

## Initial List of Interested Parties within the San Luis Obispo Valley Basin

Pursuant to the California Water Code Section 10723.2, the San Luis Obispo Valley Basin – County of San Luis Obispo Groundwater Sustainability Agency, in coordination with other GSAs within the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin), will consider the interest of all beneficial uses and users, as well as those responsible for implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The County of San Luis Obispo has developed a list of interested parties and will revise the list as needed throughout the development of the GSP. An initial list of stakeholders and interested parties within the proposed San Luis Obispo Valley Basin – County of San Luis Obispo GSA service area, as defined in the water code, follows.

Agency:

County of San Luis Obispo  
San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District  
City of San Luis Obispo  
Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

Water Corporations Regulated by PUC or a Mutual Water Company:

Edna Ranch Mutual Water Company - East  
Golden State Water Company - Edna  
Varian Ranch Mutual Water Company  
Edna Valley Growers Mutual Water Company  
Maxwellton Mutual Water

Agricultural users:

Individual agricultural landowners  
Farm Bureau  
Coastal San Luis Obispo Resource Conservation District  
UC Cooperative Extension  
USDA Conservation Service  
USDA Farm Service Agency  
Grower-Shipper Association  
SLO Wine Country Association

Domestic well owners:

Individual rural residential/suburban landowners  
Tiffany Ranch  
O'Conner Way

Municipal well operators:

Covered in other categories

Public water systems:

(per EHS records)  
141 Suburban Road Water Supply  
200 Suburban Road Water Supply  
Bear Valley Water Company

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Buttonwood Industrial Park- Inactive  
CB&I Constructors Inc  
Chevron - Tank Farm  
Congregation Beth David  
Copeland S Investments  
East Airport Fiero Lane Water Company  
Edna Valley Vineyard  
Elks Lodge #322  
Ernie Ball Inc  
Fiero Lane Water Company  
Hidden Hills Mobilodge  
Higuera Apartments  
Holdgrafer & Associates  
Horizon Lane Water Supply  
Irish Hills  
J M Sims Water Supply  
Jespersen Ranch  
Laureate Water Company  
Madonna Inn Water Company  
Noll Properties Industrial Park  
Paragon Triangle Water Supply  
Poly Ranch  
R. Howard Strabaugh Inc  
San Luis Business Park  
San Luis Sourdough - Inactive  
San Luis Water & Power  
SLO County Farm Bureau  
SLO Partners  
Sunset Drive-In Snack Bar  
Tank Farm Business Park  
Tank Farm Industrial Plaza  
Tiger Water Supply  
Toyota San Luis Obispo  
Vachell Water System  
Wallace Water Systems  
Whitson Industrial Park  
Williams Water Company  
Edna Ranch West (not in basin)

Local land use planning agencies:

City of San Luis Obispo  
County of San Luis Obispo  
San Luis Obispo Council of Government (SLO COG)

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Environmental users of groundwater:

Central Coast Salmon Enhancement  
The Nature Conservancy

Surface water users:

Individual agricultural landowners  
City of San Luis Obispo  
Central Coast Salmon Enhancement

Federal government:

U.S. Fish & Wildlife

California Native American tribes:

Chumash – no specific water uses in area

Disadvantaged communities:

Covered under other categories

# THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

**The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)** is a new state law that provides financial and enforcement tools to carry out effective local groundwater management.

## GET INVOLVED

**ATTEND** a workshop on 9/20/2016 from 6–8pm at the Farm Bureau, 4875 Morabito Place, San Luis Obispo, CA

**VISIT** our website at:  
[slocountywater.org/sgma](http://slocountywater.org/sgma)

**SIGN UP** for our email list to get the most recent information





#### Groundwater

**Groundwater** is a precious natural resource in the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley on which our livelihoods depend. The basin is listed by the State of California as a medium priority basin in need of **sustainable management**.



#### The Law

**The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)** is a new groundwater law that provides financial and enforcement tools to carry out effective local groundwater management.



#### The People

**A Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) must be formed by 6/30/2017.** The agency can be formed by local public agencies and other eligible entities, with stakeholder (your) participation.



#### The Plan

The GSA must develop and adopt a **Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)** by 1/31/2022, and implement planned actions within 20 years.

