

Introduction to SGMA



**Stakeholder Workshop for the
Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Plans
June 25, 2020**


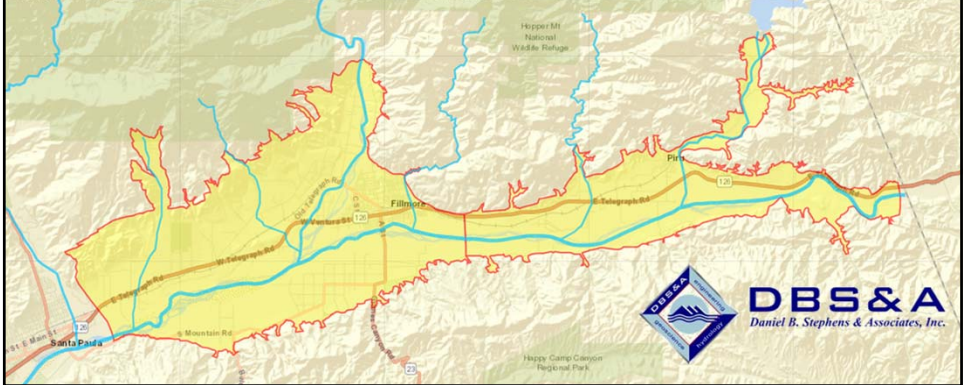


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What is SGMA?

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

SGMA is a State law that requires the management of *high and medium priority* groundwater basins to ensure their sustainability



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When was SGMA passed by the Legislature?

- Passed by State legislature and signed by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2014. Enacted on January 1, 2015.
- Compilation of three bills (AB1739, SB1168, SB1319)




Who is responsible for complying with SGMA?

- Local **Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)** are responsible for preparing and implementing **Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs)** to achieve sustainable groundwater management in their basins over a 20-year period
- Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA was formed to provide local control over SGMA compliance and management of the groundwater resources.

“Groundwater management in CA is best accomplished locally”
Gov Jerry Brown



When?




Form GSA
(completed)


Prepare GSPs
(underway)

GSPs to DWR *
(Jan 31, 2022)


** individual GSPs required for Fillmore and Piru basins*




Why do we need to do this?




- Fillmore and Piru basins assigned **HIGH** priority by DWR
- Priority rating driven, at least in part, by dependence on groundwater
- If local management does not occur, State of CA can take over management of the basin.
- Groundwater resource sustainability is beneficial to all








How is sustainability determined?


Undesirable Results
Significant and Unreasonable



Lowering
GW Levels


Reduction
of Storage



Seawater
Intrusion


Degraded
Quality


Land
Subsidence



Surface Water
Depletion

Definitions of “Significant and Unreasonable” established by GSA




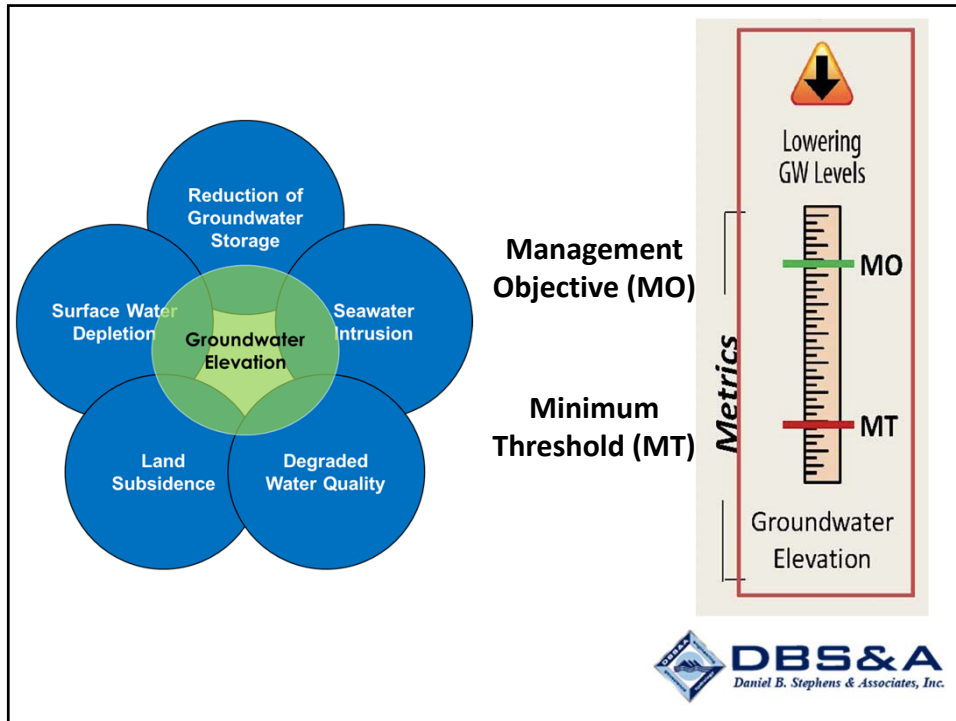
§ 354.24. Sustainability Goal

- A single sustainability goal for the basin
- Achieved within 20 years of GSP implementation
- Maintained without causing undesirable results



Metrics - how do we measure?





How can you participate in the GSP process?

Attend Public Meetings

- ✓ FPBGSA Monthly Board Meetings
- ✓ Stakeholder Workshops/Meetings

Review and Comment on

- ✓ Draft GSPs
- ✓ FPBGSA Annual Budgets
- ✓ Communication & Engagement Plan

Monitor / Register

- ✓ Monitor FPBGSA News on the website (www.fpbgsa.org)
- ✓ Follow FPBGSA Facebook page
- ✓ Sign up for FPBGSA's email list





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