



DWR develops Draft Strategic Plan for Implementing Historic Groundwater Laws

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DWR has developed a Draft *Strategic Plan* (the plan) for its Sustainable Groundwater Program. The draft plan describes DWR's responsibilities and vision for carrying out the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, a package of laws that aim to protect the groundwater basins that provide more than half of the water Californians use in dry years. The draft plan outlines key actions DWR will undertake over the next several years to position itself to better support local agencies across California to achieve sustainable groundwater management.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act directs DWR to complete multiple activities, including but not limited to, adoption of regulations for local agency proposed revisions to groundwater basin boundaries, adoption of regulations for evaluating and implementing local agency prepared groundwater sustainability plans, update the prioritization of basins, and conduct groundwater assessments into the next decade.

DWR's Groundwater Sustainability Program Draft Strategic Plan, available [here](#),

- describes current groundwater conditions in California;
- outlines the requirements of the new laws, including a timeline;
- describes related actions under the California Water Action Plan, the governor's five-year strategy for more resilient and reliable water resources;
- lists key intended outcomes and benefits of implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act;
- identifies DWR's goals, objectives, and corresponding actions; and
- describes potential challenges and factors that will be key to success, including public outreach and communication.

The public and stakeholders are invited to send comments and suggestions about the Draft Strategic Plan **by June 1** to sgmps@water.ca.gov, mail comments to P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA, 94236, Attn: Lauren Bisnett. DWR will consider all comments before finalizing the plan.

For more information on groundwater, please visit <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/index.cfm>

For Sustainable Groundwater Management Program contact information, please visit: <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/contacts.cfm>

For more information on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and its implementation, please visit <http://www.water.ca.gov/cagroundwater/>. To sign up for email updates, please visit <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/subscribe.cfm>.