## Questions?

Contact Dick Tzou at:  
(805) 781-4473 or  
[dtzou@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:dtzou@co.slo.ca.us)

# SGMA and YOU

## A Groundwater Management Stakeholder Forum

September 20th, 2016

6:00–8:00pm

San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau  
4875 Morabito Place, San Luis Obispo, CA

Please take an active role in planning for your community and join us for the first in a series of important forums and workshops on local sustainable groundwater management. At this forum we will discuss the future of groundwater management in the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin. This meeting is specifically intended for groundwater users in the unincorporated areas of the basin.

The San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin is designated by the State of California as a medium priority basin. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) is a new state law that requires the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) for all medium and high priority basins by June 30, 2017 for the sustainable management of the basins. GSAs are formed by local public agencies and other eligible entities, and must include participation by all stakeholders.

The GSA will develop a management plan (i.e. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)) that will include actions to ensure groundwater levels are stable over time, water quality is not degraded, and the groundwater basin is managed in a fair, cost-efficient, and sustainable manner for all of its users. The plan must be adopted by January 31, 2022.

The overarching goal is to “establish community focused Groundwater Sustainability Agencies based on cooperative interagency and stakeholder relationships in order to comply with SGMA requirements.” We hope you will join us!

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### IMPORTANT information on The San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin

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## THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

### Your input is needed regarding:

- How your interests will be represented.
- How decisions will be made.
- How groundwater resources will be used in your area.

### Questions?

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Visit our website at [slocountywater.org/sgma](http://slocountywater.org/sgma) to get more information and sign up for our email list.





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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**NOTICE OF GROUNDWATER STAKEHOLDER PUBLIC FORUM, SAN LUIS OBISPO – September 12, 2016** – The San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works invites community members to attend a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation Stakeholder Forum for the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin, Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**What:** A public meeting to help interested stakeholders learn more about an important new groundwater management law known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act or "SGMA". The forum will overview the legislation's requirement to form a new groundwater management entity known as a "Groundwater Sustainability Agency" (GSA) by June 30, 2017, and how this new legislation will impact groundwater basin users.

**Who:** It is open to the public and interested community members. Please note that this workshop forum is specifically intended for groundwater pumpers and landowners in the unincorporated areas of the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin.

**When:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau, 4875 Morabito Place, San Luis Obispo, CA

For information regarding SGMA efforts, or to receive emails about future updates on the GSA formation development in the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin please visit the County's SGMA website <http://slocountywater.org/sgma> and sign up with our emailing list for the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO VALLEY BASIN SGMA WORKSHOP  
 San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau  
 September 20, 2016

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# Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

## WORKSHOP – SGMA 101

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

SLO COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
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## Topics

Why are we here?

SGMA overview

Local actions

How to engage



## Why are we here?



## Sustainability Groundwater Management Act

### ► New State law with rapid deadlines

### ► Form committee – collaboration & partnerships

City of SLO  
County of SLO

Golden State Water Corp.  
Varian Ranch MWC

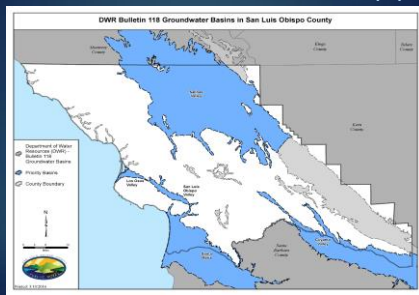
Edna Valley Growers MWC  
Edna Ranch MWC – East

### Our Initial Focus:

- Develop a road map forward
- Build trust & collaboration
- Set up best governance & agreement

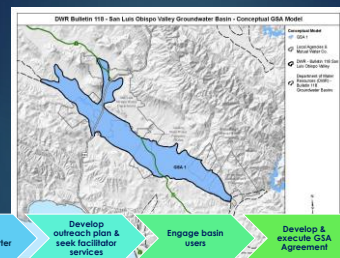


## SGMA: Where does the law apply?



## San Luis Obispo Valley Basin

GSP due:  
1/31/2022



# SGMA Overview



## SGMA: The Basics

### Local management of groundwater

- No uncovered areas
- Specific exemptions for listed adjudicated basins
- County management option
- State as backstop



**Goal:**  
Sustainability  
within 20 years



## SGMA: The Basics



Prevent "undesirable results"  
"Significant" & "Unreasonable"

- Lowering of Groundwater Levels
- Reduction in Groundwater Storage
- Seawater Intrusion
- Water Quality Degradation
- Land Subsidence
- Depletions of Surface Water



## SGMA: The Basics

### GSA(s) Groundwater Sustainability Agency(ies)

- ▶ Formed by one or more agencies
  - ◆ Local public agencies with water supply, management or land use responsibilities
  - ◆ Mutual water companies or PUC-regulated water corporations
  - ◆ Via JPA or MOA

