



Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

Wednesday April 13, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Teleconference Only

Call-In Information Provided Below

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Safety Announcement/Roll Call** (*Please remember to keep your phone line muted and unmute when announcing yourself for attendance or speaking)
- II. Scheduled Items -**
 - A. Discussion / Action Items:
 1. Approval of the March 9, 2022, Meeting Minutes ([Attachment 1 – Page 4](#))
 2. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Resolution R-22-XX Determining to Conduct Meetings Using Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code 54953 as Amended by AB 361 ([Attachment 2 - Page 16](#))
 3. GWA Committee Assignments
 4. FY 2022-23 Budget Discussion, Approach, Programs and Schedule
 5. DWR Comments and GWA Response - Status Report and Direction
 6. Funding and Financing Options
- III. Staff/DWR Reports**
 - A. Staff Reports
 1. Legislation
 2. Executive Order N-7-22 ([Attachment 3 - Page 18](#))
 3. Grants and Funding
 - B. DWR Report ([Attachment 4 – Page 24](#))
- IV. Directors' Comments and Project Status Reports**
- V. Public Comment (non-agendized items)**
- VI. Future Agenda Items**
- VII. Adjournment**

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

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Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Action may be taken on any item

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Important Notice Regarding COVID 19 and Closure of Board Chambers to the Public During Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors Meetings

On March 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 recognizing that COVID 19 continues to spread throughout our community resulting in serious and ongoing economic harm. Governor Newsom has therefore waived certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act relating to public participation and attendance at public meetings.

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Officer, *effective immediately* and while social distancing measures are imposed, Board chambers will be closed to the public during the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Board of Directors Meetings.

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus, the following options are available to members of the public to listen to these meetings and provide comments to the Board of Directors before and during the meeting:

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2. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Please submit your comment to the Clerk/Secretary of the Board at kmsmith@sjgov.org. Your comment will be shared with the Board members and placed into the record at the meeting. Every effort will be made to read comments received during the meeting into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Comments received after an agenda item will be made part of the record if received prior to the end of the meeting.

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2022

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

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board Teleconference meeting convened, and Chairman Chuck Winn called the meeting to order, via the online Microsoft Teams Meeting platform, at 10:33 a.m. on March 9, 2022. The meeting was Teleconference only.

Chairman Winn led the agenda.

Mrs. Kristy Smith with San Joaquin County conducted the roll call.

In attendance were Chairman Chuck Winn; Vice Chairman Mel Panizza; Secretary Kris Balaji; Directors Jeremiah Mecham, David Breitenbucher, Dan Wright, Gary Tofanelli, Mike Henry, Tom Flinn, Eric Thorburn, John Herrick, Robert Holmes; Alternate Directors Dante Nomellini, Reid Roberts, Charlie Swimley, Douglas Smith.

II. Scheduled Items

A. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Approval of the February 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Winn called for the approval of minutes of the meeting on February 9, 2022. There were no comments by the GWA Board members and no comments by the public.

Motion:

Director John Herrick moved, and Director Dan Wright second, approval of the February 9, 2022 minutes. Roll Call Vote was conducted, the motion passed.
Director Gary Tofanelli abstained.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Resolution R-22-XX Determining to Conduct Meetings Using Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code 54953 as Amended by AB 361

Chairman Winn asked for a motion to approve the Resolution Determining to Conduct Meetings Using Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code 54953 as Amended by AB 361.

Motion:

Director John Herrick moved, and Director Eric Thorburn second, adoption of the resolution R-22-XX. Roll Call Vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Accept the WY 2021 Annual report and Authorize the Secretary to Submit the Document to DWR by the April 1st Deadline

Mr. Matt Zidar of San Joaquin County (SJC) provided the Board an overview of the draft Annual Report highlights, via the Executive Summary, noting the report contains information on groundwater elevation

data and extraction information, surface water supply used, or available, total water used, changes in groundwater storage and progress in plan implementation.

Mr. Zidar provided information on the seasonal high and low data for groundwater elevation and the total dissolved solids (TDS) reported. Information on the ESJIWRM Update was provided, noting the model was used to meet related SGMA requirements for information to be included in the WY 2021 annual report. Mr. Zidar reviewed information related to annual groundwater storage and pumping, noting groundwater use by acre foot (AF) and recharge or in-lieu use data. Additionally discussed was the data on surface water deliveries (AF) and total water use (AF). Mr. Zidar provided details on the sustainable management criteria (SMC), noting groundwater levels were within or above the minimum thresholds, there was a decrease in groundwater storage observed, but no water quality data issues or observance of subsidence. Additionally, the Status of Projects and Management Actions section of the annual report was discussed, noting some of the working projects being Lake Grupe in-lieu recharge, SEWD surface water expansion, NSJWCD south system, City of Stockton infrastructure project, DREAM project, City of Escalon wastewater, and SSJID pressurization project.

Mr. Zidar noted the the Annual Report document, GSP Annual Report Elements Guide, and the DWR Data Upload Templates were all submitted to DWR by the April 1, 2022 deadline. Staff is recommending acceptance of the Annual Report and seeking authorization to submit the document to DWR. Director Henry asked if the PDF slides shown would be provided, for review with individual Boards and GSA stakeholders. Mr. Zidar will provide to the members.

