

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda

When: Wednesday, March 4, 2026
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District
13147 Jackson Road
Sloughhouse, CA 95683

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Call to Order

1. Introductions
 - a. Determine if Quorum is Present

Consent Calendar

2. Consent Items
 - a. Agenda – March 4, 2026
 - b. Minutes –February 4, 2025
 - c. Financial/Treasurer’s Report – February 2026

Regular Business Action Items

1. City of Galt Parcel Assessment
2. WY 2025 Annual Report
3. Monitoring Network Review
4. PMA Project Review

Informational Items

5. Groundwater Basin Manager Report
6. DWR North Central Regional Office Update
7. Committee Reports
 - a. O&E Committee
8. Director/Member GSA Comments/Reports

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker)

9. Public Comment: *Comment will be received for items not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the agency. The Board will hear comments but may not act on issues raised on non-agenda items.*

Identification of items for future meetings

The Board approved the following future agenda items by consensus:

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Adjourn Meeting

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2026 – 9:00 am**

**** A recording of this meeting can be found on the CGA website at:**

<https://www.cosumnesgroundwater.org/meetings/>

Call to Order

- I. Introductions / Determine if Quorum is Present
Directors in Attendance: Russ Parker, Herb Garms, Teresa Flewellyn, Mark Stretars, John Mulrooney, Rick Ferreira, Gary Silva, Chris Hunley

Consent Calendar

2. Consent Items
 - a. Agenda – February 4, 2026
 - b. Minutes – January 7, 2026
 - c. Financial/Treasurer’s Report – January 2026

Motion: Director Silva moved to pass the Financial Report as presented.

Director Mulrooney seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a voice vote.

Regular Business Action Items

3. Domestic Well Analysis Report
 - a. Basin Manager reviewed 2666 domestic wells within the basin and of that 2520 were verified. There were 156 wells that were unable to be verified based on vague or incomplete Well Completion reports.
4. City of Galt Follow Up
 - a. The initial analysis was conducted and had an initial assessment of an additional \$10,068.64 with 202 additional parcels. The Board directed staff to follow up with legal about funding agreement language enforcement and to initiate a letter to the City for a formal request of additional payment. The Board also requested a presentation to the City Council and to inquire with legal about back fee payments.
5. Monitoring Network Review
 - a. Basin Manager reviewed the current monitoring network and identified priorities for each GSA to review for potential enhancements. Basin Manager will work with each GSA individually to address these priorities.
6. PMA Project Review
 - a. PMA Projects were reviewed for inclusion in the Plan Amendment. Basin Manager will be writing new descriptions for each PMA for review at the next meeting.
7. Mid-Year Budget Review
 - a. The FY 25/26 budget was reviewed and line items for Personnel, legal and the audit are the current lie items either overspent or approaching an excess. It was determined to continue without any budget changes for the year and to adjust the budget for FY 26/27. It was also requested to add sub-accounts for the FY 26/27 budget.

8. Accounting Policies

- a. The Board reviewed the proposed Reserves policy and updated accounting procedures for CGA.

Motion: Director Mulrooney moved to accept the Reserve Policy as presented.

Director Stretars seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a voice vote.

Informational Items

9. Groundwater Basin Manager Report

Written report provided

10. DWR North Central Regional Office Update

Written report provided

11. Committee Reports

- a. O&E Committee

Ag Stakeholder event will be March 19th at HFPD or Champaign Ranch

12. Director/Member GSA Comments/Reports

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- a. *None*

Identification of items for future meetings

The Board approved the following future agenda items by consensus:

- *City of Galt Non-Metered Parcels*
- *Monitoring Network*
- *PMA's*
- *Additional Tribal Engagement*
- *Annual Report WY 2025*
- *Well Driller engagement on well trends*

Adjourn Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 11:11 am. Next meeting will be on March 4, 2026 at 9:00 am.