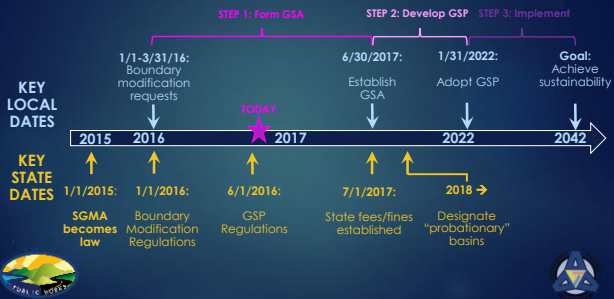
### GSP(s) Groundwater Sustainability Plan(s)

- ▶ Measurable objectives
- ▶ Implementation milestones
- ▶ Annual reports (water use, extraction, change in storage)
- ▶ 5-year GSP updates

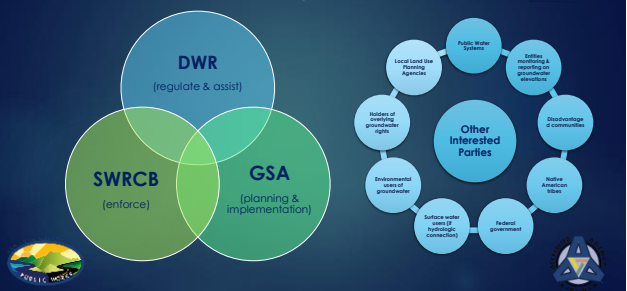
.... Achieve Sustainability 20 years after plan adoption



## SGMA: Schedule



## General Roles & Responsibilities



## Local Actions



## Creating a Governance Model



### Groundwater Management Entity ("GSA")

(eligible entities: Local Public Agencies, Mutual Water Cos, PUC, Water Corp.)

### Technical Advisory Committee

Appointed by the GSA

### Advisory Committee

Affected water users and purveyors not eligible for GSA

## SLO Groundwater Basin Program Charter

### VISION

• To maximize the SLO Valley Groundwater Basin potential in a fair and cost efficient manner for its users.

### MISSION

• To implement SGMA in partnership with stakeholders that provides a long-term sustainable basin plan, based on science and best practices, in a manner that achieves an equitable balance among competing interests.

### KEY OBJECTIVES

• Augmentation  
• Conservation  
• Innovation

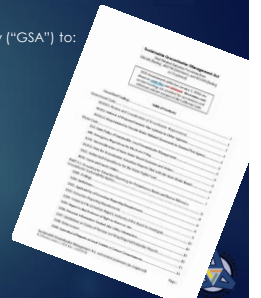


## GSA Authorities

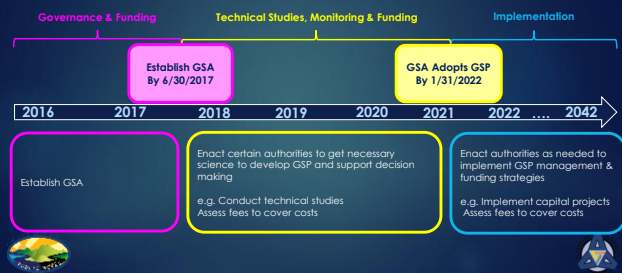
► By law, the State authorizes new management entity ("GSA") to:

- Conduct studies
- Register & monitor wells
- Set well spacing requirements
- Require extraction reporting
- Regulate extractions
- Implement capital projects
- Assess fees to cover costs

► Required to develop plan ("GSP") by 1/31/2022



## GSA Authorities



## Funding Strategies

► **2016 - 2017: Establish GSA**

- In-kind efforts by:
  - SLO City, SLO County, Mutual Water Cos, Golden State
- County received Prop 1 Grant (\$150,000+ for SLO Basin study/ outreach)

► **2017 - 2022: Develop Plan for Sustainability**

- TBD with some fair allocation amongst parcels

► **2022 - 2042: Implement Sustainability Strategies**

- Initial estimates & funding strategies: TBD in GSP



# How to Engage



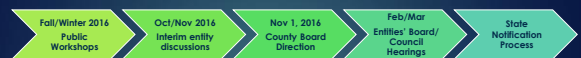
## Stakeholder Engagement



## Near-Term SGMA Schedule



## SLO Valley: Opportunities to Engage



### Opportunities for Input & Information:

- Read SGMA & regulations
- Visit: [www.slocountywater.org/sgma](http://www.slocountywater.org/sgma)
- Join email lists – County, DWR
- Help to identify critical stakeholders
- Attend basin outreach events & invite us to present in your neighborhood
- Provide input to Boards/ Councils/ etc. at key decision points



