

## July 2019 DWR Updates

### SGMA

#### Basin Prioritization of Modified Basins

- Public comment period closed May 30, 2019.
- Final Prioritization release expected in Summer 2019

#### Technical Support Services (TSS)

- TSS application period is still open. GSP Initial Notification must be submitted. More information and applications can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>
- Funds can be used for monitoring well installation, geophysical logging, geologic logging, groundwater level monitoring training, borehole video logging, and other field activities.

#### Facilitation Support Services (FSS)

- GSA's developing GSPs are eligible to receive funding for identification and engagement of interested parties, meeting facilitation, interest-based negotiation/consensus building, and public outreach facilitation
- More information can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>

#### Data and Tools

- Compilation of maps, modeling, climate change, reports: <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools>
- Natural Communities Commonly Associated with Groundwater map viewer: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/NCDatasetViewer/>

#### Best Management Practices and Guidance Documents

- <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management/Best-Management-Practices-and-Guidance-Documents>

#### Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Alternative Plans

- Alternative assessments expected soon, exact date still to be determined.
- The assessments will consist of a staff report and either a signed findings document, for approved alternatives, or a letter with a concise summary of the deficiencies that result in the alternative not being approved.
- For basins where an alternative is not approved, the release will start a 30-day period for those submitting agencies to notify the department in writing if there is information in their original submittal that addresses the deficiencies. This 30-day period is not an opportunity for the submission of new or supplemental data; only information contained in the original (i.e., as of January 1, 2017) submittal will be considered.
- If a written response is submitted to the Department within those 30 days, DWR will review that response and either (a) confirm the original recommendation from the staff report or (b) modify the staff report if information was missed during review. In either case a signed findings document will then be issued no later than 60 days following the close of the 30-day initial response period.

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### Grants

#### Prop 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grants

- DRAFT Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) released 5/3/19 and are available here: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Sustainable-Groundwater>
- Public comment period is now closed. Final Guidelines and PSP are expected to be released in early Aug and there will be 5 weeks from the release date to application due date.
- In this round there will be approximately \$47.25 Million available to fund GSP completion with prioritization for basins that did not receive prior GSP planning funding.
- An implementation round will have at least \$88 million and the PSP is expected to come out in mid-2020.

#### Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant

- DWR released the FINAL Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package on April 22, 2019 which provides funding for projects that help meet the long-term water needs of the state and incorporate integrated regional strategies. These documents and application schedules are available here: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Proposition-1/Implementation-Grants>

#### Riverine Stewardship Program: San Joaquin Fish Population Enhancement and Urban Streams Restoration Grants

- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is pleased to announce the opening of the solicitation period for the Riverine Stewardship Program: San Joaquin Fish Population Enhancement Program (SJFPEP) and Urban Streams Restoration Program (USRP) Grants with the release of the Final Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP). The Final Guidelines and PSP, as well as detailed information on the solicitation rules, procedures, and process can be accessed at the Riverine Stewardship Program – Grants webpage: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management/Riverine-Stewardship-Program/Riverine-Stewardship-Grants>
- \$48.3 Million available between the two grants
- The Riverine Stewardship Program will accept applications through August 30, 2019
- SJFPEP will accept applications through November 1, 2019

### Other

Governor Newsom has signed an Executive Order for development of a Water Resilience Portfolio

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/4.29.19-EO-N-10-19-Attested.pdf>

Reminder: For basins that have been affected by the recent basin boundary modifications, GSAs need to update their boundaries to ensure the entire basin is covered. If a GSA does not have GIS staff, DWR staff can assist with updating your map's shapefile. A recently updated FAQ can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management/Groundwater-Sustainability-Agencies/Files/DWR-GSA-FAQ-Final-2019-05-10.pdf>

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