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Budget vs. Actuals

July 2025 - June 2026

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income			
4100 Member Contributions	3,033.03	486,930.00	0.62 %
Interest Income	5,248.93		
Total Income	\$8,281.96	\$486,930.00	1.70 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$8,281.96	\$486,930.00	1.70 %
Expenses			
5000 Staff Personnel Expenses (Contract)			
Personnel - Contract	48,050.00	50,000.00	96.10 %
Total 5000 Staff Personnel Expenses (Contract)	48,050.00	50,000.00	96.10 %
5100 Legal Services	10,275.00	10,000.00	102.75 %
5200 Public Outreach		10,000.00	
5400 Annual Report Technical Support	6,447.74	33,000.00	19.54 %
5410 Data Management System		4,000.00	
5420 Recommended Corrective Actions	10,926.50	100,000.00	10.93 %
5430 Monitoring	2,102.10	4,500.00	46.71 %
5450 Recommended Corrective Actions	21,553.20		
5455 GSP Periodic Evaluation	5,001.10		
5460 GSP Plan Amendment	1,612.00		
5500 Miscellaneous. Expenses	44.00	0.00	
Insurance	1,542.00		
Total 5500 Miscellaneous. Expenses	1,586.00	0.00	
5600 Financial Audit and Accounting Services	11,295.00	10,000.00	112.95 %
5640 Funding Exploration		5,000.00	
5700 Data Gaps		5,000.00	
5800 Office Supplies & Software	2,437.45	5,000.00	48.75 %
Contingency		15,000.00	
Five Year GSP Plan Update - Restricted Reserves		235,430.00	
Total Expenses	\$121,286.09	\$486,930.00	24.91 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -113,004.13	\$0.00	0.00%
NET INCOME	\$ -113,004.13	\$0.00	0.00%

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Balance Sheet

As of February 27, 2026

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Money Market	317,893.97
Public Checking (4246) - 1	400,154.25
Total Bank Accounts	\$718,048.22
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable (A/R)	-327,855.28
1250 Due from other governments	332,333.93
Total Accounts Receivable	\$4,478.65
Total Current Assets	\$722,526.87
TOTAL ASSETS	\$722,526.87
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$5,375.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$5,375.00
Total Liabilities	\$5,375.00
Equity	\$717,151.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$722,526.87

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Accounts Payable

As of February 27, 2026

VENDOR	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE
Current			
Lindsey Carter	L&D Carter Consulting - February 2026	5,150.00	02/27/2026
Downey Brand	Legal Services through January 2026	225.00	02/27/2026
Total for Current		\$5,375.00	
TOTAL		\$5,375.00	

CGA Credit Card Reconciliation

Expenses as of February 27, 2026

Paid by: Five Star Bank Credit Card

Date	Description	Amount
2/1/26	Microsoft - February 2026 Subscription	\$26.26
2/9/26	ParcelQuest - Monthly Subscription	\$199.95
2/9/26	Dreamhost - Website Annual Fee	\$239.88
2/9/26	Quickbooks - February 2026 Subscription	\$115.00
2/11/26	Mail Chimp - February 2026 Subscription	\$45.00
	TOTAL	\$626.09

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: March 4, 2026
Agenda Item #: 1
Agenda Item Subject: City of Galt Follow-Up

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: Groundwater Basin Manager

Background

Basin Manager meet with the City Manager Chris Erias, Assistant City Manager Amie Mendes, Interim Public Works Director Trung Trinh and City Council Member Matt Pratton on February 24th to discuss the City of Galt Master Parcel List. This was a productive meeting with both parties wanting to find equitability amongst the parcels in the basin and a shared willingness to expeditiously address this issue.

The City Public Works Department is reviewing the parcel list and will submit requested changes to the Basin Manager for review. The City is also following up with their legal counsel to be able to address the issue of how these additional assessments will be collected within their GSA.

The Basin Manager has followed up with CGA legal counsel on our responsibilities for collecting fees and working with the City to complete these tasks.

There is still significant work to be done, but we are moving in the right direction and have a commitment by the City of Galt to finally tackle this project. Basin manager will continue to provide monthly updates to CGA on the progress of this project.

Additionally, the City will be voting at their Tuesday, 3/4 meeting to replace Rep. Tim Reed with Rep. Matt Pratton to be the new CGA rep.

Attachment: [City of Galt Master Parcel List](#)

Recommendations

- a. To discuss progress on this effort and Board requested next steps.

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: March 4, 2026
Agenda Item #: 2
Agenda Item Subject: WY 2025 Annual Report

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: Groundwater Basin Manager

Background

The WY 2025 Annual Report will be sent to all Board members and posted to the CGA website prior to the meeting.

EKI will provide an Annual Report overview at the meeting.

