

Sustainable Groundwater Management Program

Informational Update

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Presentation Overview

- **SGMP Update**
 - **Alternative Assessments**
 - **GSP Submittal Workshops**
 - **Update on Assistance Programs**

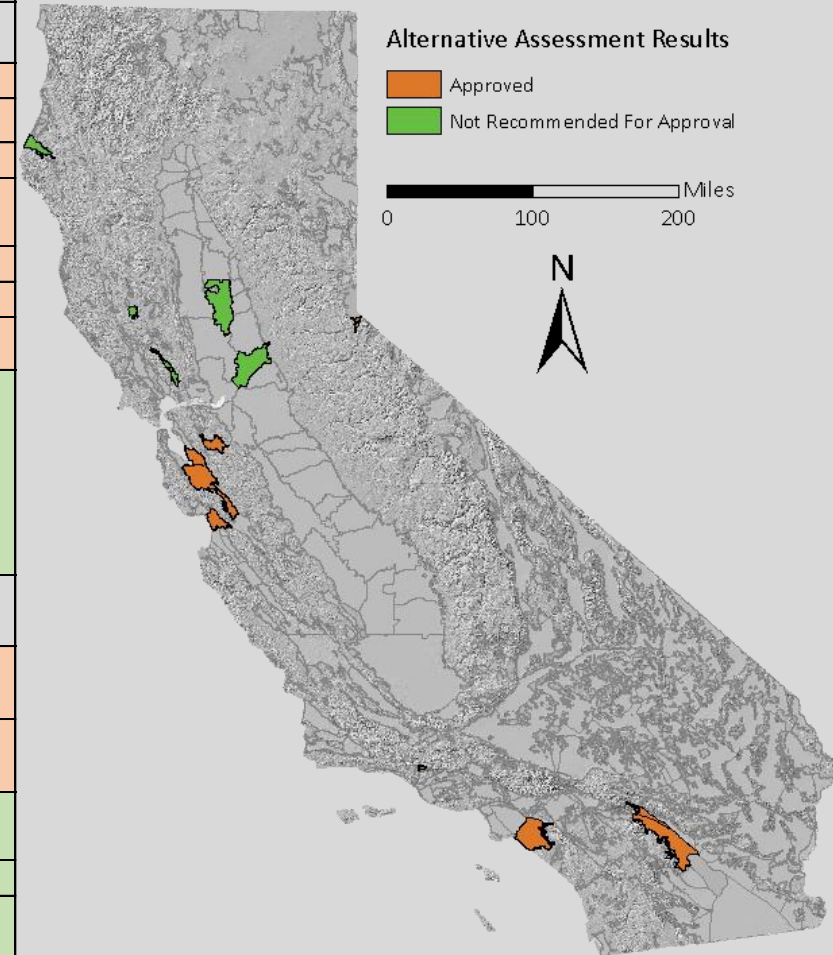
Alternative Evaluation and Assessment Update

Alternatives

- Local agencies can submit an alternative for evaluation and assessment if they believe it satisfies the objectives of SGMA
- Alternatives can be one of the following:
 1. An existing groundwater management plan
 2. Management pursuant to an adjudication action
 3. An analysis of basin conditions demonstrating operation within the sustainable yield for a period of at least 10 years (10-year analysis)

Alternative Status

Status	Submitting Agency	Basin
Existing Groundwater Management Plan		
Approved	Alameda County Water District	Santa Clara Valley - Niles Cone
	Coachella Valley Water District	Coachella Valley - Indio
	Coachella Valley Water District	Coachella Valley - Mission Creek
	Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency	Corralitos - Pajaro Valley
	Santa Clara Valley Water District	Santa Clara Valley - Santa Clara
	Santa Clara Valley Water District	Gilroy-Hollister Valley - Llagas Area
	South Tahoe Public Utility District	Tahoe Valley - Tahoe South
Not Recommended for Approval	Lake County Watershed Protection District	Big Valley
10-Year Sustainable Yield Analysis		
Approved	Orange County Water District	Coastal Plain of Orange County
	Zone 7 Water Agency	Livermore Valley
Not Recommended for Approval	Humboldt County Public Works Department	Eel River Valley
	Napa County	Napa-Sonoma Valley - Napa Valley
	Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency	Ojai Valley
	Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority	Sacramento Valley - South American
	Sutter County	Sacramento Valley - Sutter



