



## Proposals to Improve Groundwater Management in California

### Background

Groundwater is of critical importance to California's environmental and economic health, and integral to sound water management. In recent months, there has been growing support to improve groundwater management. The California Water Action Plan clearly identified the need to protect this important resource, prevent unsustainable overdraft practices, protect ecosystems, and ensure groundwater basins can continue to provide for the needs of our families, farms and other businesses and communities throughout much of the state. More recently, several additional proposals have suggested ways to ensure the more sustainable use of groundwater now and into the future. These proposals include:

- Association of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) *Recommendations for Achieving Groundwater Sustainability*
- California Water Foundation's *Recommendations for Sustainable Groundwater Management*
- Senator Pavley's SB 1168, Groundwater Management
- Assemblymember Dickinson's AB 1739, Groundwater Basin Management: Sustainability

At this meeting, representatives from various agencies will discuss current issues and proposals for improved groundwater management. Gordon Burns, Undersecretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, will provide an overview of the groundwater issues and the administration's efforts; Cindy Tuck, ACWA's Deputy Executive Director, Government Relations, will discuss ACWA's groundwater recommendations; Kate Williams, Program Manager for the California Water Foundation, will provide an overview of the California Water Foundation's recommendations for groundwater management; and Kasey Schimke, DWR Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs will brief the Commission on proposed legislation.

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