# Thank you!

For more information, join our email list:  
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### Your Partners in Achieving Sustainable Water Resources:

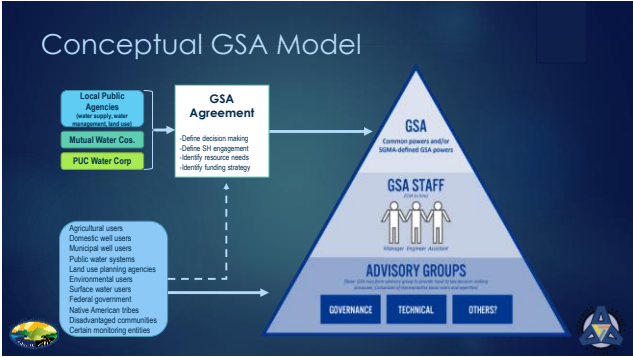
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Edna Valley Growers MWC  
Edna Ranch MWC - East

Golden State Water Corp.  
Varian Ranch MWC



## BACKUP SLIDES



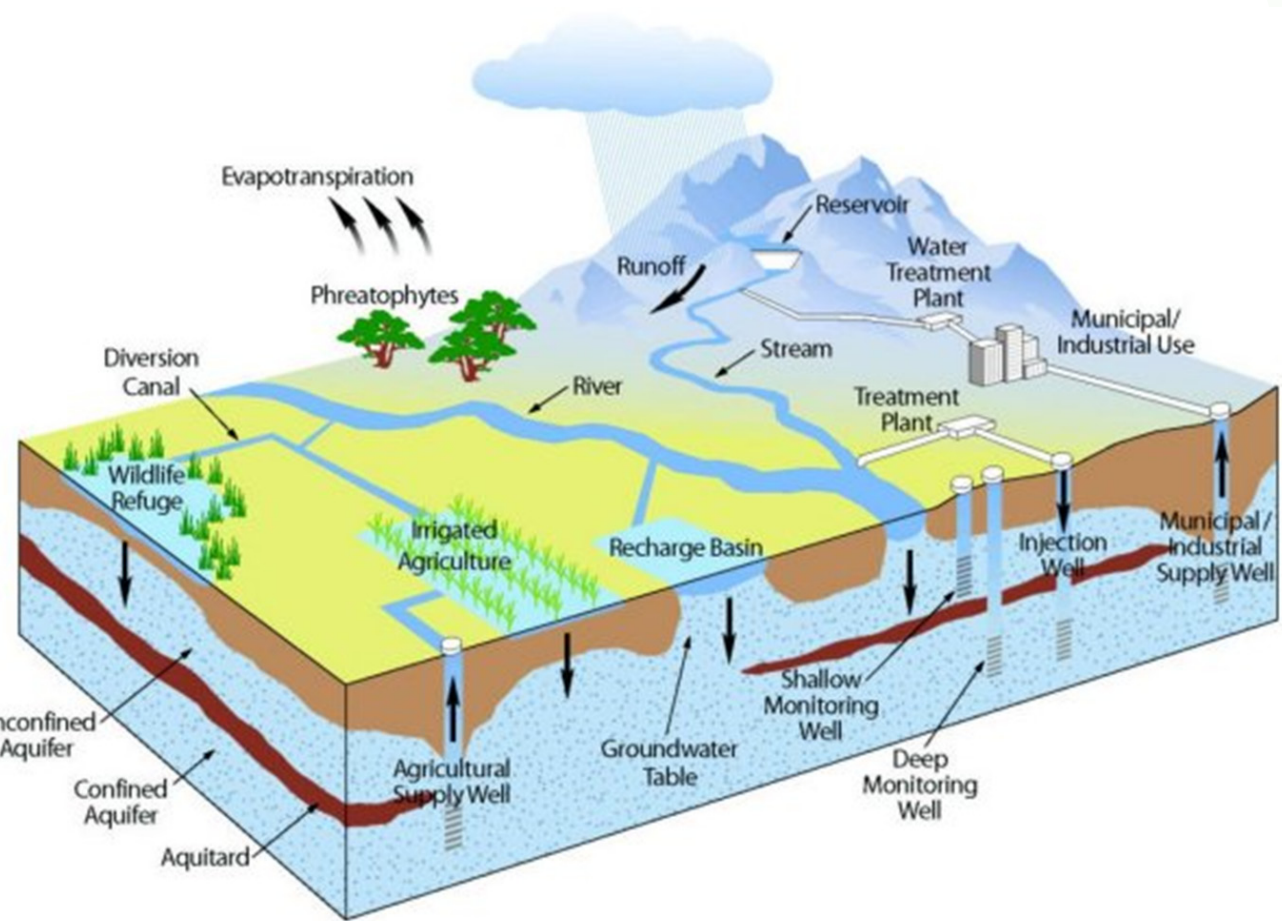
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The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act:

