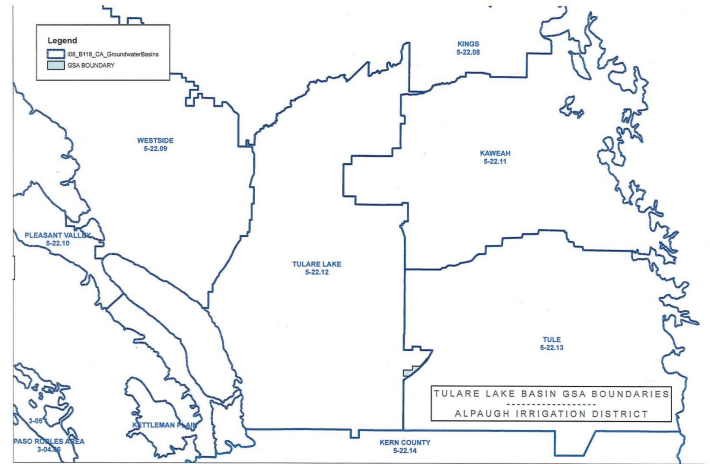


# Get to Know Your Groundwater Sustainability Agency: Alpaugh Irrigation District

## OVERVIEW

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) is a new law that, once fully implemented, will fundamentally change the way we use and manage groundwater in California. The Act applies to areas that rely heavily on groundwater. The Act requires local agencies to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to manage and regulate groundwater. Once formed, these GSAs will have new powers, including the ability to limit or suspend groundwater pumping and charge fees for groundwater extraction and will be responsible for ensuring that groundwater conditions improve by 2040.



To do so, GSAs will need to develop and Implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). GSPs will need to document the groundwater conditions in the area; establish goals to prevent negative impacts; and identify projects and management actions that improve groundwater conditions.

## YOUR GSA AT A GLANCE

<b>GSA NAME</b>	Alpaugh Irrigation District
<b>FORMED</b>	December 2016
<b>AGENCY TYPE</b>	MOU [A Memorandum of Understanding is a formal agreement between two or more parties that are generally not legally binding. MOUs are a common way to bring together multiple agencies to work jointly without forming a new, unified public agency. An MOU lays out an agreement on how the signing agencies will work together but each member agency is responsible for carrying out those functions individually in coordination with the others.]
<b>GSA BOUNDARIES</b>	Community of Alpaugh
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	Kenneth Gibbs (President) Virgil Cotter (Vice President) Ranveig Magden Douglas Jackson James Morris
<b>GSA MEETINGS</b>	The Board meets the second Monday of the month at 11:00 am at 5446 Rd. 38 Alpaugh, CA.
<b>COMMITTEES</b>	Tule Sub-basin Technical Advisory Committee – Meets at 2:00 pm at Lower Tule River Irrigation District Office.  Tule Sub-basin Stakeholder Committee – Meets quarterly at 2:00-4:00 pm at Lower Tule River Irrigation District Office.

## GET INVOLVED!

*Most unincorporated communities in the San Joaquin Valley are solely reliant on groundwater for drinking water. Many more residents rely on private wells. SGMA intends to bring different water users together to decide how to use and manage groundwater. As a result, decisions made by the GSAs will affect residents in rural communities.*

### **Get involved and HELP your GSA:**

- **Understand the groundwater challenges affecting rural unincorporated communities and/or private wells.**
- **Identify and develop projects that improve groundwater conditions in your community.**
- **Identify ways to keep rates affordable.**

### **Ways to Get Involved:**

- Register as an interested party for the GSA to receive notices of meetings and important information about Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development.
- Attend the GSA board and/or committee meetings. Give public comment or ask questions about their work.
- **Apply to serve on a committee.**

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