Chairman Winn noted that he would like to see a section in future reports for the cost of projects, funding mechanisms, and/or funding needed.

Motion:

Director Dan Wright moved, Director Jeremiah Mecham second, to acceptance the report and authorize the Secretary to submit the document to DWR by the April 1st deadline. Roll Call Vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Proposed Resolution to Amend the FY 2021-22 Budget and Authorize Task order No. 6 to Woodard & Curran

Mr. Zidar provided an overview of the proposed amendment to the 2021-22 approved budget, reviewing the detailed Staff Report provided to the members. Mr. Zidar noted the proposed budget adjustment would move \$100,000.00 from the Water Accounting Framework (WAF) and Funding & Financing line item and put it into the Responses to DWR Comments line. This budget move will allow for the Secretary to issue Task Order No. 6 to be issued to Woodard & Curran for additional work on the DWR Comment Response process. This does not increase the overall budget or require use of reserves. Future funding for the WAF will be included in the FY 22-23 budget.

Motion:

Alternate Director Charlie Swimley moved, Director Robert Holmes second, approval of the resolution to amend the FY 2021-22 Budget and authorize task order No. 6 to Woodard & Curran. Roll Call Vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

Additional discussion occurred on the status of the DWR Comment Responses, noting a need for additional Ad-Hoc Committee and Legal/Policy meetings to discuss items and meetings with DWR as well.

5. Budget Discussion, FY 2022-23 Priorities and Planned Activities

Mr. Zidar provided an overview of the upcoming FY 2022-23 Budget Planning efforts and the discussions needed. Mr. Zidar requested input from the GSAs on planned activity or GWA expectations, to be accounted for while planning the 2022-23 budget.

The group discussed the use of the Mokelumne River Water Right Application and moving that forward to help support project plans using that water right.

Additionally noted, was the need for the group to stay focused on the DWR Comments responses and the need to coordinate the Ad Hoc Committees and keep the process moving.

Director Tom Flinn addressed the funding mechanism and discussion on the amount each GSA will be contributing to the budget. Director Flinn noted that the NSJWCD Board has discussed the Zone 2 Budget covering project costs, and they would like the Zone 2 Budget presented to the GWA Board prior to being approved by the SJC Board of Supervisors.

III. Staff and DWR Reports

A. Staff Report

None Provided.

B. DWR Report

Ms. Chelsea Spier with DWR advised that she did not have any updates to her monthly report, included in the agenda package.

IV. Directors' Comments

None Provided.

V. Public Comment

None Provided.

VI. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:

Mr. Zidar noted that future agenda items would include the following:

- FY 2022-23 Budget
- DWR Comment Response Process and Progress

Director Holmes questioned the group's desire to return to in-person meetings. Chairman Winn noted that he did not see any issue with returning to in-person meetings or a hybrid approach.

VII. Adjournment:

Chairman Winn adjourned the March 9, 2022 meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting:

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Location TBD

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

March 9, 2022

Roll Call

Agency Name	Director First	Director Last	Alternate First	Alternate Last
Cal Water	Jeremiah	Mecham		
Central Delta Water Agency	George	Biagi, Jr.	Dante	Nomellini
Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District	Grant	Thompson	Reid	Roberts <i>late</i>
City of Lodi	Alan	Nakanishi	Charlie	Swimley
City of Manteca	David	Breitenbucher		
City of Stockton	Dan	Wright	Mel Paul	Lytle Canepa
Eastside San Joaquin GSA	Gary	Tofanelli	Russ	Thomas
Linden County Water District	Myron	Blanton	Douglas	Smith
Lockeford Community Services District	Mike	Henry	Joseph Eric	Salzman Schmid
North San Joaquin Water Conservation District	Tom	Flinn <i>late</i>	Joe	Valente
Oakdale Irrigation District	Eric	Thorburn, P.E.		
South Delta Water Agency	John	Herrick, Esq.	Jerry	Robinson
South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Robert	Holmes	Brandon	Nakagawa
Woodbridge Irrigation District	Andy	Christensen		
San Joaquin County Public Works Secretary (1)	Kris	Balaji		
Stockton East Water District Vice Chair (2)	Melvin	Panizza	Andrew	Watkins
San Joaquin County Chairman (3)	Chuck	Winn	Kathy	Miller

Quorum



**EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN
GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

**Joint Exercise of Powers
Board of Directors Meeting**

MEMBER SIGN-IN SHEET

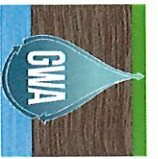
Location: Teleconference Call Only Date: 03/09/2022 Time: 10:30 AM