- Provides for local management of groundwater basins.
- Provides local agencies with the authority, technical, and financial means needed to maintain groundwater supplies.
- Establishes minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management.
- Creates a mechanism for state intervention if a local agency is not managing the groundwater sustainably.
- Improves data collection and understanding of groundwater resources and management.



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## WHAT IS A GSP?

DWR finalized the GSP Regulations that define what is required for GSP content, such as basin conditions, water budget, minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, monitoring network, and interim five-year milestones to achieve sustainability within 20 years of GSP adoption. The GSA(s) must prepare a GSP that complies with these state regulations by January 31, 2022.

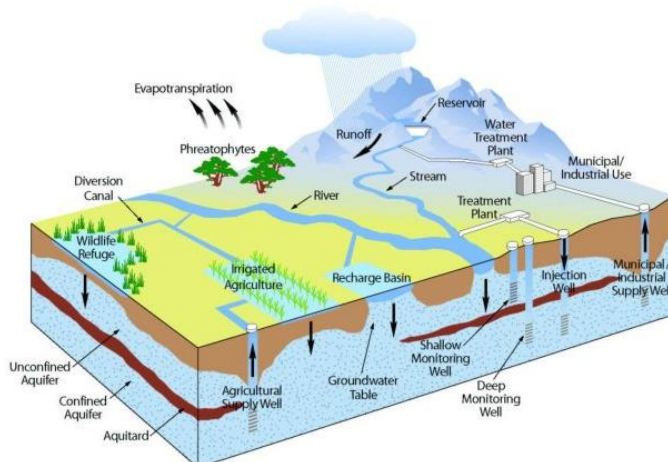
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## ACRONYMS:

|             |                                                                                  |
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| <b>DWR</b>  | California Department of Water Resources                                         |
| <b>GSA</b>  | Groundwater Sustainability Agency                                                |
| <b>GSP</b>  | Groundwater Sustainability Plan                                                  |
| <b>SGMA</b> | Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (State law went into effect Jan. 1, 2015) |

## WHAT DOES SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT MEAN?

SGMA defines sustainable management as managing and using groundwater in a way that can be sustained over a long period of time. For SGMA’s planning horizon, this needs to cover 50 years. Specifically, sustainable yield is defined as the amount of groundwater that can be withdrawn annually without chronically lowering groundwater levels, reducing groundwater storage, causing seawater intrusion, degrading water quality, causing land subsidence, or depleting interconnected surface water (i.e., creeks, streams and rivers) in a manner that causes significant and unreasonable impacts.

## HOW ARE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREAS DEFINED?

DWR’s Bulletin 118 report (previously updated in 2003) defines groundwater basin boundaries. The basin boundaries were derived primarily by identifying alluvial sediments on geologic maps, using the best available information at the time. Under SGMA, each medium and high priority basin, in its entirety, must be managed to effectively avoid significant and unreasonable impacts as defined above.

## WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF MANAGING THE GROUNDWATER BASIN?

Any local public agency or combination of local public agencies overlying a groundwater basin, which has water supply, water management or land use responsibilities, may form a GSA. Water corporations regulated by the Public Utilities Commission or mutual water companies may participate on a GSA. **The law requires that GSAs be formed by June 30, 2017.** If an area over a basin is not within the management area of a GSA, the local county will be presumed to be the GSA for that area unless the county opts not to.

### ELIGIBLE ENTITIES IN SLO BASIN:

**Local Agencies:** County of San Luis Obispo; City of San Luis Obispo

**PUC-Regulated Water Corporations:** Golden State Water Company

**Mutual Water Companies:** Edna Ranch Mutual Water Co – East; Edna Valley Growers Mutual Water Co; Varian Ranch Mutual Water Co.

