



Best Management Practices

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Legislation

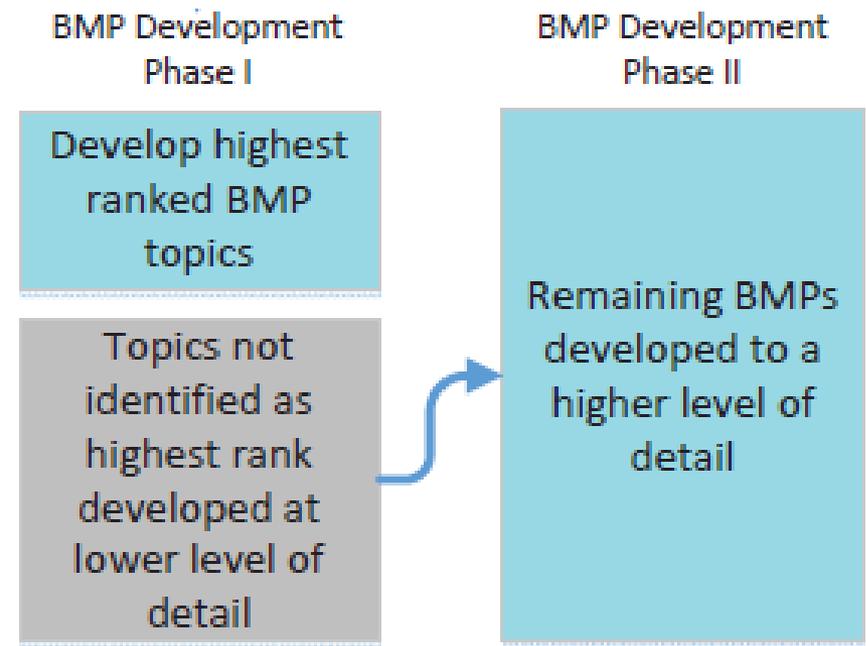
Water Code 10729

(d)(1) By January 1, 2017, the department shall publish on its Internet Web site best management practices for the sustainable management of groundwater

(2) The department shall develop the best management practices through a public process involving one public meeting conducted at a location in northern California, one public meeting conducted at a location in the San Joaquin Valley, one public meeting conducted at a location in southern California, and one public meeting of the California Water Commission.

BMPs vs. GSP Regulations

- Role of BMPs to provide clarification, guidance, and examples to help GSAs develop elements of GSPs
- BMPs (guidance) vs. GSP Regulations (requirements)
- Scope of BMPs is flexible where additional guidance would support GSP development
- GSP Regulations
 - Sec. 352.2 (Monitoring Protocols)
 - Sec. 352.4 (Installation of Monitoring Sites)

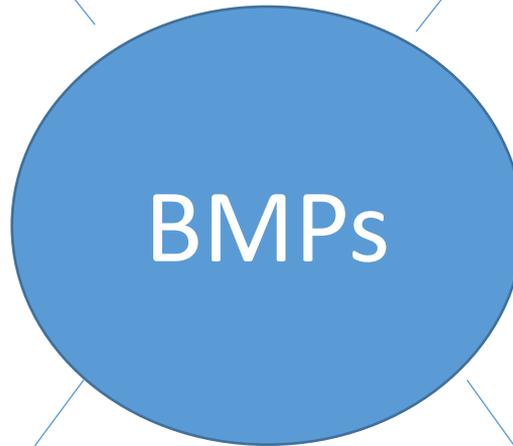


Types of BMPs



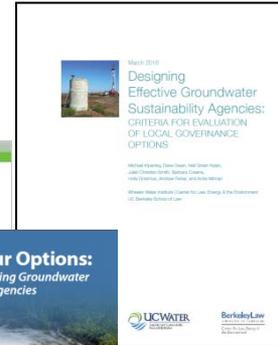
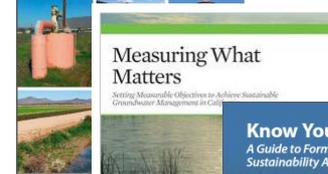
Guidance

Case Studies



Standards

References



BMP Survey Responses



Department of Water Resources
SGM Sustainable Groundwater Management

Welcome to Best Management Practices Survey

Thank you for taking time to participate in this survey. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are intended to provide clarification, guidance, and examples to help GSAs develop the essential elements of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). BMPs may be in the form of case studies of other groundwater management efforts, standards, or other DWR guidance or reference reports. Two types of BMPs are envisioned:

1. Certain BMPs that are identified in the Emergency Regulations for Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Alternatives (Emergency Regulations) provide standards that must be incorporated into GSPs.
2. BMPs that are not specifically identified in the Emergency Regulations may provide suggestions and guidance on how GSAs might develop certain GSP components.

