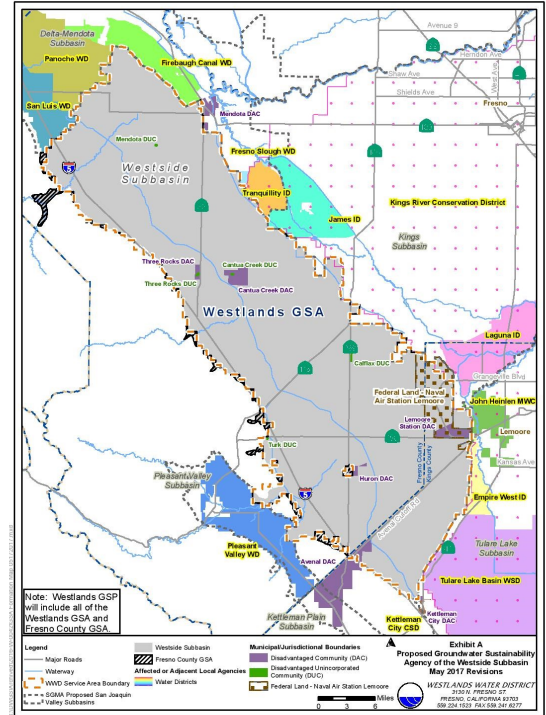


# Get to Know Your Groundwater Sustainability Agency: Westlands Water District

## 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>	Westlands Water District
<b>FORMED</b>	November 1, 2016
<b>AGENCY TYPE</b>	Existing agency (Westlands Water District will assume role and responsibility of a GSA in addition to its role as a water district)
<b>GSA BOUNDARIES</b>	Three Rocks, Cantua Creek, Five Points
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	Don Peracchi (President) Daniel Errotabere (Vice President) Jim Anderson William Bourdeau Frank Coelho Jr. Larry Enos Gary Esajian Todd Neves Sarah Woolf
<b>GSA MEETINGS</b>	The Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Westlands Water District 3130 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, CA
<b>COMMITTEES</b>	None

## GET INVOLVED!

*Although unincorporated communities in the San Joaquin Valley are solely reliant on groundwater for drinking water, many unincorporated communities within this GSA receive surface water from the San Luis Canal and don't rely on groundwater. 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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