Overlapping jurisdictions exist in many basins, and there is the question of which existing local agencies should be designated GSAs. SGMA allows for the sharing of basin governance, thus a basin can be managed by several separate GSAs, or just one. No matter how many GSAs there are, the GSA(s) must prepare one or coordinated GSPs that covers the entire basin.

## HOW DOES SGMA AFFECT EXISTING WATER AND PROPERTY RIGHTS?

The SGMA is designed to address issues related to both overdraft and safe yield, but does not change existing groundwater rights. It should be understood, however, that there was never an unfettered right for private property owners to pump as much water as they could – the California Constitution has always mandated that water must be put to beneficial use.

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## WHOSE INTERESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE LOCAL ENACTMENT OF SGMA REGULATIONS?

SGMA requires that the GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, including agriculture and domestic well owners, municipal well operators, public water systems, local land use planning agencies, environmental users of groundwater, surface water users (if there is a hydrologic connection to groundwater), the federal government (including the military and managers of federal lands), disadvantaged communities, Native American tribes, and groundwater level monitoring entities.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

#### SGMA Legislation

<http://groundwater.ca.gov/legislation.cfm>

#### GSP Requirements

<http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsp.cfm>

#### DWR Bulletin 118 Description of San Luis Obispo Valley (Basin No. 3-9)

<http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/bulletin118/basindescriptions/3-09.pdf>

#### San Luis Obispo County Water Resources: San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin News and Information (*click on SLO/Edna Basin page*)

<https://slocountywater.org/sgma>

## GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES (GSAs)

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### WHO CAN FORM GSAs?

Any local public agency or combination of local public agencies overlying a groundwater basin, which has water supply, water management or land use responsibilities, may form a GSA. Additionally, a water corporation regulated by the Public Utilities Commission or a mutual water company may participate in a GSA through a memorandum of agreement or other legal agreement. SGMA leaves the decision of which local agency(ies) should be GSAs to the local interests. If an area over a basin is not within the management area of a GSA, the local county will be presumed to be the GSA for that area unless the county opts out.

### WHAT POWERS AND AUTHORITIES DO GSAs HAVE?

GSAs are empowered to utilize a number of new management tools to achieve the basin’s sustainability goal. For example, GSAs may

### ACRONYMS:

|      |                                                                                           |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DWR  | California Department of Water Resources                                                  |
| GSA  | Groundwater Sustainability Agency                                                         |
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conduct investigations, determine the sustainable yield of the groundwater basin, require registration of groundwater wells, mandate annual extraction reports from individual wells, impose limits on extractions, implement capital projects, assess fees for groundwater management, and enforce the terms of a GSP. What authorities each GSA assumes is one of the key decisions in both forming a GSA and implementing a GSP.

### WILL PRIVATE WELL OPERATORS BE REPRESENTED?

Private landowners are not eligible to be a GSA. While the legislation does not give private pumpers a direct governance opportunity, they are key players in successful groundwater management. How private pumpers will have a voice in informing GSA decisions and actions is an important consideration in establishing the GSA governance structure.

### ELIGIBLE ENTITIES IN SLO BASIN:

County of San Luis Obispo  
City of San Luis Obispo  
Edna Ranch Mutual Water Company – East  
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Golden State Water Company  
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## HOW WILL THE GSA BE FUNDED?

GSAs have the authority to levy fees on basin users to support implementation of the SGMA, subject to the same procedural requirements used by other local agencies. GSAs and basin users will also be able to pursue funding under the Proposition 1 Water Bond – available on a competitive basis to be used for the development and implementation of GSPs and planned actions/ projects.

## WILL STAKEHOLDERS BE ENGAGED IN FORMING THE GSA?

SGMA requires each GSA to establish and maintain a list of all people interested in groundwater issues including preparation of the GSP. Collaboration and stakeholder involvement will be key to the successful implementation of SGMA.