INITIAL	Member's Name	GSA	Phone	Email
Present	Jeremiah Mecham	Cal Water Member		jmecham@calwater.com
	George Biagi, Jr.	Central Delta Water Agency Member	209-481-5201	gbiagi@deltabluegrass.com
Present	Dante Nomellini	Central Delta Water Agency Alternate	209-465-5883	ngmplcs@pacbell.net
	Grant Thompson	Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Member	209-639-1580	gtom@velociter.net
Present	Reid Roberts	Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Alternate	209-941-8714	reidwroberts@gmail.com
	Alan Nakanishi	City of Lodi Member	209-333-6702	anakanishi@lodi.gov
Present	Charlie Swimley	City of Lodi Alternate	209-333-6706	cswimley@lodi.gov
Present	David Breitenbucher	City of Manteca Member	209-456-8017	dbreitenbucher@ci.manteca.ca.us
		City of Manteca Alternate		
Present	Dan Wright	City of Stockton Member	209-937-5614	Dan.Wright@stocktonca.gov
	Paul Canepa	City of Stockton Alternate	209-603-7091	Paul.Canepa@stocktonca.gov
	Mel Lytle	City of Stockton Alternate		Mel.Lytle@stocktonca.gov
Present	Gary Tofanelli	Eastside San Joaquin GSA Member		gtofanelli@co.calaveras.ca.us
	Russ Thomas	Eastside San Joaquin GSA Alternate	209-480-8968	russ.thomas@ccwd.org

INITIAL	Member's Name	GSA	Phone	Email
	Myron Blanton	Linden County Water District Member	209-351-0242	mvronapp@gmail.com
Present	Douglas Smith	Linden County Water District Alternate		
Present	Mike Henry	Lockeford Community Services District Member	209-712-4014	midot@att.net
	Joseph Salzman	Lockeford Community Services District Alternate	209-727-5035	lcsd@softcom.net
	Eric Schmid	Lockeford Community Services District Alternate	209-727-5035	lcsd@softcom.net
Present	Tom Flinn	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Member	209-663-8760	tomflinn2@me.com
	Joe Valente	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Alternate	209-334-4786	jvalente@softcom.net
Present	Eric Thorburn, P.E.	Oakdale Irrigation District Member	209-840-5525	ethorburn@oakdaleirrigation.com
		Oakdale Irrigation District Alternate		
Present	Chuck Winn	San Joaquin County Member	209-953-1160	cwinn@sigov.org
	Kathy Miller	San Joaquin County Alternate	209-953-1161	kmiller@sigov.org
Present	John Herrick, Esq.	South Delta Water Agency Member	209-224-5854	jherrlaw@aol.com
	Jerry Robinson	South Delta Water Agency Alternate	209-471-4025	N/A
Present	Robert Holmes	South San Joaquin GSA Member	209-484-7678	rholmes@ssjid.com
Present	Brandon Nakagawa	South San Joaquin GSA Alternate	209-249-4613	bnakagawa@ssjid.com
Present	Melvin Panizza	Stockton East Water District Member	209-948-0333	melpanizza@aol.com
Present	Andrew Watkins	Stockton East Water District Alternate	209-484-8591	watkins.andrew@verizon.net
	Anders Christensen	Woodbridge Irrigation District Member	209-625-8438	widirrigation@gmail.com
		Woodbridge Irrigation District Alternate		

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Staff & Support

INITIAL	Member's Name	Organization	Phone	Email
Present	Kris Balaji	San Joaquin County	468-3100	kbalaji@sigov.org
Present	Fritz Buchman	San Joaquin County	468-3034	fbuchman@sigov.org
Present	Matt Zidar	San Joaquin County	953-7460	mzidar@sigov.org
Present	Glenn Prasad	San Joaquin County	468-3089	grasad@sigov.org
	Alicia Connelly	San Joaquin County	468-3531	aconnelly@sigov.org
Present	Kristy Smith	San Joaquin County	468-0219	kmsmith@sigov.org
	Rod Attebery	Neumiller & Beardlee / Legal Counsel	948-8200	rattebery@neumiller.com
	Sally Perez	San Joaquin County	953-7948	sperez@sigov.org



**EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN
GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

**Joint Exercise of Powers
Board of Directors Meeting**

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES - SIGN-IN SHEET

Location: Teleconference Call Only Date: 03/09/2022 Time: 10:30 AM

INITIAL	Member's Name	Organization	Phone	Email
P	Jose Coronado	SJC PWS		
P	Juan Dchoa	SJC PWS		
P	Andy Pinasco	Newmiller		
P	Scot Moody	SEWD		
P	Gerald Schwartz	N/A		
P	Christy McKinnon	EastSide GSA		
P	Kirin Yirk	SJC CC		
P	Chelsea Spier	DWR		
P	Elba Mingap	CJO Manteca		
P	Chad Tenken	N/A		
P	Janice Magdith	CJO Lodi		
P	Nikayla Tran	N/A		
P	Jeanne Zolezzi	Atty - SEWD		

