



Sustainable Groundwater Management Update

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California Department of Water Resources



Planning Assistance

- Support for GSAs to Develop and Implement their GSPs:
 - DWR [Basin Points of Contact Staff Available to Locals](#)
 - Facilitation Support Services
 - Written Translation Services (up to 8 different languages)
 - Verbal Interpretative Services (Live)
 - Public Education and Toolkits Materials
 - Proposed New Items:
 - GSA Onboarding Guide in Q2 2026
 - Streamlining Annual Reports in 2027

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Assistance and Engagement

The foundation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) is that groundwater is best managed at the local level, and the State's primary role is to provide guidance and support. DWR is committed to providing this guidance and support as groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) and interested parties work together to implement SGMA and work toward achieving groundwater sustainability goals.

Regional Coordinators along with staff from DWR's four regional offices serve as primary Points of Contact (POCs) for the high- and medium- priority groundwater basins. Regional Coordinators and staff in these four regions can provide information and help GSAs and interested parties connect with DWR and locate resources, including guidance on communication and engagement and assistance services such as technical support, facilitation support, written translation, and financial assistance.

Regional Office Points of Contact

- Northern Region
- North Central Region
- South Central Region
- Southern Region

Basin Points of Contact:
Northern Region
North Central Region
South Central Region
Southern Region

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Communication and Engagement Technical Services Facilitation Support Written Translation Verbal Interpretation

Successful implementation of SGMA is built on a foundation of mutual understanding and proactive communication and engagement activities. DWR's proactive efforts to support local agencies and communities include periodic informational events, guidance and resource documents, and templates that assist GSAs and interested parties as they work towards managing groundwater to reach sustainability.

- + Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Events
- + Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Forums
- + Communication and Engagement Toolkit
- + Translated Materials (Materiales Traducidos)
- + SGMA Tribal Advisory Group

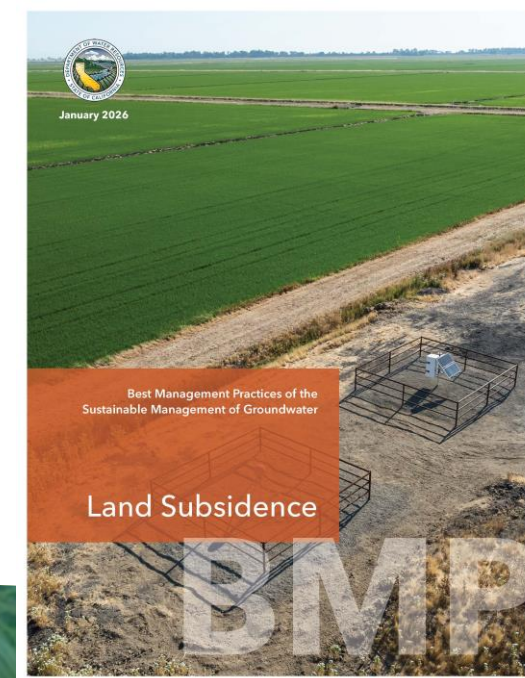
Guidance Materials

- **Guidance Documents**

- Six Current
- One New to be Released in Q2 2026
 - Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water

