State Water Resources Control Board
Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
May 18, 2017

Regulatory Deadlines Ahead
Groundwater management in California is best accomplished locally.

Governor Jerry Brown
Form Agencies
Develop Plans
Implement Plans
Achieve Sustainability!
"Where a local groundwater sustainability agency is not managing its groundwater sustainably, the state needs to protect the resource until...a local groundwater sustainability agency can sustainably manage the groundwater basin."

California Legislature
Board only steps in when local efforts fail.

Temporarily protects the basin until locals come up-to-speed.

Backstop is triggered by SGMA deadlines.
Triggering the Backstop

**Jul 1, 2017** No GSA or No Alternative

**Feb 1, 2020**

**Feb 1, 2022**

**Feb 1, 2025**
Unmanaged pumpers **REPORT** to the **BOARD**

Board may designate **ENTIRE** basin **PROBATIONARY**
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Unmanaged pumpers REPORT to the BOARD
BASIN

GSA

GSA

Unmanaged Area

www.waterboards.ca.gov/gmp
Groundwater extraction reports

Pumpers report directly to the Board annually.

1. Well location and capacity
2. Monthly extraction volumes
3. Place and purpose of use

De Minimis users are exempt.
Probationary groundwater BASIN

- Opportunity to fix issues
- Board investigations
- All pumpers report
- May require meters

De Minimis users are not exempt.
REPORTING Timeline

2017

- May 16: Board Meeting to adopt Fees
- Jun 15: Reporting System Testing
- Jun 30: Deadline to form GSA
- Jul 1: Fees Effective
- Sep 30: 2017 Water Year Ends
- Oct 1: Reporting Begins
- Dec 15: Reports due for 2017
Appendix slides
“The board shall exclude from probationary status any portion of a basin for which a groundwater sustainability agency demonstrates compliance with the sustainability goal.”

Water Code Section 10735.2(e)
The determination may exclude a class or category of extractions from the... [reporting requirements] if those extractions are subject to a local plan or program that adequately manages groundwater ...or if those extractions are likely to have a minimal impact on basin withdrawals.

Water Code Section 10735.2 (c)(1)
The board shall include in its interim plan a groundwater sustainability plan, or any element of a plan, that the board finds complies with the sustainability goal for that portion of the basin or would help meet the sustainability goal for the basin.

Water Code section 10735.8(e)