



Land Use Planning, Water Supply Planning and SGMA

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Land Use Planning, Water Supply Planning, and SGMA

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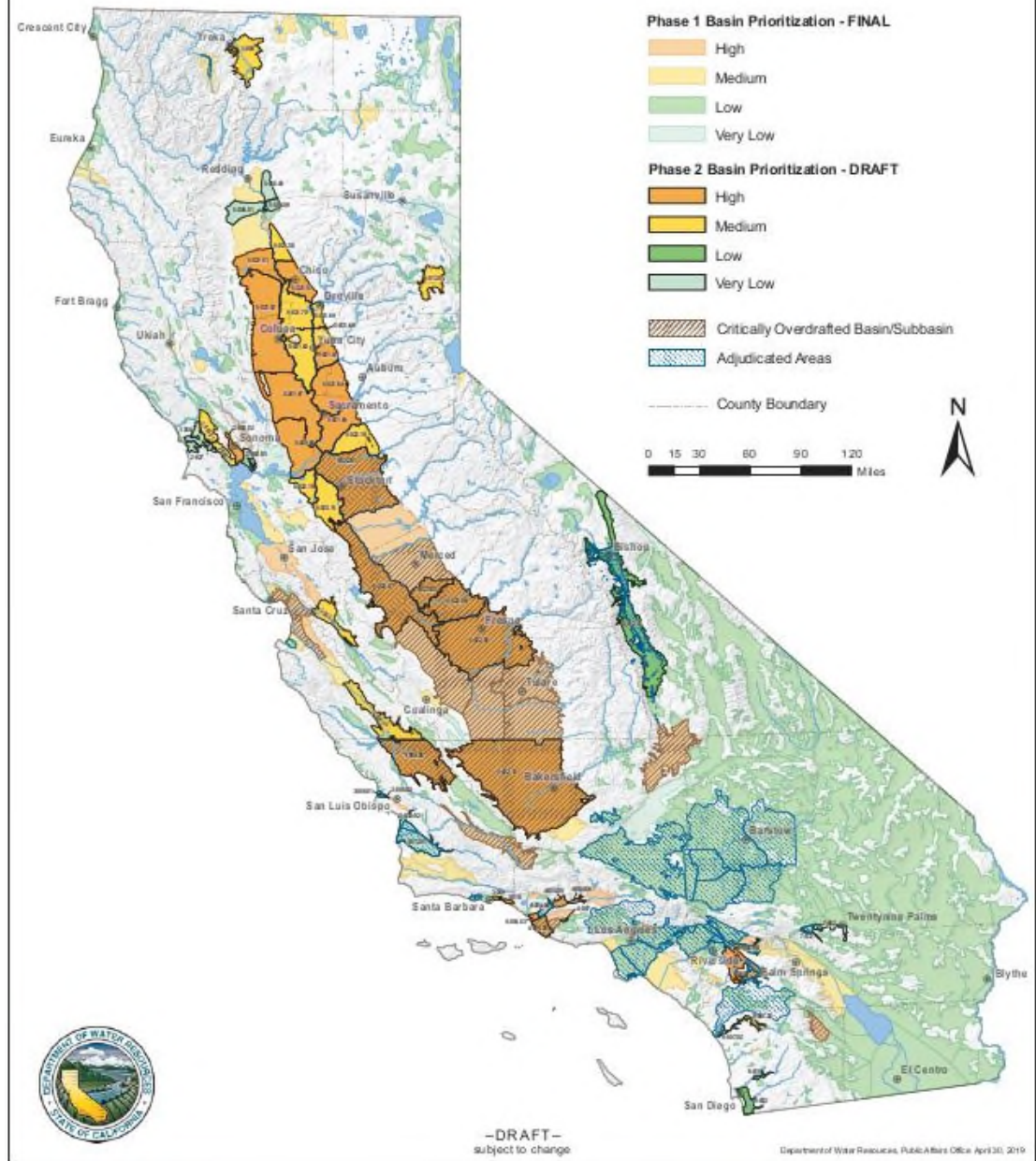


