



2020 (*Virtual*) Convening

Day 1: Skills Training

Tuesday, March 31, 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM, PDT

Day 2: Reflecting & Looking Ahead

Wednesday, April 1, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, PDT



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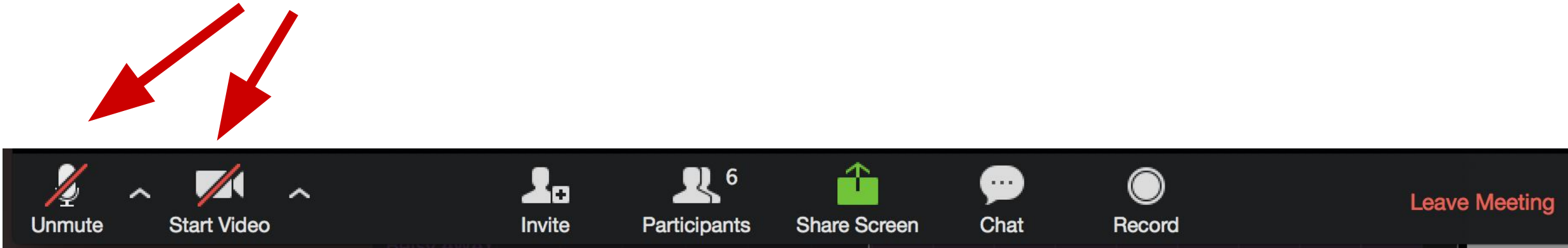
