



Sierra Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan Information Sheet

DWR and SWRCB - SGMA Webinar Highlights

Background

On February 18, 2021, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB or Water Board) co-sponsored a SGMA webinar. Three main presentations focused on

- a brief overview of SGMA
- SGMA regulations (GSP requirements, GSP evaluation by DWR, and procedures if no GSP is submitted – or if GSP is incomplete or inadequate)

The presentation slides are available [here](#). The video recording of the webinar is online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeYaZB8MT3w. The duration is 1 hour and 45 minutes and features the following presentations:

1. Steven Springhorn, DWR Deputy Director, welcome and agenda review
2. (video time at 5 mins., 28 seconds) Steven Springhorn, overview of groundwater management. SGMA and SGMA implementation
3. (video time at 12 minutes, 35 seconds) Craig Altare, DWR, describing GSP requirements and (at 21 minutes, 45 seconds) GSP review – where GSPs can be approved or determined to be incomplete or inadequate – and GSP timeline through 2042
4. (video time at 27 minutes, 10 seconds) Nathan Casebeer, Water Board, discuss the role of the Water Board in addressing GSPs that are incomplete or inadequate – including probation and interim plans. He noted that the agency only intervenes when local efforts fail. The Probation Period allows GSAs to remedy GSP deficiencies. If those deficiencies are not addressed, the Water Board may develop an Interim Plan for the Basin. There are fees involved when state intervention occurs. Timelines regarding probationary hearings were also described (e.g. 6 months to fix issues in a GSP). If a basin is put on probation, an additional year of time is allowed to address GSP deficiencies.
5. (video time at 40 minutes, 40 seconds) Q & A session (including fees associated with SWRCB intervention)
6. (video time at 57 minutes, 32 seconds) Steven Springhorn and Keith Wallace: State assistance programs for technical, financial and planning assistance programs (e.g., grants, statewide datasets, Bulletin 118 update, surveys, models)
7. (video time at 1 hour, 24 minutes, 48 seconds): Sarah Sugar, SWRCB: water rights for groundwater recharge projects, Water Board grant programs, State Water Board data and tools
8. (video time at 1 hour, 32 minutes, 0 seconds): Q & A session