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

March 9, 2022

II . A . I Minute Approval

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Cal Water	Jeremiah	Mecham	Y			
Central Delta Water Agency	George	Biagi, Jr.		Dante	Nomellini	Y
Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District	Grant	Thompson		Reid	Roberts	
City of Lodi	Alan	Nakanishi		Charlie	Swimley	Y
City of Manteca	David	Breitenbucher	Y			
City of Stockton	Dan	Wright	Y	Mel Paul	Lytle Canepa	
Eastside San Joaquin GSA	Gary	Tofanelli	O	Russ	Thomas	
Linden County Water District	Myron	Blanton		Douglas	Smith	Y
Lockeford Community Services District	Mike	Henry	Y	Joseph Eric	Salzman Schmid	
North San Joaquin Water Conservation District	Tom	Flinn		Joe	Valente	
Oakdale Irrigation District	Eric	Thorburn, P.E.	Y			
South Delta Water Agency	John	Herrick, Esq.	Y	Jerry	Robinson	
South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Robert	Holmes	Y	Brandon	Nakagawa	
Woodbridge Irrigation District	Andy	Christensen				
San Joaquin County Public Works Secretary (1)	Kris	Balaji				
Stockton East Water District Vice Chair (2)	Melvin	Panizza	Y	Andrew	Watkins	
San Joaquin County Chairman (3)	Chuck	Winn	Y	Kathy	Miller	

*Motion: Herrick
2nd: Wright
Approved*

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

March 9, 2022

II - A. 2 R-22-03

Agency Name	Director First	Director Last		Alternate First	Alternate Last	
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Cal Water	Jeremiah	Mecham	Y			
Central Delta Water Agency	George	Biagi, Jr.		Dante	Nomellini	Y
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City of Manteca	David	Breitenbucher	Y			
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Motion: Herrick
2nd: Thorburn
Approved

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

March 9, 2022

A. 3 R-22-04

Agency Name	Director First	Director Last		Alternate First	Alternate Last	
Cal Water	Jeremiah	Mecham	Y			
Central Delta Water Agency	George	Biagi, Jr.		Dante	Nomellini	Y
Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District	Grant	Thompson		Reid	Roberts	Y
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City of Manteca	David	Breitenbucher	Y			
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Motion: Wright
 2nd: Mecham
 Approved

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March 9, 2022

II. A. 4 R-22-05

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Motion: Swimley
 2nd: Holmes
 Approved.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION

R-22-##

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (ESJGWA) DETERMINING TO CONDUCT MEETINGS OF THE ESJGWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS USING TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54953 AS AMENDED BY AB 361 FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 13, 2022 TO MAY 12, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (the “Authority”) Board of Directors (the “Board”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings the Authority’s legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963) (the “Brown Act”), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Authority’s legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), as amended by AB 361 (2021), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Cal-OSHA adopted emergency regulations (Section 3205) imposing requirements on California employers, including measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, an Order of the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer acknowledges that close contact to other persons increases the risk of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully

vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, therefore, meeting in person would present imminent risksto the health or safety of attendees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Finding of Imminent Risk to Health or Safety of Attendees. The Board hereby finds that the circumstances of the current State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, and finds that the current dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons, thereby presenting an imminent risk to health and/or safety to the Authority’s staff and attendees of the Authority’s public meetings; and

Section 3. Teleconference Meetings. The Board does hereby determines as a result of the State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor, and the recommended measures to promote social distancing made by State and local officials that the Board may conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e)(1)(A) and (B) of section 54953, and shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access tothe meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

Section 4. Direction to Staff. The Authority staff are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

CHUCK WINN
Chairman

ATTEST: KRIS BALAJI, PMP. P.E.
Secretary

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22

WHEREAS on April 12, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021, I proclaimed states of emergency that continue today and exist across all the counties of California, due to extreme and expanding drought conditions; and

WHEREAS climate change continues to intensify the impacts of droughts on our communities, environment, and economy, and California is in a third consecutive year of dry conditions, resulting in continuing drought in all parts of the State; and

WHEREAS the 21st century to date has been characterized by record warmth and predominantly dry conditions, and the 2021 meteorological summer in California and the rest of the western United States was the hottest on record; and

WHEREAS since my October 19, 2021 Proclamation, early rains in October and December 2021 gave way to the driest January and February in recorded history for the watersheds that provide much of California's water supply; and

WHEREAS the ongoing drought will have significant, immediate impacts on communities with vulnerable water supplies, farms that rely on irrigation to grow food and fiber, and fish and wildlife that rely on stream flows and cool water; and

WHEREAS the two largest reservoirs of the Central Valley Project, which supplies water to farms and communities in the Central Valley and the Santa Clara Valley and provides critical cold-water habitat for salmon and other anadromous fish, have water storage levels that are approximately 1.1 million acre-feet below last year's low levels on this date; and

WHEREAS the record-breaking dry period in January and February and the absence of significant rains in March have required the Department of Water Resources to reduce anticipated deliveries from the State Water Project to 5 percent of requested supplies; and

WHEREAS delivery of water by bottle or truck is necessary to protect human safety and public health in those places where water supplies are disrupted; and

WHEREAS groundwater use accounts for 41 percent of the State's total water supply on an average annual basis but as much as 58 percent in a critically dry year, and approximately 85 percent of public water systems rely on groundwater as their primary supply; and

WHEREAS coordination between local entities that approve permits for new groundwater wells and local groundwater sustainability agencies is important to achieving sustainable levels of groundwater in critically overdrafted basins; and

