

Get to Know Your Groundwater Sustainability Agency: North Fork Kings 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.

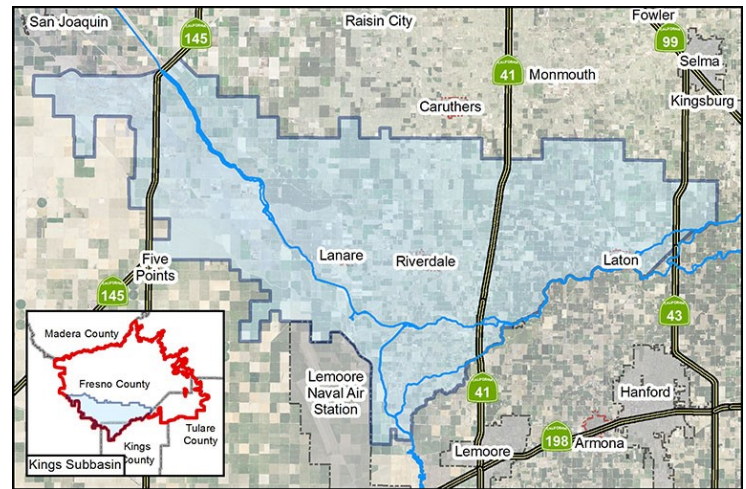


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To do so, GSAs will need to develop and Implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). GSPs will need to document the groundwater conditions in the area; establish goals to prevent negative impacts; and identify projects and management actions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

YOUR GSA AT A GLANCE

GSA NAME	North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
FORMED	September 2016
AGENCY TYPE	Special Act District (A special district is a form of local government, created by the residents to address a specific need or needs like water, fire, or even general community needs. While created locally, the state provides a layer of oversight.)
GSA BOUNDARIES	Lanare, Riverdale, Laton
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Division 1: Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno (Vice Chair) Division 2: Frank Zonneveld, Laguna Irrigation District Division 3: Carol Hall, Laton Community Services District <i>(representing Laton, Riverdale and Lanare collectively as coordinated by their Division three charter, the board seat will rotate between the three)</i> Division 4: Mark McKean, Crescent Canal Company (Chair) Division 5: Leonard Aquistapace, Riverdale Irrigation District Division 6: Stephen Maddox, Jr., Liberty Mill Race Company (Secretary/Treasurer) Division 7: Tony Campos, Liberty Water District
GSA MEETINGS	Quarterly on the second Wednesday of the month, at Riverdale Public Utility District Annex (20896 Malsbary St., Riverdale, CA, 93656)
COMMITTEES	Rural community advisory committee – assists the board of directors in considering the interest of residents served by public water systems, domestic well owners, land use agencies, municipal well operators and disadvantaged communities.

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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