

SGMA Portal Projects and Management Actions (PMA) Module Frequently Asked Questions

This Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document has been prepared by the Department of Water Resources (Department) to provide information related to the public viewing access of the [Projects and Management Actions \(PMA\) Module](#) on the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\) Portal](#). The information provided in response to the FAQs is for informational and guidance purposes only.

What is the PMA Module?

The PMA Module is a centralized place to view projects and management actions (PMAs) that are being implemented by Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) as part of their Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). This searchable database includes information and associated data on a broad range of PMAs, such as groundwater recharge, allocations, land fallowing, data gap filling, and various other actions and activities. It also serves as a mechanism for GSAs to report on the current implementation status and progress of their PMAs through an implementation update feature, which both assists them in meeting their regulatory annual reporting requirements¹ and helps inform the Department in evaluating a basin's progress towards achieving sustainability.²

Which PMAs are included in the PMA Module?

All PMAs that are included as part of a GSA's GSP³ have been input into the PMA Module, which include potential, ongoing, and future PMAs. As GSAs update, revise, or amend their PMAs, they are asked to make these revisions in the PMA module as well. PMAs from GSPs found to be inadequate in 2023 have not yet been added to the PMA module.⁴

What data is available in the PMA Module?

The PMA Module collects two types of information for each PMA, which are based on the information that the GSP Regulations⁵ require GSAs to provide about their PMAs:

- Base Information is provided for each PMA, which includes details such as the name, description, type (e.g., recharge, demand management, etc.), location, funding sources, benefits, and water supply source.

¹ 23 CCR § 356.2 (c).

² 23 CCR §§ 355.6 (c)(2), 355.8.

³ Basins that are not currently included in the PMA Module include basins with Alternatives to GSPs (Alternatives) and basins that have GSPs that been determined the Department to be "Inadequate."

⁴ PMAs from basins found to be inadequate in 2023 will be added to the PMA Module once the basin has transitioned back to the Department's jurisdiction.

⁵ 23 CCR §§ 354.44, 356.2 (c).

- Implementation Updates for each PMA will be provided by GSAs on an annual basis. Implementation updates are intended to provide updates on the progress of PMAs, including current status (e.g., planning, construction, etc.), new funding obtained, and quantifiable benefits accrued during a given water year.

Implementation Updates will not be required to be submitted to the PMA Module by the GSAs until the Water Year 2025 Annual Reports are submitted to the Department on April 1, 2026.⁶

How often are the PMAs in the PMA Module updated?

Base Information data can be updated by the GSAs at any time to reflect any changes made to PMAs during implementation. *Implementation Updates* can also be updated at any time; however, the Department expects updates at least once a year to be submitted by the GSAs for each PMA by April 1 of each year starting in 2026, which coincides with the submittal of annual reports. The information collected is consistent with the requirements that annual reports should provide a description of the progress of their projects and management actions since the previous annual report.⁷

Where can I find instructions for using the PMA Module?

The Department has developed resources to assist the public in using the PMA Module. Both provide step-by-step guidance on how to use the PMA Module and its key features, such as how to search for and download PMA data.

- [SGMA Portal PMA Module \(Public View\) - Instructions Manual](#)
- [Video Tutorial: How to Use the SGMA Portal PMA Module](#)

Do I need a SGMA Portal account to use the PMA Module?

No, a SGMA Portal account is not required to use the PMA Module.

Who should I contact for questions related to specific PMAs?

In some cases, GSAs have provided specific contact information for PMAs, which can also be found in the PMA Module under the “Point of Contact” field for a PMA. If contact information is not provided, the Department recommends reaching out to the basin Plan Manager associated with the PMA’s GSP. You can find the GSP Plan Manager’s contact information by searching for the GSP on the SGMA Portal’s [Submitted GSPs](#) webpage.

Who should I contact for questions about using the PMA Module?

If you have any questions or need assistance with using the PMA Module, please contact the Department by emailing SGMPS@water.ca.gov.

⁶ Annual reports are due annually on April 1 for the preceding water year ending September 30 (23 CCR § 356.2).

⁷ 23 CCR § 356.2(c).