



State Water Resources Control Board

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RETURNING THE KAWEAH SUBBASIN TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

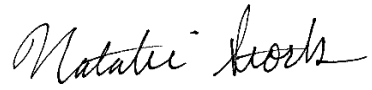
On March 2, 2023, the Department of Water Resources (Department) found, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), that the groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) for the Kaweah Subbasin were inadequate (2022 GSP Inadequate Determination). On December 2, 2025, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) adopted Resolution No. 2025-0040 finding that revisions in the Kaweah Subbasin's 2024 GSPs adopted by the Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) on November 14, 2024, substantially addressed the deficiencies identified in the 2022 GSP Inadequate Determination as well as additional issues raised by State Water Board staff during review of subsequent Kaweah GSPs.

Accordingly, Resolution No. 2025-0040 finds that designation of the Kaweah Subbasin as a probationary basin is unnecessary at this time and that the Kaweah Subbasin should be returned to the jurisdiction of the Department under Chapter 10 of SGMA (Cal. Wat. Code, § 10733, et seq.). This letter serves as notice that the State Water Board is returning the Kaweah Groundwater Subbasin to the Department's jurisdiction.

While the State Water Board deemed the Kaweah Subbasin's 2024 GSPs sufficient to return the subbasin to the Department's jurisdiction, State Water Board staff included recommendations for GSP improvement in the Staff Assessment (released on October 13, 2025) to further SGMA's sustainability goal. For the GSAs' consideration and for the Department's awareness during annual and periodic reviews under Water Code sections 10733.4 and 10733.8, both the GSAs and the Department may wish to consider the recommendations for GSP improvement contained in Section 4.0 of the Board Staff Assessment.

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Please contact me at Natalie.Stork@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions.

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