The Annual Report is due to DWR on April 1st.

Attachment: WY 2025 Annual Report

Recommendations

- To provide initial feedback on WY 2025 Annual Report

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: March 4, 2026
Agenda Item #: 3
Agenda Item Subject: Monitoring Network Enhancements

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: Groundwater Basin Manager

Background

Monitoring Network Action Items

ACGMA

- Buenavista Rancheria Well – access data
- Determine if any additional CASGM wells should be added

Clay

- Adding two wells near Stream Gage location by Gary Silva as supplemental wells

Sacramento County

- Austin was able to gain access to New Hope wells and is accessing the data. This will be transferred to Basin Manager once its completed.

OHWD

- Pursue addition of any domestic wells near stream gage locations as supplemental wells

SRCD

- SRCD is meeting with Stan Van Vleck to look at adding a domestic well as a representative well to the network
- Chris Timmer is researching potential costs to rehab ISW8 well and to obtain depth and interval information for all wells with data gaps
- Officially add well owned by James Mitchell to supplemental well list

GID

- Adding Mulrooney domestic well
- Pursue adding domestic wells surrounding Mulrooney well on Angle/Conley/Walkerville
- Pursue adding Wildeye pilot telemetry to Mulrooney wells
- Have approval for domestic and irrigation well additions near these sites as well

Recommendations

- a. To review priority list and provide any feedback or recommendations

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: February 4, 2026
Agenda Item #: 4
Agenda Item Subject: Project Management Action Review

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: Groundwater Basin Manager

Background

Tier I (Projects that CGA can control, monitor, execute and regularly report on)

1. OHWD Agriculture Flood-MAR
2. City of Galt Recycled Water Project
3. Voluntary Land Use Repurposing (intent changed from fallowing to market driven land use changes)
4. *Basin Recharge Projects – New Project*
 - a. *Dry Creek Recharge*
 - b. *Rancho Murieta Recharge*
5. *Stream Gage Installation – New Project*

Tier II (Projects that would be beneficial but that we do not have control over or have other entities with key action items)

1. SAFCA Flood-MAR
2. *Cosumnes Multi-Benefit Project – New Project*

Tier III (additional project ideas, but no clear direction or plan)

PMA's being removed from the current Groundwater Sustainability Plan:

- OHWD Cosumnes River Flow Project
- Groundwater Banking and Sale

Attachment:

Recommendations

- a. To review list of proposed PMAs and finalize this list for details

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: March 4, 2026
Agenda Item #: 5
Agenda Item Subject: Groundwater Basin Manager Report

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: Groundwater Basin Manager

Background

a. FY 24/25 Audit

Audit is ongoing.

b. Recommended Corrective Actions Progress

Staff and EKI met with SASb to review Interconnected Surface Water coordination and shared information on PMAs, monitoring networks and other Periodic Evaluation criteria. There is a plan to meet again once the guidance document is released on ISW.

c. 2025-26 Workplan Progress

The 2025-26 workplan has been developed and includes review from EKI, O&E and breaks down tasks and objectives to address RCAs, Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendment.

This plan has been updated to reflect work performed in February and planned for the remainder of the year.

d. Staff Meeting Report – February 2026

To increase transparency between staff and the Board, a monthly meeting report will be provided to include a summary of each meeting that was attended in representation of CGA and any deliverables, outcomes or action items

Attachment: 2025-26 Workplan – Working Draft

Recommendations

- a. Provide feedback if any is needed

	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026
Operations	FY 24/25 Audit – work as needed	FY 24/25 Audit – Initiated Finalized accounting procedures and policies	FY 24/25 Audit – work as needed	FY 24/25 Audit – Finalize	FY 26/27 Draft Budget & Draft Member Agreement Invoice for FY 25/26 membership contributions		Finalize FY 26/27 Budget and Member Agreement Final membership payments due to CGA
Recommended Corrective Actions	#1 Continue identifying potential sites for new monitoring network sites	Finalized domestic well analysis Refine potential sites for enhanced monitoring network. Refine PMAs	Finalize enhanced monitoring network. Finalize PMA descriptions and workplans. Met with SASB on ISW	Final decision on monitoring network. Final decision on PMAs.	SMC Workshop #1 SWAG Meeting	SMC Workshop #2	SMC Workshop #3 SWAG Meeting Review implementation plan and budget
GSA Projects	Land repurposing data collection	Land repurposing data collection	Land repurposing data collection Monitoring network enhancements.	Land repurposing data collection	Land repurposing data collection	Land repurposing data collection	Land repurposing data collection
SGMA Implementation	PMA Review – new projects	PMA Project Development	Finalize WY 25 Annual Report		Spring (WY 26) Monitoring Event (Data Due to EKI by 5/31/25)		
Outreach & Engagement				Irrigator Event			