So, how can you get involved? Here are a few key actions you can take:

- 1) **Visit our SGMA website & sign up for the email list to receive workshop invitations & receive critical updates:**

<http://slocountywater.org/sgma>

- 2) **Attend public workshops and participate in discussions.**
- 3) **Help us identify and reach out to other stakeholder groups, such as agricultural organizations, domestic well owners, public water systems, environmental groups, business or development organizations, etc. that may not be participating yet.**

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

### SGMA Legislation

<http://groundwater.ca.gov/legislation.cfm>

### GSP Requirements

<http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsp.cfm>

### DWR Bulletin 118 Description of San Luis Obispo Valley (Basin No. 3-9)

<http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/bulletin118/basindescriptions/3-09.pdf>

### San Luis Obispo County Water Resources: San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin News and Information ([click on SLO/ Edna Basin](#))

<http://slocountywater.org/sgma>

## SGMA TIMELINE

|                               |                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>June 30, 2017:</b>         | <b>Deadline to form a GSA</b>                                                          |
| <i>June 30, 2017:</i>         | <i>State can begin to put basins on probation who have not formed GSAs</i>             |
| <i>July 1, 2017:</i>          | <i>Basins in a probationary basin must report extractions to the State Water Board</i> |
| <b>January 31, 2022:</b>      | <b>GSP required for SLO Valley Basin</b>                                               |
| <i>January 31, 2022–2024:</i> | <i>DWR completes evaluation of all GSPs</i>                                            |
| <b>January 31, 2042:</b>      | <b>Basins must implement GSP planned actions &amp; achieve sustainability</b>          |



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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**NOTICE OF GROUNDWATER STAKEHOLDER PUBLIC FORUM, SAN LUIS OBISPO / EDNA VALLEY – November 7, 2016** – The San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation Working Group invites community members to attend a basin-wide SGMA Stakeholder Forum, Wednesday on November 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. This public forum is organized by the GSA Working Group, made up of representatives from the County of San Luis Obispo, the City of San Luis Obispo, Edna Ranch Mutual Water Company-East, Varian Ranch Mutual Water Company, Edna Valley Growers Mutual Water Company, and Golden State Water Company.

**What:** A public meeting to engage interested stakeholders in governance discussions related to GSA formation. The forum will specifically focus on the key elements of proposed governance and how the stakeholders may be engaged and represented as part of the decision-making process. Opportunities will be provided for discussions, input, and feedback from the public.

**Who:** It is open to the public and interested community members. Please note that this workshop forum is intended for all stakeholders in the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin. Interested stakeholders are encouraged to visit the website listed below to see whether their properties lie in this basin.

**When:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Los Ranchos Elementary School, 5785 Los Ranchos Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

For information regarding SGMA efforts, or to receive emails about future updates on the GSA formation development in the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin, please visit the County's SGMA website <http://slocountywater.org/sgma> and sign up with our emailing list for the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley. You can also utilize its interactive mapping tool to determine whether your property is located within the basin.

*The County gratefully acknowledges DWR's grant funding support to offset some costs associated with the local GSA formation processes. Grant funding is provided under the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, (Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program).*

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**San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Basin  
Basin-Wide Stakeholder Workshop #1,  
Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Sign In Sheet**

|    | Name            | Organization | Email    | Phone # |
|----|-----------------|--------------|----------|---------|
| 1  | Steve Kerner    |              |          |         |
| 2  | Christy Bell    |              | REDACTED |         |
| 3  | Mike Mitchell   |              |          |         |
| 4  | John P. ...     |              |          |         |
| 5  | Mike Buttrick   |              |          |         |
| 6  | Hanna H. Miller |              |          |         |
| 7  | Red Curb        |              |          |         |
| 8  | Chris Owens     |              |          |         |
| 9  | Matt Owens      |              |          |         |
| 10 | Bill Jonling    |              |          |         |
| 11 | Pete Allen      |              |          |         |
| 12 | Joe C. Hines    |              |          |         |
| 13 | George ...      |              |          |         |
| 14 | Steve Righetti  |              |          |         |
| 15 | Tom ...         |              |          |         |
| 16 | Jim Sunde       |              |          |         |
| 17 | Don ...         |              |          |         |
| 18 | Bob ...         |              |          |         |
| 19 | A. J. Maul      |              |          |         |

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| 44 | Paul Rys   | SELF         | REDACTED |         |
| 45 | Tom REHNER | SELF         |          |         |
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| 20 | Gabrielle Ostermeyer |              |          |         |
| 21 | CARIE MATINGLY       |              | REDACTED |         |
| 22 | Dean Funkhouser      |              |          |         |
| 23 | Fay Lindstrom        |              |          |         |
| 24 | TRAVIS FORTNER       |              |          |         |
| 25 | George Dink          |              |          |         |
| 26 | FRAN CHANES          |              |          |         |
| 27 | DICK TROW            |              |          |         |
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# Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

SAN LUIS OBISPO VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN  
NOVEMBER 16, 2016



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CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, EDHA VALLEY GROWERS MWC,  
VARIAN RANCH MWC, GOLDEN STATE WATER CO., EDHA RANCH MWC



## Goals for Tonight



## SLO Groundwater Basin Program Charter

### VISION

- To maximize the SLO Valley Groundwater Basin potential in a fair and cost efficient manner for its users.