WHEREAS the duration of the drought, especially following a multiyear drought that abated only five years ago, underscores the need for California to redouble near-, medium-, and long-term efforts to adapt its water management and delivery systems to a changing climate, shifting precipitation patterns, and water scarcity; and

WHEREAS the most consequential, immediate action Californians can take to extend available supplies is to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent from their 2020 levels by implementing the commonsense measures identified in operative paragraph 1 of Executive Order N-10-21 (July 8, 2021); and

WHEREAS to protect public health and safety, it is critical the State take certain immediate actions without undue delay to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the drought conditions, and under Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the drought conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The orders and provisions contained in my April 21, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021 Proclamations remain in full force and effect, except as modified by those Proclamations and herein. State agencies shall continue to implement all directions from those Proclamations and accelerate implementation where feasible.
2. To help the State achieve its conservation goals and ensure sufficient water for essential indoor and outdoor use, I call on all Californians to strive to limit summertime water use and to use water more efficiently indoors and out. The statewide Save Our Water conservation campaign at SaveOurWater.com provides simple ways for Californians to reduce water use in their everyday lives. Furthermore, I encourage Californians to understand and track the amount of water they use and measure their progress toward their conservation goals.
3. By May 25, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) shall consider adopting emergency regulations that include all of the following:
 - a. A requirement that each urban water supplier, as defined in section 10617 of the Water Code, shall submit to the Department of Water Resources a preliminary annual water supply and demand assessment consistent with section 10632.1 of the Water Code no later than June 1, 2022, and submit a final annual water

supply and demand assessment to the Department of Water Resources no later than the deadline set by section 10632.1 of the Water Code;

- b. A requirement that each urban water supplier that has submitted a water shortage contingency plan to the Department of Water Resources implement, at a minimum, the shortage response actions adopted under section 10632 of the Water Code for a shortage level of up to twenty percent (Level 2), by a date to be set by the Water Board; and
- c. A requirement that each urban water supplier that has not submitted a water shortage contingency plan to the Department of Water Resources implement, at a minimum, shortage response actions established by the Water Board, which shall take into consideration model actions that the Department of Water Resources shall develop for urban water supplier water shortage contingency planning for Level 2, by a date to be set by the Water Board.

To further conserve water and improve drought resiliency if the drought lasts beyond this year, I encourage urban water suppliers to conserve more than required by the emergency regulations described in this paragraph and to voluntarily activate more stringent local requirements based on a shortage level of up to thirty percent (Level 3).

- 4. To promote water conservation, the Department of Water Resources shall consult with leaders in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors to develop strategies for improving water conservation, including direct technical assistance, financial assistance, and other approaches. By May 25, 2022, the Water Board shall consider adopting emergency regulations defining “non-functional turf” (that is, a definition of turf that is ornamental and not otherwise used for human recreation purposes such as school fields, sports fields, and parks) and banning irrigation of non-functional turf in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors except as it may be required to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings.
- 5. In order to maximize the efficient use of water and to preserve water supplies critical to human health and safety and the environment, Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended, with respect to the directives in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Order and any other projects and activities for the purpose of water conservation to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought, and any permits necessary to carry out such projects or activities. Entities that desire to conduct activities under this suspension, other than the directives in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Order, shall first request that the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency make a determination that the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under this suspension. The Secretary shall use sound discretion in applying this Executive Order to ensure that the suspension serves the purpose of accelerating conservation projects that are necessary to address impacts of the drought, while at the same time

protecting public health and the environment. The entities implementing these directives or conducting activities under this suspension shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.

6. To support voluntary approaches to improve fish habitat that would require change petitions under Water Code section 1707 and either Water Code sections 1425 through 1432 or Water Code sections 1725 through 1732, and where the primary purpose is to improve conditions for fish, the Water Board shall expeditiously consider petitions that add a fish and wildlife beneficial use or point of diversion and place of storage to improve conditions for anadromous fish. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 1064, subdivisions (a)(1)(A)(i)-(ii) are suspended with respect to any petition that is subject to this paragraph.
7. To facilitate the hauling of water for domestic use by local communities and domestic water users threatened with the loss of water supply or degraded water quality resulting from drought, any ordinance, regulation, prohibition, policy, or requirement of any kind adopted by a public agency that prohibits the hauling of water out of the water's basin of origin or a public agency's jurisdiction is hereby suspended. The suspension authorized pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited to the hauling of water by truck or bottle to be used for human consumption, cooking, or sanitation in communities or residences threatened with the loss of affordable safe drinking water. Nothing in this paragraph limits any public health or safety requirement to ensure the safety of hauled water.
8. The Water Board shall expand inspections to determine whether illegal diversions or wasteful or unreasonable use of water are occurring and bring enforcement actions against illegal diverters and those engaging in the wasteful and unreasonable use of water. When access is not granted by a property owner, the Water Board may obtain an inspection warrant pursuant to the procedures set forth in Title 13 (commencing with section 1822.50) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure for the purposes of conducting an inspection pursuant to this directive.
9. To protect health, safety, and the environment during this drought emergency, a county, city, or other public agency shall not:
 - a. Approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and classified as medium- or high-priority without first obtaining written verification from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is proposed to be located that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in any applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by that Groundwater Sustainability

Agency and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by such a plan; or

- b. Issue a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well without first determining that extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and (2) not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure.

