



What is the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority?

In November 2021, seven Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Cosumnes Subbasin formed the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA). With the responsibility of implementing the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, the CGA is the agency guiding groundwater sustainability with the Cosumnes Subbasin.

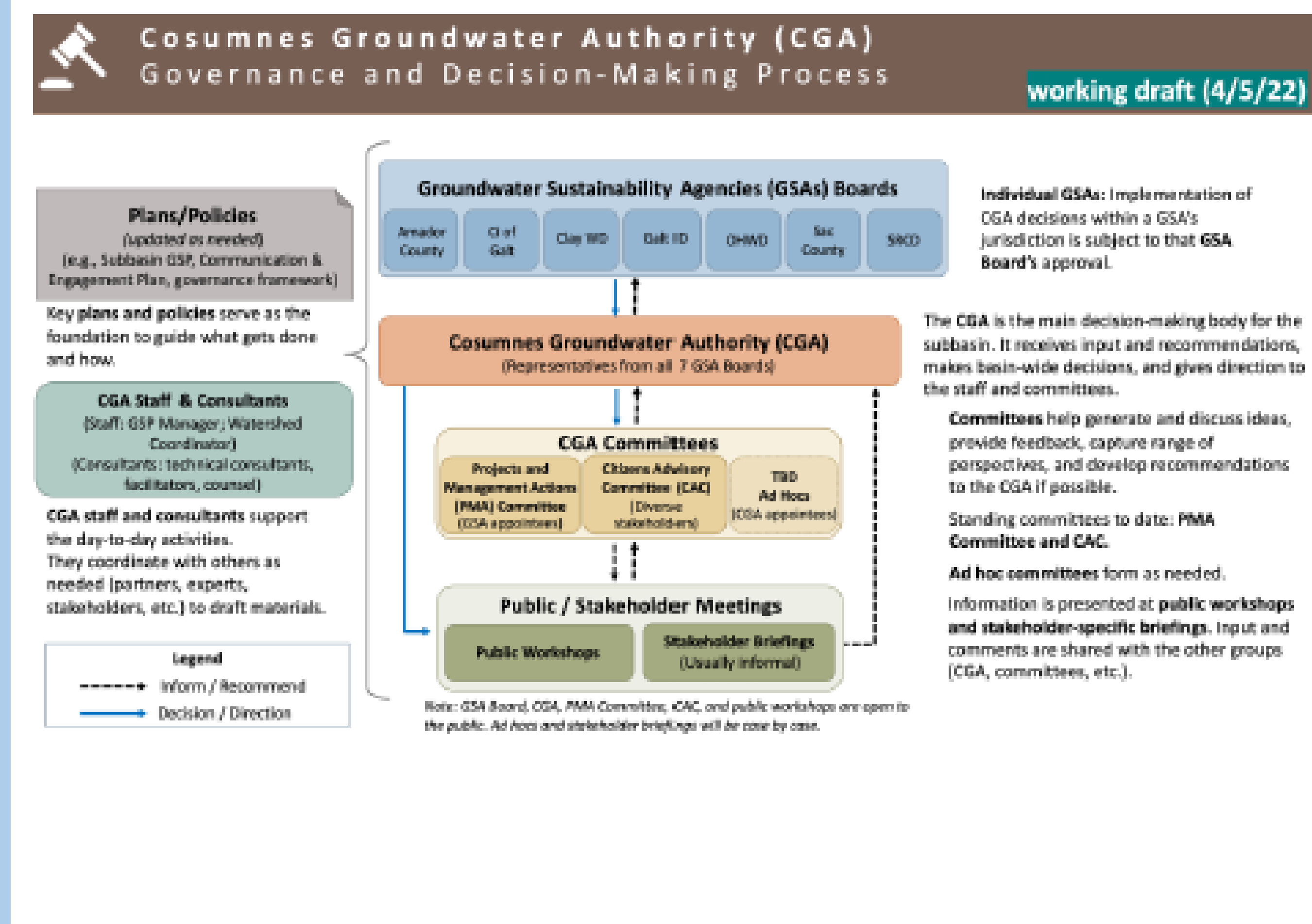


Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

The seven GSA's, working together, agreed upon the following goal to guide their efforts: "The Sustainability Goal of the Cosumnes Subbasin (Basin) is to ensure that groundwater in the Basin continues to be a long-term resource for beneficial users and uses including urban, domestic, agricultural, industrial, environmental and others. This goal will be achieved by managing groundwater within the Basin's sustainable yield, as defined by sustainable groundwater conditions and the absence of undesirable results."

The GSP was submitted to the Department of Water Resources in January of 2022. Each year, an Annual Report detailing the current groundwater conditions is produced. Every five years, the GSP will have larger, more substantial updates.

