsel, with Zanjero to provide consulting services to draft a net groundwater impact program for the basin. The motion carried.

V. Authority Staff/Agency Reports

1. Julia D. Berry, Executive Director (ED), reminded the group that Form 700s are due by April 1, 2026. In addition, she shared Woodard & Curran will provide a draft of the Annual Report by the end of the week; comments should be submitted promptly, with a deadline for comments of March 21, 2026. The ED shared the SGMA portal required data cleanup, which was completed.

The ED shared that Woodard & Curran will present the Annual Report at an upcoming board meeting. Woodard & Curran are developing standardized protocols for data submissions to the SGMA Portal, cleaning up data gaps reduced the number of wells represented in the SGMA Portal, to include only the Representative Monitoring Wells.

GSAs are on track to receive the draft budget in April and ahead of schedule for adoption in May.

2. Chelsea Spier, Department of Water Resources shared Senate Bill 107, which will allow for funds under Prop 4 to bypass some permitting processes, thereby reducing the time to get projects shovel ready.

VI. Directors' Comments and Project Status

No Directors comments were recorded.

VII. Adjournment at 12:16 p.m.

March 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](#). There is a bill under consideration, AB 35, that if passed would significantly shorten program development timeline. There will be public scoping meetings to inform the program in 2026, which will be announced through the list serve linked above.

Save the Date: Joint Workshop for the Proposition 4 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program & Watershed Resilience Grant Program April 30, 2026, 9am – noon. This will be a joint workshop on the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program](#) and the [Watershed Resilience Grant Program](#). This virtual workshop will provide 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.

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 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.

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

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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.

No action is required at this time. With the updated schedule, CASGEM Monitoring Entities and Online System users do not need to take any steps between now and July 2026. CASGEM Monitoring Entities and Online System users should submit their Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 data through the CASGEM Online System as normal.

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.

DWR releases provisional WY 2024 statewide land use data

DWR has officially released [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 15 million acres of land were classified (including agriculture multi-cropping instances and urban categories) using tools

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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.

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

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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.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the [Fall 2024 Semi-Annual Groundwater Conditions Update](#), which provides a look back at groundwater conditions following California's historic 2023 Water Year and an average 2024 Water Year. It also summarizes groundwater conditions over the first 10 years of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation (2014-2024).