

January 2020 DWR Updates

SGMA

DWR has a SGMA listserv. If you are not on the list and would like to be added you can join here:

https://listserv.cnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR_SGMP&A=1

DWR and SWRCB to host 2 joint workshops in January (8th and 9th). A condensed presentation will be made to the California Water Commission on January 15th and will be broadcast on the web. The workshops will focus on:

1. GSP evaluation and assessment process.
2. DWR and SWRCB interaction during GSP evaluation.
3. Annual reporting requirements and process.
4. DWR and SWRCB assistance programs that will support GSP implementation and future GSP updates.

2016 Statewide Crop Mapping data released by DWR January 3rd. This data can be accessed here:

<https://data.cnra.ca.gov/dataset/statewide-crop-mapping>

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-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 installation, 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>

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Basin Prioritization of Modified Basins

- Prioritization Finalized December 18, 2019. The results are posted here: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/bp-dashboard/p2/>

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)	September 9, 2019 - November 15, 2019
Technical Reviews of Grant Applications	November 18, 2019 - January 10, 2020
Release Draft Funding List for Public Review	January 27, 2020 - February 11, 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>
- Questions should be directed to Rachel Ballanti at Rachel.Ballanti@water.ca.gov or (916) 651-7193

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

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

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Other

A DRAFT of Governor Newsom California Water Resilience Portfolio can be viewed here:

<http://waterresilience.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/California-Water-Resilience-Portfolio-2019-Final2.pdf>. More information including list serve sign up and public engagement calendar can be found here: <http://waterresilience.ca.gov/>. The Natural Resources Agency will be accepting written feedback on the draft portfolio until February 7, 2020 and can be sent to input@waterresilience.ca.gov. The portfolio focuses on four broad areas including:

- **Maintain and diversify water supplies:** State government will continue to help regions reduce reliance on any one water source and diversify supplies to enable flexibility amidst changing conditions. Diversification will look different in each region based on available water resources, but the combined effect will strengthen resilience and reduce pressure on river systems.
- **Protect and enhance natural ecosystems:** State leadership is essential to restore the environmental health of key river systems to sustain fish and wildlife. This requires effective standard-setting, continued investments, and more adaptive, holistic environmental management.
- **Build connections:** State actions and investment will improve physical infrastructure to store, move, and share water more flexibly and integrate water management through shared use of science, data, and technology.
- **Be prepared:** Each region must prepare for new threats, including more extreme droughts and floods and hotter temperatures. State investments and guidance will enable preparation, protective actions, and adaptive management to weather these stresses.

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: cwpc@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