

Our Mission:

To manage, protect and sustain the groundwater resources of the basin in Sacramento County north of the American River consistent with the Water Forum Agreement for the benefit of the water users within the basin, and to coordinate with other water management entities and activities throughout the region.

Member Agencies:

*California American Water
Carmichael Water District
Citrus Heights Water District
Del Paso Manor Water District
Fair Oaks Water District
Folsom, city of
Golden State Water Company
Natomas Central Mutual Water Company
Orange Vale Water Company
Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Sacramento, city of
Sacramento, county of
Sacramento Suburban Water District
San Juan Water District
agricultural and self-supplied representatives*

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Fact Sheet

The Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) is a joint powers authority created to collectively manage the groundwater basin underlying Sacramento County north of the American River. SGA's formation in 1998 was inspired by the Sacramento Area Water Forum, a nationally recognized collaborative process to reach consensus among 40 local utilities, business leaders, and the environmental community to preserve the lower American River and ensure a reliable water supply through the year 2030.

SGA draws its authority from an agreement between the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Sacramento and the County of Sacramento to exercise their police power to protect the basin. In turn, these agencies chose to manage the basin cooperatively by allowing representatives of the fourteen local water purveyors and a representative from agricultural and self-supplied pumpers to serve as the Board of Directors of the SGA. Collectively, these purveyors provide a high quality, reliable water supply to over 500,000 people.

SGA has developed a progressive groundwater management vision including a groundwater management plan and a regional conjunctive use program designed to provide local and regional benefits with the potential to provide broader statewide benefits.

Additional SGA goals include:

- ◆ supporting and implementing the Water Forum objectives of preserving American River environmental values and providing water supply reliability to support the Sacramento region's economic health
- ◆ maintaining and protecting the long-term sustainable yield and quality of the underlying groundwater basin
- ◆ promoting wet-year banking so that the basin can sustain users during dry periods
- ◆ coordinating with central and south county groundwater management efforts
- ◆ improving communication with other regional, state and federal water management agencies