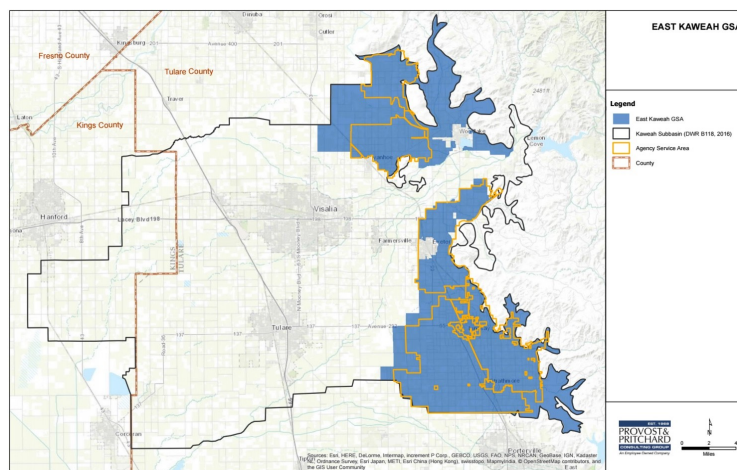


Get to Know Your Groundwater Sustainability Agency: East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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

GSA NAME	East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency	
FORMED	November 16, 2016	
AGENCY TYPE	Joint Powers Authority (A joint powers authority is a new entity which consists of two or more public agencies jointly exercising powers, limited by the combined territorial jurisdictions of the individual agencies.)	
GSA BOUNDARIES	Lindsay, Plainview, Strathmore	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Brian Watson Joe Ferrara Terry Peltzer Edward Milanesio Cliff Loeffler	Kuyler Crocker James Jordan David Roberts Paul Buldo At Large (vacant) White Area (vacant)
GSA MEETINGS	Board meets fourth Monday of the first month of every quarter at 3:00 pm at City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247	
COMMITTEES	The Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the EKGSA Board of Directors. There are 11 members that represent environmental, rural community, agricultural, domestic well stakeholders as well as other interest relevant to SGMA. They meet the Third Monday of every Month at 4:00pm in the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247. Technical Advisory Committee: The role of the committee is forthcoming.	

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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