### MISSION

- To implement SGMA in partnership with stakeholders that provides a long-term sustainable basin plan, based on science and best practices, in a manner that achieves an equitable balance among competing interests.

### KEY OBJECTIVES

- Augmentation
- Conservation
- Innovation



## SGMA Overview



## SGMA: The Basics

### Local management of groundwater

- No uncovered areas
- Specific exemptions for listed adjudicated basins
- County management option
- State as backstop

**Goal:**  
Sustainability within 20 years



## SGMA: The Basics



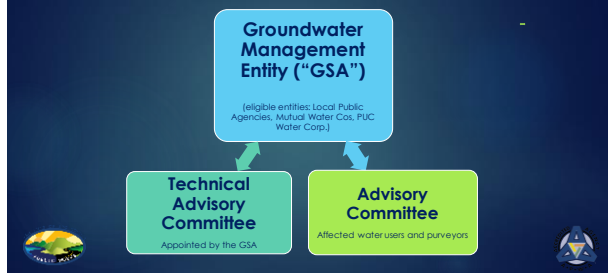
Prevent "undesirable results"  
"Significant" & "Unreasonable"

- Lowering of Groundwater Levels
- Reduction in Groundwater Storage
- Seawater Intrusion
- Water Quality Degradation
- Land Subsidence
- Depletions of Surface Water

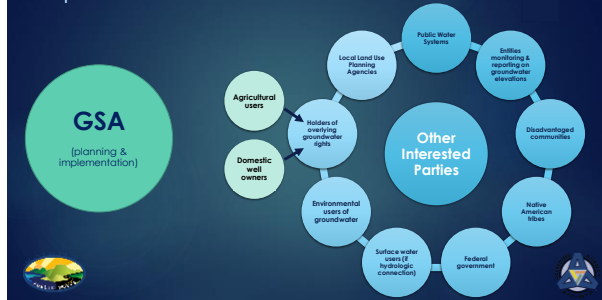




## Creating a Governance Model



## Representation in Governance

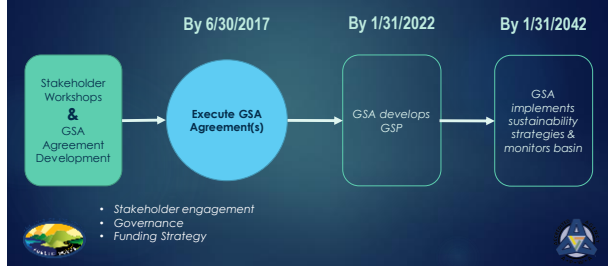


## Conceptual Governance Model



## How to Engage

## Near-Term SGMA Schedule



## SLO Valley: Opportunities to Engage



### Opportunities for Input & Information:

- ▶ Read SGMA & regulations
- ▶ Visit: [www.slocountywater.org/sgma](http://www.slocountywater.org/sgma)
- ▶ Join email lists – County, DWR
- ▶ Sign up for Advisory Committee interest list for future GSA
- ▶ Invite your neighbors to join email lists, come to meetings, etc.
- ▶ Attend basin outreach events & invite us to present in your neighborhood
- ▶ Provide input to Boards/ Councils/ etc. at key decision points

# Thank you!

For more information, join our email list:  
[www.slocountywater.org/sgma](http://www.slocountywater.org/sgma)

Dick Tzou, Water Resources Engineer: 805.781.4473 or dtzou@co.slo.ca.us

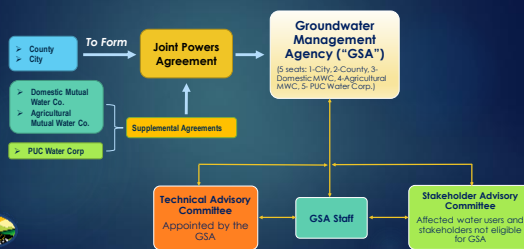
## Your Partners in Achieving Sustainable Water Resources:

City of San Luis Obispo      Varian Ranch MWC      Golden State Water Corp.  
 County of San Luis Obispo      Edna Valley Growers MWC      Varian Ranch MWC  
                                                  Edna Ranch MWC - East



## Backup slides

## Proposed Governance Model



## Conceptual GSA Model

