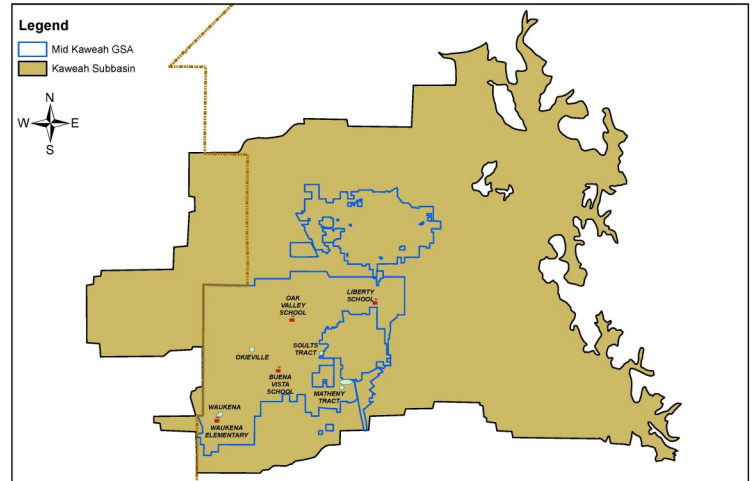


Get to Know Your Groundwater Sustainability Agency: Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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	Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency
FORMED	September 2015
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 MEMBER AGENCIES	City of Tulare, City of Visalia, Tulare Irrigation District
GSA BOUNDARIES	Tulare, Visalia, Tulare ID, Okieville, Waukena, Matheny Tract
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Greg Nunley - City of Tulare Jose Sigala - City of Tulare David Bixler - Tulare Irrigation District (Chair) Dave Martin - Tulare Irrigation District Greg Collins - City of Visalia Steve Nelsen - City of Visalia (Vice Chair)
GSA MEETINGS	The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers (491 North "M" Street, Tulare, CA 93274).
COMMITTEES	Advisory Committee - Interested parties will have the opportunity to interface with the GSA and provide opportunities to provide input on various important SGMA implementation issues related to GSA operations and GSP preparation. Technical Subcommittee - Will allow stakeholders and their agents with technical expertise to engage on technical issues related to development of a GSP and its implementation.

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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