- **Best Management Practices (BMPs)**

- Seven Total
- Most Recent Subsidence BMP Released on January 21, 2026



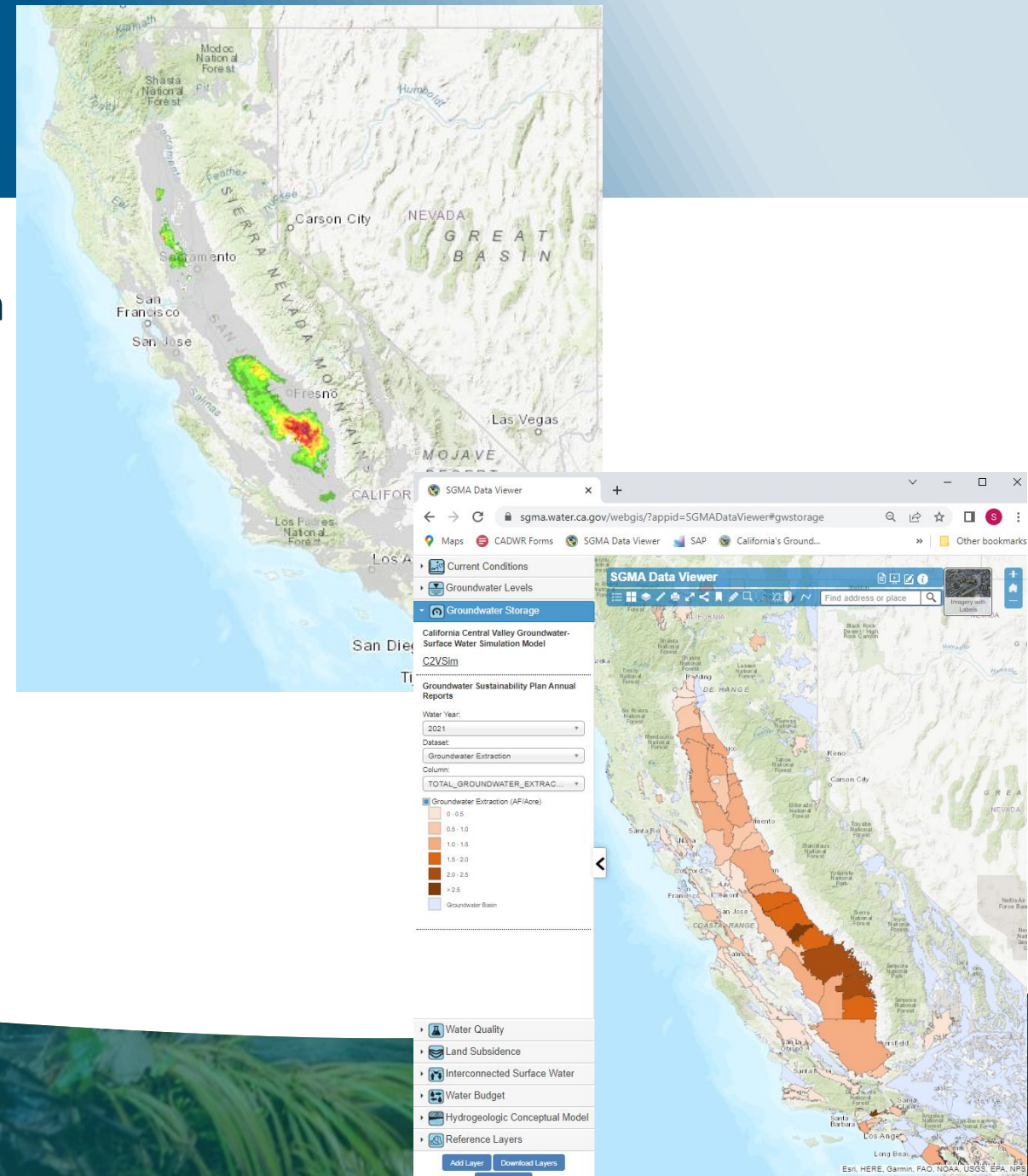
Technical Assistance

- Datasets

- SGMA Data Viewer and Open Data Platform
- Groundwater Level data
- Land Use Data
- InSAR Land Subsidence Data

- Tools

- C2VSim Model
- Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Surveys:
 - Basin Characterization



Financial Assistance - Proposition 4 Summary

Prop 4 Section (Administering Agency)	Authorized Total
Stream Gages – 91017 (DWR and SWRCB)	\$15M
Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) – 91013 (Department of Conservation)	\$200M
IRWM/Watershed Climate Resilience – 91031 and 91019 (DWR)	\$152.4M
Sustainable Groundwater – 91012 and 91018 (DWR)	\$403.25M



Sustainable Groundwater Overview

- **Program Summary:**

- Efforts that support SGMA implementation.

- **Amount Available:** ~\$403.25

- \$386.25M from Sustainable Groundwater (91012)
- ~\$17M from Conveyance (91018)

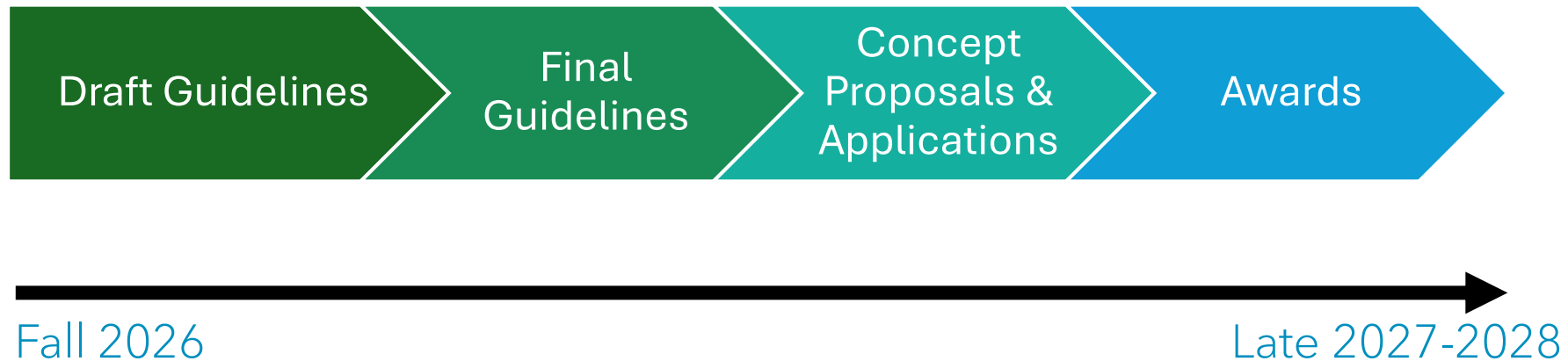
- **Proposed Programs:**

- SGM Implementation Grant Program: ~\$320M
- Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement (FDRE) Assistance Program: ~\$20M
- Underrepresented Communities Technical Assistance (URCTA) Program: ~\$20M



Schedule

Both programs are expected to follow a similar schedule, but application due dates will be offset – DWR will refine specific dates based on public input.



Thank you!