This paragraph shall not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.

10. To address household or small community drinking water shortages dependent upon groundwater wells that have failed due to drought conditions, the Department of Water Resources shall work with other state agencies to investigate expedited regulatory pathways to modify, repair, or reconstruct failed household or small community or public supply wells, while recognizing the need to ensure the sustainability of such wells as provided for in paragraph 9.
11. State agencies shall collaborate with tribes and federal, regional, and local agencies on actions related to promoting groundwater recharge and increasing storage.
12. To help advance groundwater recharge projects, and to demonstrate the feasibility of projects that can use available high water flows to recharge local groundwater while minimizing flood risks, the Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards shall prioritize water right permits, water quality certifications, waste discharge requirements, and conditional waivers of waste discharge requirements to accelerate approvals for projects that enhance the ability of a local or state agency to capture high precipitation events for local storage or recharge, consistent with water right priorities and protections for fish and wildlife. For the purposes of carrying out this paragraph, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) of the Public Resources Code and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division, and Chapter 3 (commencing with section 85225) of Part 3 of Division 35 of the Water Code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought. This suspension applies to (a) any actions taken by state agencies, (b) any actions taken by local agencies where the state agency with primary responsibility for the implementation of the directives concurs that local action is required, and (c) permits necessary to carry out actions under (a) or (b). The entities implementing these directives shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.
13. With respect to recharge projects under either Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge or the Department of Water Resources Sustainable

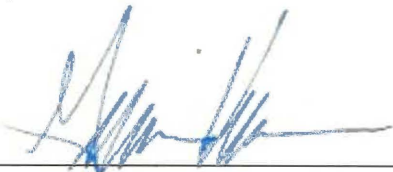
Groundwater Management Grant Program occurring on open and working lands to replenish and store water in groundwater basins that will help mitigate groundwater conditions impacted by drought, for any (a) actions taken by state agencies, (b) actions taken by a local agency where the Department of Water Resources concurs that local action is required, and (c) permits necessary to carry out actions under (a) or (b), Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought. The entities implementing these directives shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.

14. To increase resilience of state water supplies during prolonged drought conditions, the Department of Water Resources shall prepare for the potential creation and implementation of a multi-year transfer program pilot project for the purpose of acquiring water from willing partners and storing and conveying water to areas of need.
15. By April 15, 2022, state agencies shall submit to the Department of Finance for my consideration proposals to mitigate the worsening effects of severe drought, including emergency assistance to communities and households and others facing water shortages as a result of the drought, facilitation of groundwater recharge and wastewater recycling, improvements in water use efficiency, protection of fish and wildlife, mitigation of drought-related economic or water-supply disruption, and other potential investments to support short- and long-term drought response.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of March 2022.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

April 2022 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.

USBR: WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects: Reclamation Grant Opportunity

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law contains \$400 million over five years for WaterSMART grants, including small-scale water efficiency projects. **In 2022, Reclamation is making \$160 million available** and will release other funding opportunities this spring. The funding opportunity released today is available at www.grants.gov by searching for opportunity number R22AS00195. **Applications are due on April 28, 2022, at 4 p.m. MDT.** Eligible applicants include states, Indian Tribes, irrigation districts, or any other organization with water or power delivery authority in the Western United States or territories. An applicant is eligible for up to \$100,000, and the total project costs should be \$225,000 or less. [More information here](#). 50% non-federal match is required.

USBR: WaterSMART Drought Grants for Fiscal Year 2023

USBR has a number of grants to fund drought response including contingency planning (applications due April 14), resiliency projects (applications due June 15) and emergency response. [More information can be found here](#).

DWR Has updated its Underrepresented Technical Assistance Grant Program Webpage

The [webpage can be accessed here](#) and includes heat maps showing the priority of census blocks for SGMA-related technical assistance services (priorities range from low (white) to high (purple)), communication and engagement plans, needs assessment survey, technical summary of the prioritization process, and a graphic illustrating the prioritization process. Local entities will be able to request Underrepresented Communities Technical Assistance (TA) services through an application process administered and managed by DWR in the future related to implementing SGMA needs, risk, and vulnerability assessments, and other technical assistance services to Tribes and Underrepresented Communities (as defined in the 2020 Prop 68 Implementation PSP).

White House Council on Environmental Quality: Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool Listening Session

The White House Council on Environmental Quality will host two listening sessions for the [beta version of the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#). The tool identifies disadvantaged communities eligible for federal investment benefits. Registration is open for the listening sessions on [March 22](#) and [April 15](#). The tool will provide important information for the Justice40 Initiative. The goal of the Justice40 Initiative is to provide 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments in seven key areas to disadvantaged communities. These seven key areas are: climate change, clean energy and energy efficiency, clean transit, affordable and sustainable housing, training and workforce development, the remediation and reduction of legacy pollution, and the development of critical clean water infrastructure.