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Report: February 2026
From: CGA Basin Manager

The following meetings were attended by CGA Basin Manager on behalf of CGA:

Galt Parcel Review – February 2, 2026

- Met with Teresa Flewellyn to review parcels captures for City of Galt prior to CGA meeting

EKI Meeting – February 3, 2026

- To review Monitoring Network sites and priorities for enhancements

CGA Board Meeting – February 4, 2026

- Monthly CGA Board of Directors Meeting

Downey Brand – February 12, 2026

- Met to review City of Galt engagement, pending maternity/paternity leave schedules for Rebecca and Nico and to review legal participation in future meetings

OHWD Meeting – February 17, 2026

- Monthly OHWD Board of Directors Meeting

SRCD Meeting – February 17, 2026

- Attended SRCD Meeting and provided CGA updates

South American Subbasin Meeting/EKI Meeting – February 18, 2026

- Met with SASb reps, GEI Consultants, Larry Walker Consultants and EKI to review Interconnected Surface Water Coordination, PMAs, Monitoring Network and RCA/PE progress

EKI Monthly Meeting – February 19, 2026

- Met with EKI to review RCA progress and discuss timeline for periodic evaluation and plan amendment
- There has been a standing monthly meeting set up with EKI to address progress on RCA work

City of Galt Meeting – February 24, 2026

- Met with City of Galt staff to review parcel assessment additions

February 2026 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)

Grants

California Grants Portal

The California State Library, in partnership with the Department of Water Resources and other state grantmaking agencies, has launched the California Grants Portal – your one destination to find all state grant and loan opportunities provided on a first-come or competitive basis. Visit grants.ca.gov to find funding opportunities for you and your community.

Prop 4, Bond Grant Funds

Here is a link to sign up for DWR's Prop 4 [email notification list](#). There is a bill under consideration, AB 35, that if passed would significantly shorten program development timeline. There will be public scoping meetings to inform the program in 2026, which will be announced through the list serve linked above.

DWR's Underrepresented Communities and Small Farmer Technical Assistance Program

The mission of the Program is to determine the needs, risks, and vulnerabilities with the implementation of the SGMA for underrepresented communities and small farms in medium and high priority basins, including critically overdrafted (COD) basins. The types of services provided include, but are not limited to: Groundwater level monitoring; Aquifer testing to determine long-term yield and supply; Identifying Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs); Analyze well interference; Identifying additional water supply; Analyze existing well condition using downhole video log; Rehabilitation of water storage tank; Long-term water supply and demand analysis; Analyze and help to facilitate water transfers. [More information is available on the webpage](#). **Local entities can request services by emailing SGM_TA@water.ca.gov.**

Upcoming conferences, webinars, new reports and data

DWR Invites You to Celebrate Groundwater Awareness Week March 9-13, 2026

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) invites you to kick off National Groundwater Awareness Week 2026 by joining virtual events during the week focused on DWR's Basin Characterization Program Highlights, interactive conversations with groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs), connections with GSAs and DWR staff by region, and updates from DWR. DWR will also release its final *California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118 – Update 2025* (CaLW Update 2025) during Groundwater Awareness Week. Check out the summary of events and find registration links in the flyer linked here: [Groundwater Awareness Week 2026 Events Flyer.pdf](#)

Design of Proposition 4 Watershed Resilience Program: Survey for Public Input Open until March 6th

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) invites you to participate in a short survey to help inform development of the upcoming Proposition 4 Watershed Resilience Program. This new program will combine funding from the following two sections of Proposition 4 to make approximately \$152 million available for grants statewide:

- Section 91019 (Conservation), for projects that increase water conservation in agricultural and urban areas, and
- Section 91031 (Climate Resilience), for projects related to integrated regional water management to improve climate resilience on a watershed basis

Please complete this approximately 20-minute survey: <https://forms.office.com/g/ZXFXYYV98Q6>. The survey will remain open until **March 6, 2026, 11:59PM**. Survey responses will help DWR understand community needs, funding priorities, and address potential implementation challenges.