Alternatives – Next Steps

- Basins with approved alternatives:
 - Implementation
 - Annual Reports
 - Five-Year Update
- Basins with alternatives not recommended for approval:
 - Period of time to respond to Department staff recommendation
 - If alternative is ultimately not approved: adopt a GSP by the statutory deadline

GSP Submittal Workshops

New GSP Reporting System

- Similar to existing reporting systems on SGMA Portal
- Guidance Materials
- Three Workshops in August:
 - August 20, 2:00 PM: Fresno
 - August 21, 9:00 AM: Bakersfield
 - August 22, 12:30 PM: Webcast

Update on Assistance Programs

Technical Assistance

1. Guidance and Education

- Best Management Practices
- Guidance Documents
- Fact Sheets and Reports (B-118)



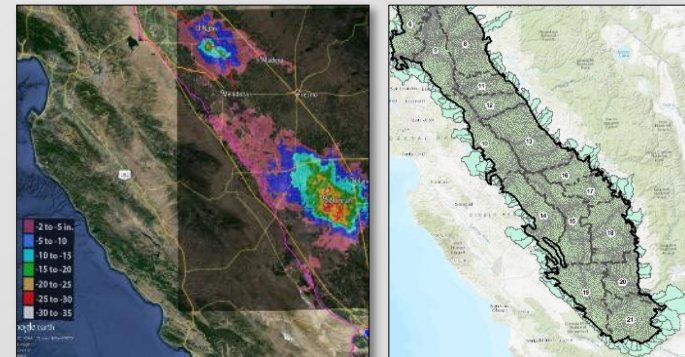
2. Technical Support Services

- Available to GSAs
- Can help fill data gaps
 - Field Activities
 - Modeling and Tools



3. Statewide Datasets and Tools

- C2VSim Fine Grid Beta 2.0 – Available now



Planning Assistance

GSA Engagement

- DWR Regional Office staff assigned as Points of Contact (POCs) for each high- and medium- priority basin/Subbasin
- POCs and Regional Coordinators engage with GSAs during GSP development

Facilitation Support Services

- DWR makes facilitators available to locals
- Services Offered:
 - Stakeholder identification and engagement
 - Public outreach facilitation
 - GSA meeting facilitation
 - Consensus building

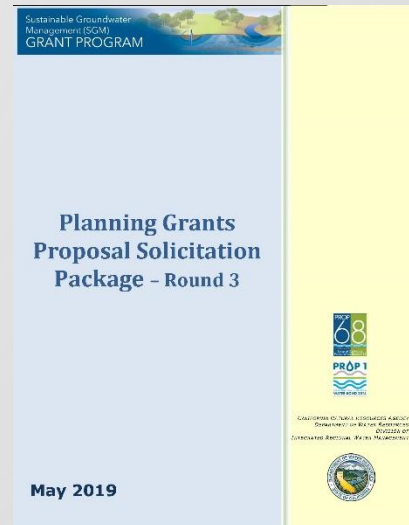
Financial Assistance

Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Planning Grant Program

- Activities that support the development of a GSP
- Rounds 1 and 2 funding by Proposition 1
 - Round 1, Feb. 2016: \$6.7M awarded to counties with stressed basins
 - Round 2, April 2018: \$85.8M awarded across all 78 applicants
 - \$16.2 M for projects benefiting Severely DACs
 - \$69.6 M for developing GSPs

Round 3 SGM Planning

- ~\$50M available (Prop 1 and Prop 68)
- Solicitation Opens: September 2019
- Eligible Projects: activities that support the development of a GSP
- Eligible Applicants
 - GSAs or GSA Member Agencies
 - DWR encourages partnering with stakeholders and non-member agencies of GSA (RCDs, NGOs, Tribes, etc.)
- Minimum Grant Amount
 - New Applicants: \$400k
 - Previously Awarded Applicants: \$200k
- Maximum Grant Amount
 - New Applicants: \$2M per basin (more for sole GSA over multiple basins)
 - Previously Awarded Applicants: diff. between previous award for GSP development and Max amount



Round 1 SGM Implementation

- At least **\$88M** available
- Tentative Schedule: Draft PSP – early 2021
- Eligible Projects: projects and programs that will assist GSAs implement a GSP
- Eligible Applicants:
 - GSAs/GSA member agencies from a high/medium priority basin with:
 - An adopted GSP submitted to DWR for review and deemed complete by DWR or
 - An approved Alternative to a GSP

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