White House Press release

The White House on January 31st released a guide for state, local, tribal and territorial governments to funding under the new bipartisan infrastructure law. The [press release and guide](#) can be found here.

Other state & federal grant websites for resources that may be helpful are:

- California Financing Coordinating Committee -- <https://cfcc.ca.gov/>, and
- CalOES grants -- <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/grants-management>
- US EPA -- <https://www.epa.gov/grants/specific-epa-grant-programs>, and
- Economic Development Administration -- <https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>

April 2022 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office) Upcoming conferences, webinars, new reports and data

Water Shortage Contingency Plan Template Development for Small Water Suppliers

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR), in collaboration with the State Water Board, is hosting a series of stakeholder meetings to inform the development of an abridged [Water Shortage Contingency Plan](#) (WSCP) template as part of a comprehensive effort to assist small water systems. [Register here](#) for a webinar on Wednesday 20 Apr 2022, 2:00 – 4:00

Webinar Series: EPA hosting Grant Webinar Series

EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment is pleased to announce the launch of a new webinar series. The webinar series, which will take place over three weeks starting in April, is intended for grant applicants and recipients. Participants will hear from EPA staff about key aspects of the grants process and have the opportunity to submit questions. Registration not yet available, but save the date for the following webinars: Competition Process (April 28), Developing a Budget (May 5th), and Financial Management (May 10). All will be held 2-3 pm Eastern Time.

Webinar: Equitable Brownfields Redevelopment

Join EPA and the National Brownfields Coalition for an engaging, free virtual event addressing how practitioners can center equity in their work and develop strategies for inclusive brownfields redevelopment. Learn tools and strategies for community wealth-building and preventing displacement at the Equitable Brownfields Redevelopment event, part of continued programming of Smart Growth America's Equity Summit. [Register Here](#) for a webinar on April 5, 2022 at 11:30am – 2:30pm ET

Webinar: LiDAR Stakeholder Workshop

On Monday, May 16th, from 9 a.m. to Noon PDT, the [California Water Data Consortium](#) and co-conveners (listed below) will host a virtual cross-sector gathering to build common ground and collaboration on needs and uses of LiDAR derived products in California. [Register here](#). Goals of the workshop include:

- Launch creation of a common, publicly accessible list of derived product types of interest across sectors, to:
- Stimulate collaboration, where appropriate, on shared derived products

DWR's Climate Change Program Resources -

DWR's Climate change program has lots of initiatives including resources for water managers. Check out their [webpage](#) and [factsheet](#) here.

NEW: Webpage for CA Water Plan Update 2023 Published by DWR

DWR has unveiled the new webpage for [California Water Plan Update 2023](#). The California Water Plan is updated every five years. It is the State's strategic plan for managing and developing California's water resources. Update 2023 will emphasize climate change adaptation, regional and watershed resilience, and water equity. **The second meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee will be May 4th from 9-12**, registration here.

DWR Awards \$180 Million to Communities Statewide for Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Projects

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced its second phase of funding through the [Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant program](#). The program will provide financial assistance to 62 projects throughout the state to tackle drought impacts on human health and safety, protect fish and wildlife resources, and support other public benefits, such as ecosystem improvements. Of the \$180 million in funding, half will support various types of water supply projects including groundwater, surface water, recycled water, and supply reliability. The other half of the awarded funds will finance projects focused on water conservation, groundwater recharge, water quality, and habitat restoration. Included in the awards are five projects benefiting Tribes and 38 projects benefitting underrepresented communities.

Electronic Annual Reports for Public Water System Representatives

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The Electronic Annual Report (EAR) to the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water (DDW) on the operation of your public water system during the past year (2021) will be released on March 21, 2022. You will be able to access the new [EAR Portal](https://ear.waterboards.ca.gov/) using the following link: <https://ear.waterboards.ca.gov/>. Once it is released, the 2021 EAR is due to be submitted by May 21, 2022.

Progress Report Issued on Implementation of the Water Resilience Portfolio

The progress that has been made on implementing California's [Water Resilience Portfolio](#) is detailed in a [new report](#) from the State. The portfolio was released 18 months ago by Governor Newsom as a water policy blueprint to build climate resilience. The progress report summarizes work done on 142 actions outlined in the portfolio.

DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board have released new [principles and strategies for groundwater management and drinking water wells](#). The document provides a framework for the development of drought-resistant communities. Approximately 82 percent of Californians rely on groundwater for some portion of their drinking water or other household uses. A [Spanish version](#) of the draft is available.

DWR Released California's Groundwater Update 2020 (formerly Bulletin 118) and California's Groundwater Live Online

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today released the final [California's Groundwater – Update 2020 \(Bulletin-118\)](#), containing information on the condition of the State's groundwater, which is especially important with most of California facing ongoing drought conditions. 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

OpenET makes tracking water use data easier with satellite data

A space-based tool is ready to help track water in the western U.S. Using data from satellites, [Open Evapotranspiration](#) (OpenET) gives farmers and other water users information on how much of their water loss ends up as evapotranspiration. The OpenET data are available for 17 western states, including the Colorado River basin area.