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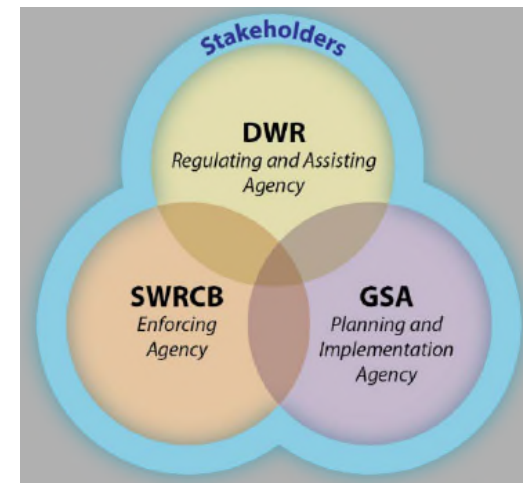
SGMA Overview

- What is SGMA?
- What does SGMA apply to?
- How is it implemented?



Key Principles of SGMA

- Sustainable Groundwater Management is best for Californians who largely rely on groundwater
- Groundwater is best managed at the local level
- If local agencies cannot or will not manage their local groundwater resources, the state will intervene



Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) – Statutes and Regulations

- Water Code
 - §10727 - Requirement to Develop Plan
 - §10727.2 – Required Elements
 - §10727.4 – Additional Elements
- California Code of Regulations, Title 23, § 350 et seq.



Timelines for GSP Adoption

- January 1, 2020
 - For Critically Overdrafted Basins that are High- or Medium-Priority
- January 1, 2022
 - For all other High- or Medium Priority Basins



Critical Conditions of Overdraft – Update based on 2018 Final Basin Boundary Modifications



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GSP Adoption Process

- Public outreach requirement
 - Notify public and DWR how to participate in GSP development process
 - Encourage participation throughout the community
 - Consider interests of all beneficial users and uses of groundwater
- Public hearing after 90 day comment/consultation period
- Interested Parties List – Get on it



GSPs and Water Supply Planning



- Water Supply Assessments (WSA)
- Written Verifications (WV)
- Urban Water Management Plans (UWMP)



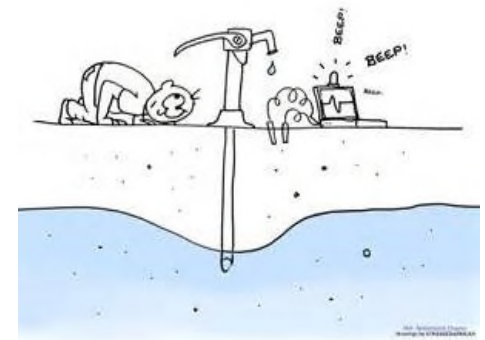
GSPs and Water Supply Planning

- WSA and WV statutes amended (SB 1262)
 - Incorporate SGMA and GSP information
- UWMP statute amended (SB 606)
 - GSPs
 - Priorities
 - Description re efforts to coordinate sustainable management with GSAs



GSPs and Water Supply Planning

- Water Supply **Sufficiency** (WSAs, WVs, UWMPs)
- Water **Sustainability** (GSPs)



GSPs and Land Use Planning

- Under SGMA, state policy on water supplies and land use decision making was amended to provide:
 - It is vital that there be close coordination and consultation between California's water supply ***or management*** agencies and California's land use approval agencies to ensure that proper water supply planning ***and management*** occurs to accommodate projects that will result in increased demand on water supplies ***or impact water resource management***. (Govt. Code § 65352.5(a))
 - But... nothing in SGMA or a GSP shall be interpreted as superseding the land use authority of cities and counties, including the city of county general plan, within the basin (Water Code § 10726.8)



GSPs and Land Use Planning

- Under SGMA, a city or county must now **also** refer the proposed adoption or substantial amendment of a General Plan to **any affected GSA(s)**. (Govt. Code § 65352)
- In response, the GSA(s) must provide to the land use agency:
 - **The current version of its GSP(s)** and other water management documents. (Govt. Code § 65352.5(d)(1)-(2))
 - A “**report on the anticipated effect**” of the proposed General Plan action on implementation of the GSP(s). (Govt. Code § 65352.5(d)(3))
- Implications?



GSPs and Land Use Planning

- CEQA – Water Supply Analyses
- CEQA – City and County lead agencies need to be aware of GSPs both in evaluating underlying water supply planning documents and in their own CEQA water supply analyses
- Become part of the GSP process to avoid surprise





Thank you for attending

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