DWR Releases Final Subsidence BMP and Educational Resource Webpage

DWR has released a [final Best Management Practices document](#), that will serve as a guide for groundwater managers on the basics of subsidence, how to best manage it, and available technical assistance.

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DWR has also launched a [new webpage dedicated to providing educational resources and information about land subsidence](#) in California, particularly as it relates to groundwater use and sustainable groundwater management. The resources available on this page are designed to help the public better understand subsidence and associated potential impacts. The page will be updated with educational materials, data, best management practices, and project information as it is available.

California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118 – Update 2025

DWR released the [Draft California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118 – Update 2025 \(CalGW Update 2025\)](#). CalGW Update 2025 provides a comprehensive inventory and assessment of available information on the occurrence and nature of groundwater and informs decisions on the protection, use, monitoring and management of the resource. This five-year update builds on the CalGW Update 2020 by integrating data submitted to DWR by local agencies under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), including information reported in Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP), Alternatives to GSPs, annual reports, and other groundwater initiatives. CalGW Update 2025 is part of a comprehensive suite of resources designed to support groundwater understanding and management across the state, including the [Semi-Annual Updates](#), [CalGW Live](#), and the [Basin Characterization](#) program. The full document as well as a highlights document (in English and Spanish) and all appendices can be [downloaded here](#).

DWR presented an overview of the Draft CalGW Update 2025 at a public virtual webinar meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from noon to 1:00 p.m. The [recording can be viewed here](#) in English or Spanish.

Preliminary Sac Valley Aquifer Recharge Potential Maps Available

New: [Aquifer Recharge Potential maps](#) and a [process document](#) are now available to download from the [Basin Characterization CNRA Open Data Portal](#). Note– we'll be updating the ARP Process Document later in October.

DWR Releases Second and Third Paper on Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water

To help GSAs address the depletion of interconnected surface water (ISW) in their Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), the DWR released the second and third in a series of three draft papers that discuss the technical aspects of ISW and quantification of depletions of ISW caused by groundwater pumping. The first paper (Paper 1), [Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water: An Introduction](#), introduced concepts associated with ISW, including approaches for identifying ISW and defining depletion of ISW from groundwater pumping. The second paper (Paper 2), [Techniques for Estimating Interconnected Surface Water Depletion Caused by Groundwater Use](#), continues the foundational concepts presented in Paper 1 by discussing the data requirements, methods, and general implementation process to consider for ISW depletion analyses. The final paper (Paper 3), [Examples for Estimating Interconnected Surface Water Depletion Caused by Groundwater Use](#), continues and expands upon the topics presented in Paper 2 by providing detailed examples of using numerical models to evaluate depletion of ISW. A pre-recorded webinar that summarizes the contents of the three papers and describes the next steps in the development of the guidance document [can be viewed here](#).

The DRAFT ISW guidance document is *tentatively* scheduled for first quarter 2026 for public release.

SGMA Updates and Tools

Update Your GSA and GSP Manager Point of Contact Information in DWR's SGMA Portal

If your GSA and/or GSP Plan Manager Point of Contact (POC) is not current, or you are not sure, please visit the SGMA Portal to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date. When logged in, the Portal allows edits to be made to previously submitted contact information. If you have SGMA Portal questions, please email them to GSPSubmittal@water.ca.gov.

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The CASGEM Online System is Moving to the SGMA Portal July of 2026

The Department is beginning to integrate the [California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring \(CASGEM\) Program's Online System](#) with the [SGMA Portal's](#) Monitoring Network Module (MNM). This integration will streamline groundwater elevation data management and reporting processes by consolidating data submission into one location – the SGMA Portal's MNM. Our goal is to provide a more unified and efficient user experience for local agencies, stakeholders, and the public.

No action is required at this time. With the updated schedule, CASGEM Monitoring Entities and Online System users do not need to take any steps between now and July 2026. CASGEM Monitoring Entities and Online System users should submit their Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 data through the CASGEM Online System as normal.

If you have questions, please reach out to your DWR region office CASGEM contact ([here](#)) or to the CASGEM Program in Headquarters at CASGEM@water.ca.gov.

