



**Update on Draft Critically Overdrafted Groundwater Basins List**

**Background**

In accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is required to identify groundwater basins subject to critical overdraft. All basins designated as high or medium priority and subject to critical conditions of overdraft are required to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans by January 31, 2020, which is two years ahead of the other high and medium priority basins. DWR staff will provide an update on the process and draft list of critically overdrafted groundwater basins. The basins on the draft list show obvious and significant negative impacts from chronic groundwater pumping. Those impacts include seawater intrusion, land subsidence, groundwater depletion, and chronic drop in groundwater levels. This update will be the first public release of the draft critically overdrafted basins list. If local agencies disagree with the list, basin managers have the option to provide compelling data and information to DWR for reconsideration of the draft determination. This is an informational item.

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