Organization of the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority



Seven Agencies Working Together

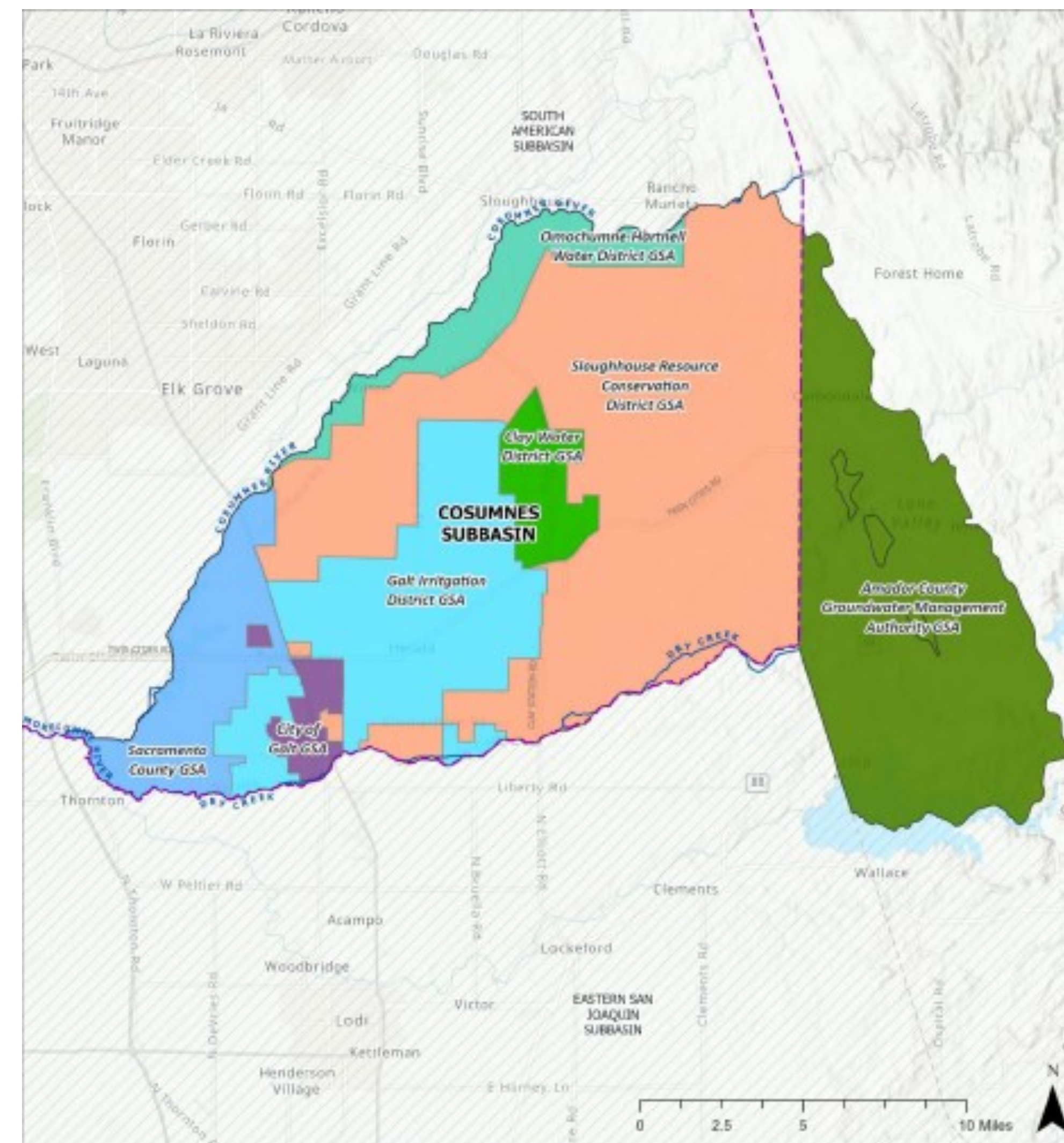
The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA, divided California into Sub-basins. Within each Subbasin, Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) were created. In the Cosumnes Subbasin, those seven agencies which became GSAs are:

- Amador County Groundwater Management Authority GSA
- City of Galt GSA
- Clay Water District GSA
- Galt Irrigation District GSA
- Omochumne Hartnell Water District GSA
- Sacramento County GSA
- Sloughouse Resource Conservation District GSA

Each Subbasin is required to have one, or more, Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP). The plans are large, technical documents that outline the current and expected conditions of the subbasin and a path to achieve groundwater sustainability.

Who makes up the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority?

Each of the seven GSAs have elected a primary and secondary representative to represent their GSA during CGA meetings. Those members selected make up the CGA Board of Directors.



What does the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority do?

CGA is tasked with the responsibility of implementing the GSP. Each year, groundwater monitoring is conducted. Projects that will help achieve sustainability are identified in the GSP. The CGA is the hub for these projects by working with the GSAs and aiding, or leading, sustainability efforts. Most importantly, the CGA is a central meeting place for all things groundwater. Monthly Board and Committee meetings keep the GSAs and public informed, and public participation in the process is highly encouraged.

How is the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Funded?

Before the formation of the GSP, the seven GSAs worked together in a "Working Group". A state grant was awarded to the group for the development of the GSP. Following the formation of the GSP, a budget was agreed upon and each GSA contributed an amount of money proportional to their groundwater extraction. The CGA continues to meet and update their budget as needed. However, in accordance with California Water Code section 10730, each GSA retains the ability to assess a fee on groundwater users.

Additionally, the CGA is aggressively pursuing grant funding to offset the cost to land owners. In December of 2022, a \$4.2 million dollar grant application was submitted by the CGA to the Department of Water Resources. If awarded, the grant funding would be used to further develop sustainability projects, improve groundwater data collection, and increase stakeholder outreach and education opportunities.



Director	Appointing Organization
Rep: Gary Thomas Alt: Rick Ferreira	Amador County Groundwater Management Authority
Rep: Rick Wohle Alt: Gary Silva	Clay Water District
Rep: Jay Vandenburg Alt: Mike Selling	City of Galt
Rep: Leo VanWarmerdam Alt: John Mulrooney	Galt Irrigation District
Rep: Mark Stretars (Vice Chair) Alt: Kurt Kautz	Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
Rep: Pat Hume Alt: Chris Hunley (Chair)	County of Sacramento
Rep: Herb Garms Alt: Lindsey Carter	Sloughouse Resource Conservation District