DWR releases provisional WY 2024 statewide land use data

DWR has officially released [provisional statewide land use data from Water Year \(WY\) 2024](#) for public access and use. The released data follows up on land use mapping conducted in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 where more than 15 million acres of land were classified (including agriculture multi-cropping instances and urban categories) using tools such as remote sensing and geographic information systems. The data can now be accessed at the following locations: [CA DWR Land Use Viewer](#) (viewing and downloading); [CNRA Webpage](#) (viewing and downloading); on the [SGMA Data Viewer](#) (viewing) and the [California State Geoportal](#) (viewing and downloading).

Facilitation Support Service and Translation Services Available to GSA's at No Cost

GSA's developing GSPs are eligible to receive funding for identification and engagement of interested parties, meeting facilitation, interest-based negotiation/consensus building, and public outreach facilitation. [FAQ about FSS is available here](#). More information [can be found here](#). [Written translation services available in 8 languages for outreach materials \(5,000 word maximum\)](#). DWR has [Verbal Interpretation service available to GSA's](#). Real-time interpretive services are available to GSAs for virtual, hybrid, or in-person meetings in support of GSP implementation with the goal of engaging underrepresented communities within basins and encouraging equal access for non-fluent English speakers during the implementation of GSP's. If you are interested in learning more or receiving support from an interpretation team email sgmps@water.ca.gov.

Reminders: Drought related tools & guidance

'Be Well Prepared' Initiative and Website

May 17, 2023, DWR released the [Be Well Prepared initiative](#). DWR is providing tools and resources to help communities that are dependent on groundwater and experiencing climate-driven weather extremes, to prepare for potential impacts to household water supplies. The Be Well Prepared initiative focuses on domestic well owners and residents that use and maintain their well. [The website includes resources and information](#) that every well owner should know and understand about: groundwater conditions, well maintenance, water quality, assistance, and additional articles, videos and resources. A [new flyer](#) from DWR provides the four initial steps for well owners to take if they think their well has gone dry. This flyer is also available in [Spanish](#) and [Hmong](#).

SB552: DWR's Water Shortage Vulnerability Scoring and Tool

As part of its technical assistance to support SB 552 implementation, DWR developed the [Water Shortage Vulnerability Scoring and Tool](#) to provide the foundational data and information statewide to counties for their water shortage risk assessment.

Dry Well Susceptibility Map

The DWR, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, has developed an interactive mapping tool, called the Dry Well Susceptibility Tool. This tool identifies areas within groundwater basins that may be

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prone to water supply shortages in drinking water wells. State and local agencies and well owners can use this tool to anticipate where wells may go dry based on historical conditions to inform drought preparedness decision-making. To use this tool, navigate to [California's Groundwater Live website](#) and click the [Dry Domestic Well Susceptibility tab](#). A fact sheet on this tool, as well as DWR's Dry Well Reporting System, [is available here](#).

Dry Well Reporting Site

There is a website available to [report private wells going dry](#). Information reported to this site is intended to inform state and local agencies on drought impacts on household water supplies. The data reported on this site (excluding personal identifiable information) can be viewed on the [SGMA data viewer](#) or downloaded on the [CNRA Atlas](#). Individuals or local agencies can report water shortages and [a list of resources are included on the webpage](#). The reporting forms are available in both English and Spanish. Local agencies can now sign up to receive notifications of any dry wells reported in their area. To sign up please email sgmps@water.ca.gov.

California's Groundwater Live: Up-to-date data on groundwater conditions, well installations and subsidence

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the final [California's Groundwater – Update 2020 \(Bulletin-118\)](#), containing information on the condition of the State's groundwater, DWR has also developed a companion web-based application called [California's Groundwater Live](#) (CalGW Live), leveraging the [California Natural Resources Agency Open Data Platform](#) (Open Data) to improve the access and timeliness of statewide groundwater information. The easy-to-use interface will make many of the data sets used in CalGW Update 2020 available in an interactive map format that will be updated regularly for viewing and downloading. For more information, visit the updated [California's Groundwater website](#) Contact: CalGW@water.ca.gov.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the [Fall 2024 Semi-Annual Groundwater Conditions Update](#), which provides a look back at groundwater conditions following California's historic 2023 Water Year and an average 2024 Water Year. It also summarizes groundwater conditions over the first 10 years of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation (2014-2024).