Water Board: Drinking water needs assessments

For the first time, the State Water Resources Control Board has completed a comprehensive look at California water systems that are struggling to provide safe drinking water. [The needs assessment](#) identifies failing water systems and those at risk of failing. It also offers the most in-depth view of long-term drinking water safety the state has ever had.

SGMA

Groundwater Sustainability Plan Annual Reports Due by April 1, 2022

Basins with a submitted GSP or an Alternative to a GSP were required to submit annual reports to DWR by April 1 every year. Annual reports provide information for the prior water year (October 1 through September 30). Requirements for the report are described in the GSP Regulations. The reports can be viewed by the public once they are submitted on the [SGMA Portal](#).

Groundwater Conditions Report for Water Year 2021 Released

On March 11, 2022, the Department of Water Resources (DWR, Department) released [Groundwater Conditions Report – Water Year 2021](#). The report summarizes groundwater conditions across California and includes information on groundwater levels, land subsidence, new well infrastructure, and dry well reports. The reported information is based on available data from DWR databases, as of January 14, 2022. To view the latest groundwater conditions, please visit [California's Groundwater Live](#).

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Newly Submitted GSP's Open for 75 Day Public Comment Period

Groundwater sustainability plans that have recently been submitted to the Department are now posted on the DWR [SGMA Portal](#). These plans are open to public comment for 75 days after the posted date. Below in the table are links to the submitted plans, counties they cover, and the public comment period end date. Information about how to comment on the plans can be found in a fact sheet in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Public comments are welcomed and encouraged. A SGMA Portal account is not necessary to submit comments.

DWR Releases GSP Assessments for COD basins that submitted by January 2020

DWR has now released the assessment for all COD basins that submitted GSP's in January of 2020. The release of incomplete determination begins a 180 day timeline to correct identified deficiencies that that precluded approval. These assessments and notification letters, along with other pertinent information, can be viewed [here on the DWR SGMA Portal](#).

Week of Webinars on Statewide Groundwater Management Efforts

DWR is hosted a week of webinars on statewide groundwater management efforts. **All presentations were recorded, and the links are below and can also be found on the program webpage.**

- [2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plan \(GSP\) Submittal Workshop](#)
- [2022 Alternative 5-year Update Submittal Workshop](#)
- [Resources for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\) Implementation](#) (found under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Events tab)
- [Accessing Groundwater Data and Tools](#)

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.

DWR is developing eight Proposition 68-funded technical projects

These projects include airborne electromagnetic surveys, improving groundwater elevation and quality monitoring networks, Statewide land use data collection, improved subsidence monitoring network, installing and maintaining stream gauges, maintaining and enhancing statewide well completion reports, managing and reporting sustainable groundwater information, and enhancing and maintaining DWR's modeling tools. Fact sheets on each project can be viewed under the "Prop 68" tab [here](#).

- [AEM webpage](#) contains information on the how the process works, safety, schedule, data submission by GSAs, TAC, pilot study data and more. Public webinar was held **June 8th 12:00 – 1:00**, a [recording can be viewed here](#) and [handouts can be downloaded here](#). **Sonoma Valley Basins were surveyed in November, 2021 and North San Joaquin and Southern Sacramento basins planned for surveying in April 2022.**
- [2018 Statewide Crop Mapping data](#) dataset builds on the 2014 and 2016 statewide crop mapping datasets DWR previously released and includes multi-cropping information. The 2018 dataset includes agricultural land use and urban boundaries for all 58 counties in California. Water year 2019 is planned to be released in 2022.
- [InSAR subsidence data](#) is now available [through October of 2021](#) and can be viewed on the [SGMA data viewer](#). The updated GIS services and data reports are also available [online](#). Future data will be released on a quarterly basis.

Outreach and Educational Materials Available

April 2022 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)

DWR's [SGMA Assistance and Engagement webpage](#) has added new communication and engagement toolkit items including:

- A new video – [Groundwater: California's Vital Resource](#) now available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Punjabi](#), and [Hmong](#)
- A Story Map for a non-technical audience – [Groundwater: Understanding and Managing this Vital Resource](#)
- [Guidance on Engaging and Communicating with Underrepresented Groundwater Users](#)
- [SGMA Communications: Media Relations and Social Media](#), including [DWR's Groundwater Media Contacts](#)
- "DWR's Assistance Role in Groundwater Management" video: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

CASGEM to Monitoring Network Module Transition Frequently Asked Questions Available

The [CASGEM to Monitoring Network Module Transition Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) document covers questions related to the Groundwater Monitoring Law, the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program, a GSP's required monitoring, the SGMA Portal's Monitoring Network Module (MNM), and a basin's or subbasin's transition from the CASGEM Online System to the SGMA Portal's Monitoring Network Module .

Facilitation Support Services (FSS): [Funding still available](#)

- 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
- More information [can be found here](#). Written translation services available in 8 languages for outreach materials (5,000 word maximum).