



**Briefing on California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program**

**Background**

The California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program was developed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in accordance with SBx7-6, which was part of the comprehensive water package approved by the legislature and signed into law in 2009.

The bill mandates a statewide groundwater elevation monitoring program to track seasonal and long-term trends in groundwater elevations in California's groundwater basins. The intent of the CASGEM program is to establish a permanent, locally-managed program of regular and systematic monitoring in all of California's alluvial groundwater basins. DWR's role is to coordinate the CASGEM program, to work cooperatively with local entities, and to maintain the collected elevation data in a readily and widely available public database. DWR will also continue its current network of groundwater monitoring as funding allows.

Mary Scruggs, Supervising Engineering Geologist for Conjunctive Water Management, will brief the Commission on the current status of the CASGEM program.

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