

February 2020 DWR Updates

SGMA

GSPs have been submitted by all Critically Over-drafted basins. GSPs are being posted on the SGMA portal here: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsp/all>. The first batch of GSPs are now open for public comment through April 15th, 2020 and the remaining submitted GSPs will be posted no later than February 20th and will be available for public comment for 75 days. No log in is required to post a public comment.

A “Draft Handbook for Water Budget Development” has been posted on the SGMA webpage. This handbook is now open for a 60 day comment period (through April 7th) and can be viewed at the following link under the “reports” tab: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools>

DWR is developing eight Proposition 68-funded technical projects including airborne electromagnetic surveys, improving groundwater elevation and quality monitoring networks, Statewide land use data collection, improved subsidence monitoring network, installing and maintaining stream gauges, maintaining and enhancing statewide well completion reports, managing and reporting sustainable groundwater information, and enhancing and maintaining DWR’s modeling tools. Fact sheets on each project can be viewed under the “Prop 68” tab here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools>

DWR has a SGMA listserv. If you are not on the list and would like to be added you can join here: https://listservice.cnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR_SGMP&A=1

DWR and SWRCB hosted joint workshops in early January. A video of the meeting is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-EYbyJ7-RU&feature=youtu.be> The workshops will focused 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>

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>
- New written translation services available in 10 languages for outreach materials (1500 word maximum).

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/>

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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

- 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.

- Draft funding list was released January 24th and the final funding list is expected in March. The full list can be viewed here: <https://water.ca.gov/sgmgrants>
- The comment period on the draft funding list ended Monday February 10th.
- 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

Other

NEW: The CA State Library is developing a searchable webpage that will have all State grants in one place (similar to the federal grants.gov). It will be going live July 1st this year. Information on the webpage during development and the full version will be available here: <https://grants.ca.gov/>

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/>

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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