

Groundwater Legislation Timeline

San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority



<p>Jan 1, 2015 Local Agencies may no longer adopt or update GMPs for high and medium priority basins. Water Code § 10750.1</p> <p>Jan 31, 2015 * DWR releases initial basin prioritization. ** Water Code § 10722.4</p> <p>2015 - 2016 * DWR identifies basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft. Water Code § 12924(a)</p>	<p>Jan 1, 2016 DWR adopts regulations to revise basin boundaries. Water Code § 10722.2(b)</p> <p>Apr 1, 2016 Adjudicated basins submit final judgment to DWR and begin submitting annual reports to DWR. Water Code § 10720.8(f)</p> <p>Jun 1, 2016 DWR adopts regulations for evaluating and implementing GSPs and coordination agreements and DWR adopts regulations for evaluating alternatives to GSPs. Water Code § 10733.2</p>	<p>2017 DWR publishes Bulletin 118-Interim Update with updated Basin Boundaries, updated Basin Prioritization, and reissues (as needed) basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft.</p> <p>Jan 1, 2017 * DWR publishes BMPs for sustainable management of groundwater. Water Code § 10729(d)</p> <p>Dec 31, 2016 * DWR publishes report on water available for groundwater replenishment. Water Code § 10729(c)</p> <p>Jan 1, 2017 Alternative to a GSP due to DWR. Water Code § 10733.6</p> <p>Jun 30, 2017 Establish GSAs (or equivalent) for all high and medium priority basins. Water Code § 10735.2(a)</p> <p>Jul 1, 2017 County must affirm or disaffirm responsibility as GSA if no GSA has been established. Water Code § 10724(b)</p>	<p>2020 DWR publishes Bulletin 118-Comprehensive Update. Water Code § 12924</p> <p>Jan 31, 2020 High and medium priority basins identified subject to critical conditions of overdraft must be managed under a GSP. Water Code § 10720.7(a)(1)</p> <p>On April 1 following GSP adoption and annually thereafter, GSAs provide report on progress towards sustainability to DWR. Water Code § 10728</p>	<p>Jan 31, 2022 All other high and medium priority basins must be managed under a GSP. Water Code § 10720.7(a)(2)</p> <p>On April 1 following GSP adoption and annually thereafter, GSAs provide report on progress towards sustainability to DWR. Water Code § 10728</p>	<p>April 2026 State Water Resources Control Board determines a probationary designation for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin is unnecessary and recommends oversight return to DWR while the revised 2024 GSP moves through the approval process.</p>
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2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	<p>Jun 30, 2017 Board may hold a hearing to designate a basin as "probationary" if a GSA or approved alternative is not established. Water Code § 10735.2(a)(1)</p>	<p>Jul 1, 2017 Board adopts a fee schedule for "state back-stop" related costs. Water Code § 1529.5</p>			<p>Jan 31, 2020 Board may hold a hearing to designate a critically-overdrafted basin as "probationary" if DWR, in consultation with the Board, determines that the GSP is inadequate or will not achieve sustainability. Water Code § 10735.2(a)(3)</p>	<p>Jan 2021 Board may begin developing interim plans for critically overdrafted "probationary basins" one year after the probationary designation, if the Board, in consultation with the DWR, determines that a local agency has not remedied the deficiency that resulted in the probationary status. Water Code § 10735.6(b)</p>	<p>Jan 31, 2022 Board may hold a hearing to designate a high and medium priority basin as "probationary" if DWR, in consultation with the Board, determines that the GSP is inadequate or will not achieve sustainability. Water Code § 10735.2(a)(5)(A)</p>			<p>Jan 31, 2025 Board may designate a basin as "probationary" if DWR, in consultation with the Board, determines that the GSP is inadequate or not being implemented correctly, and the Board determines that the basin is in a condition where groundwater extractions result in significant depletion of interconnected surface waters. Water Code § 10735.2(a)(5)(B)</p>	
		<p>Dec 15, 2017 Board begins collection of annual reports from persons extracting more than two acre feet per year from areas not managed by a GSA. Water Code § 5202</p>	<p>Jan 1, 2018 Board may begin to develop interim plans if a local agency has not remedied the deficiency that resulted in the "probationary basin" status. The Board consults with DWR. Water Code § 10735.4(c)</p> <p>Probationary basins may petition for un-designation. The Board consults with DWR to determine if the petition is complete. The Board acts on the petition within 90 days of submittal. Water Code § 10735.8(g)(2)</p>								

Water Board Action	DWR Action	Joint Water Board and DWR Action	Local Action
GMP: Groundwater Management Plan	GSA: Groundwater Sustainability Agency	GSP: Groundwater Sustainability Plan	BMPs: Best Management Practices

* Elements to be documented in Bulletin 118 Updates

** Basin prioritization will be updated prior to each Bulletin 118 Update (estimated to be every 5 years)