



Update on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation
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Background

In September 2014, Governor Brown signed a package of legislation known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). SGMA creates a framework for sustainable, local groundwater management. The legislation allows local agencies to develop groundwater sustainability plans tailored to their regional economic and environmental needs.

SGMA required locally-controlled Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to be formed in high and medium priority groundwater basins by June 30, 2017. GSAs are responsible for developing and implementing groundwater sustainability plans to ensure each groundwater basin is operated within its sustainable yield. DWR is required to post complete GSA formation notices on its website. If two or more local agencies declare their intent to become GSAs in overlapping areas, DWR will not identify an exclusive GSA in that area. DWR also offers Facilitation Support Services for local agencies facing institutional and technical challenges in meeting the requirements of SGMA.

At this meeting, DWR staff will update the Commission on recent SGMA implementation activities, including GSA formation, planning, and technical assistance.

This is an informational item.

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