While the use of BMPs is mentioned in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act), the Act itself does not provide direction on the scope or content of the BMPs. Your input in this survey will be considered by DWR in framing this scope and content. The Emergency Regulations, adopted in May 2016, identify certain GSP components that rely on BMPs, but the Emergency Regulations do not identify a comprehensive list of BMPs. The list of potential BMPs is therefore open-ended. BMPs can cover a wide range of subjects for which additional guidance would support the development of comprehensive GSPs. DWR will organize BMPs in relation to the Emergency Regulations. The purpose of this survey is to solicit input from the public that will help focus DWR's effort in developing BMPs to guide local agencies in the development and implementations of Groundwater Sustainability Plans. The results of this survey will be summarized, but individual responses are not planned to be published.

Upon survey completion, you will receive a confirmation email with your submitted inputs. Please read the BMP Framework Document before taking the survey.

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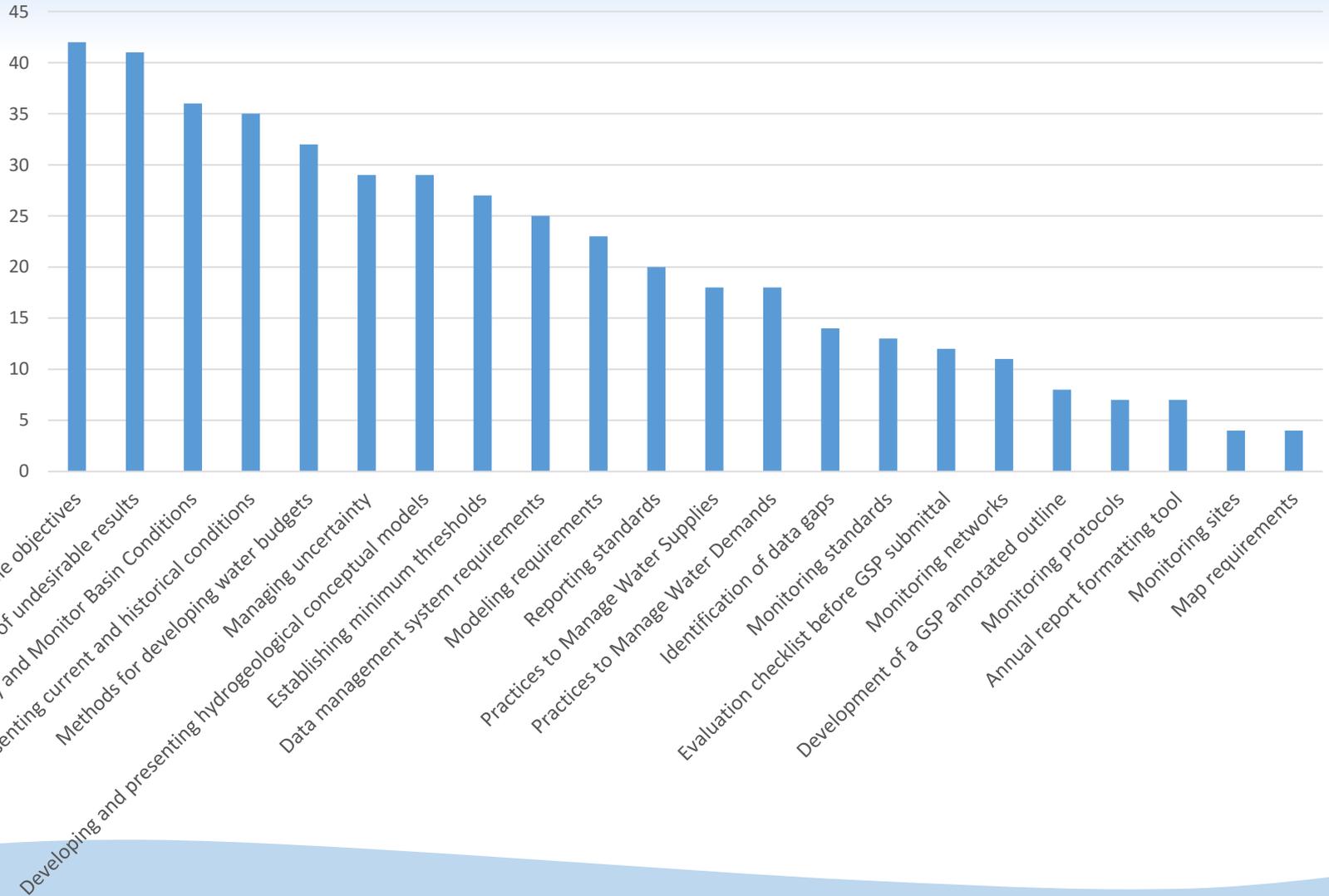


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BMP Survey Response Counts



Next Steps

- **August** – Review results from BMP Survey and rank BMP development; identify case studies
- **October** – Release Draft BMP Documents/Webpage
- **October** – Required Three Public Meetings & CWC
- **December** – Post BMP Documents/Updates to Webpage
- **Post December 2016** – Development of Phase II BMPs