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SGMA

The SGMA Portal's GSP Reporting System and Monitoring Modules are now live: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/#gsp>.

- A [user manual](#), [quick guide](#) and [Q&A](#) are available
- The GSP must be submitted as a single pdf and page & section numbers, figures and tables must be cited in an GSP elements guide which can be found here: https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/resources/data/Elements_Guide_Template.xlsx
- Region office staff are available to assist with the GSP reporting system and migrating CASGEM wells/adding new wells to the SGMA monitoring module. For assistance: Tad Bedegrew, Tad.Bedegrew@water.ca.gov or 916-376-9619

Facilitation Support Services (FSS): Funding still available

- 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>

Technical Support Services (TSS): Funding still available

- COD basins have priority, but this application is open to all high and medium priority basins including those with an approved alternative plan. 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 instillation, geophysical logging, geologic logging, groundwater level monitoring training, borehole video logging, and other field activities.

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

- All alternative decisions are all final.
- Assessments, FAQs, and next steps can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management/Alternatives>

Basin Prioritization of Modified Basins

- Public comment period closed May 30, 2019
- Final Prioritization release expected in fall 2019. A listserv email will be sent out once finalized and the results will be posted here: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/bp-dashboard/p2/>

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Grants

Prop 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grants.

SGM Planning Grant Tentative Schedule*	
Milestones	Tentative Date
Round 3 Solicitation Period (Open Date and Close Date)	09/09/19 – 11/15/19
Technical Reviews of Grant Applications	Nov – Dec 2019
Release Draft Funding List for Public Review	Jan – Feb 2020
Final Award List Released	March 2020

* Dates are subject to change and will be determined based on number of comments received for the draft documents, number of applications received, amount of funds requested, and number of grant awards given.

- The final Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) are available here: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Sustainable-Groundwater>
- An implementation round will have at least \$88 million and the Draft PSP is expected to come out in 2021 and grants to be awarded in early 2022.

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>
- A minor edit to the PSP has been proposed to allow for applicants to submit applications for projects considered to be “compliance obligations”. Comments on this proposed change are due by Nov 4th and extension to final applications may be made if this change effects your submittal. Comments can be sent to DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov and other questions should be directed to Rachel Ballanti at Rachel.Ballanti@water.ca.gov or (916) 651-7193

2020 Nonpoint Source (NPS) Grant Program - Clean Water Act section 319(h) & Timber Regulation & Forest Restoration Fund.

- State Water Resource Control Board has released the 2020 Nonpoint Source Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines) are posted on the NPS Grant Program website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/319grants.html)
- Complete proposals are due by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 using the State Water Board’s online Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (Financial Application Tool) system at <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>.
- For questions or comments about the Nonpoint Source Grant Program please contact Jodi Pontureri, Division of Water Quality by email at Jodi.Pontureri@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 341- 5306.

The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is accepting applications for funding through its Climate Change Research Program. The grants will be awarded to research projects that focus on climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. Proposals must be submitted by Wednesday, Feb. 12 and a total of \$5 Million available. http://sgc.ca.gov/programs/climate-research/docs/20191115-CCRP_Round_3_Solicitation.pdf

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Applications for funding are being accepted under the State Water Resource Control Board's Groundwater Treatment and Remediation Grant Program. The funding is for projects that prevent or reduce contamination of groundwater that is used for drinking water. A total of \$74 Million available. Applications due January 24, 2020. More information here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/propositions/prop68.html

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>. This initiative will likely be tied to future funding so if you have suggestions, they can be sent to input@waterresilience.ca.gov. More information including list serve sign up and public engagement calendar can be found here: <http://waterresilience.ca.gov/>

2018 CA Water Plan has been finalized and can be found here along with many supporting documents: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/California-Water-Plan/Update-2018>. The team is happy to present their findings to interested groups. If you would like to schedule a presentation, please send your request to: cwpcom@water.ca.gov

Bulletin 118: California's Groundwater

- DWR wants your input on Bulletin 118 as it prepares for the 2020 update. Bulletin 118 is an inventory and assessment of available information on the occurrence and nature of California's groundwater and is used to inform decisions affecting the protection, use, and management of this resource.
- A Bulletin 118 [fact sheet](#) is available to provide more information.
- [Take the brief survey](#) and let DWR know how you use, and how we can improve, Bulletin 118.
- If you have questions, contact Brett Wyckoff at Brett.Wyckoff@water.ca.gov

Questions/Comments/Concerns: You can reach me, Chelsea Spier, at 916-376-9656 or Chelsea.Spier@water.ca.gov