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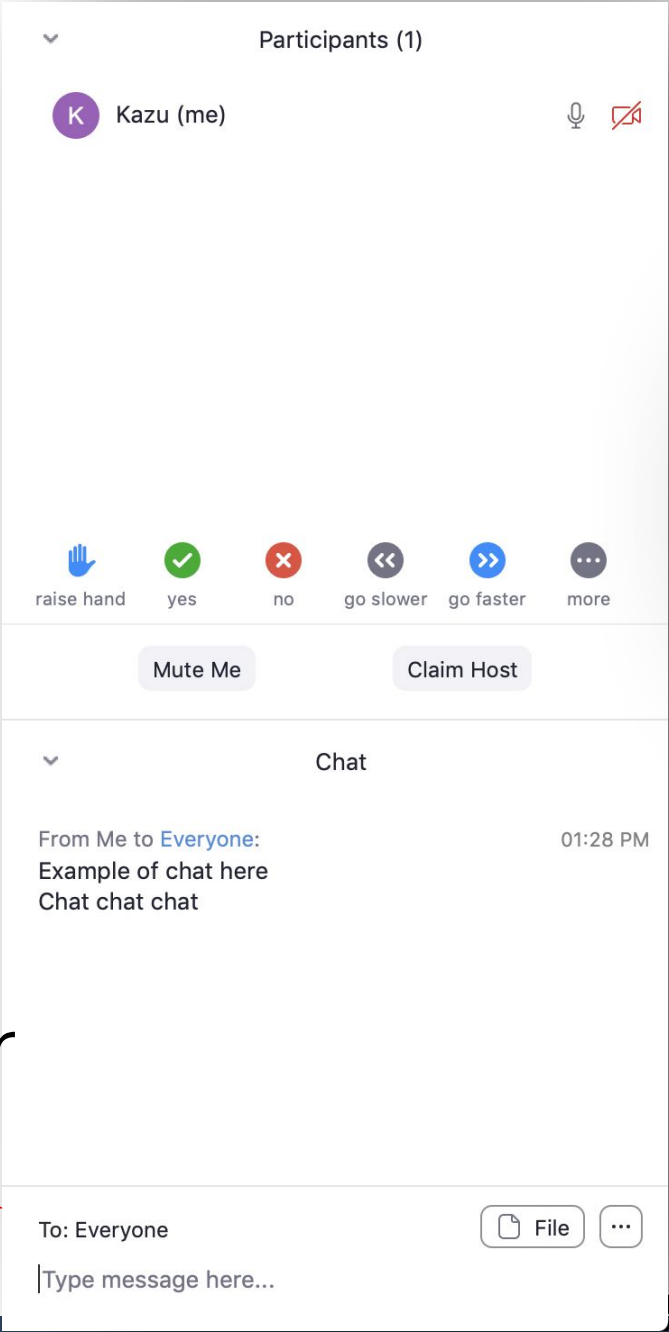
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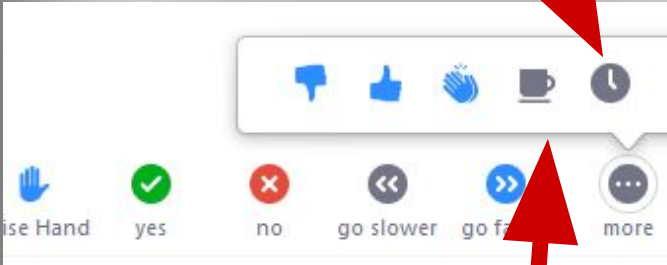
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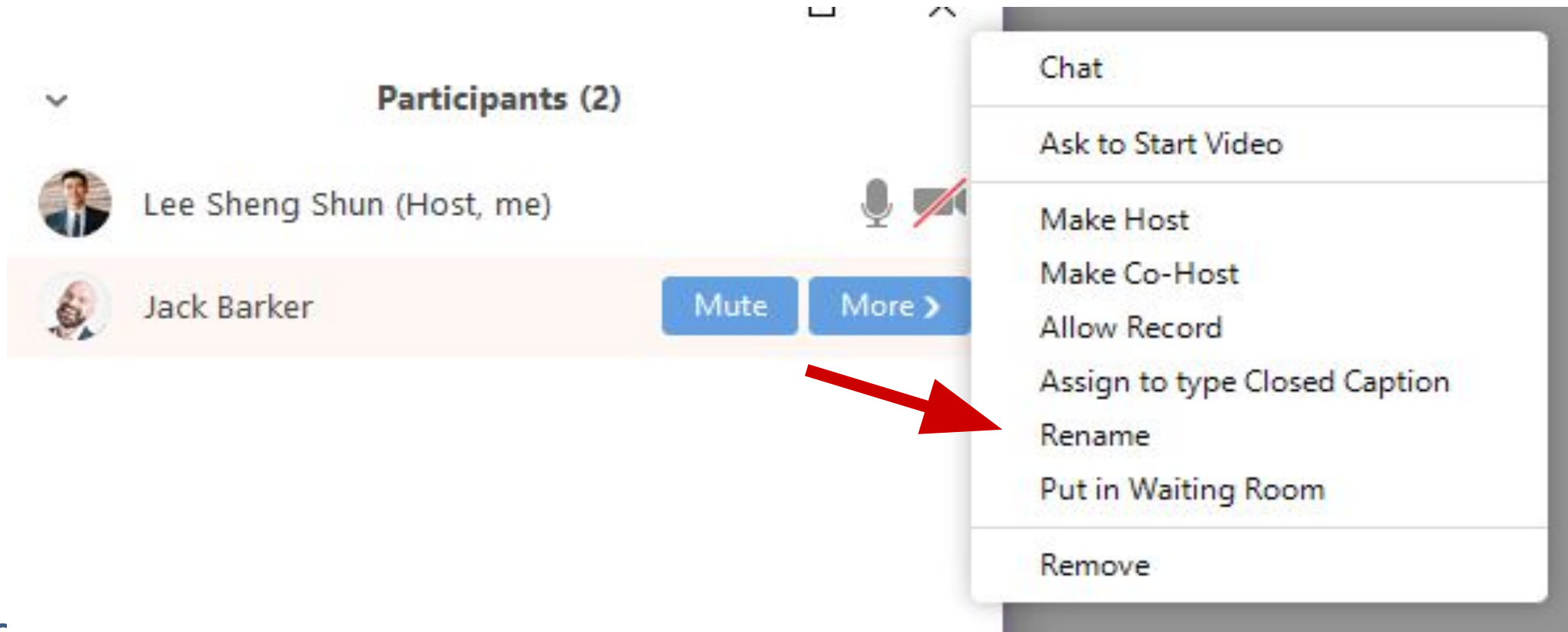


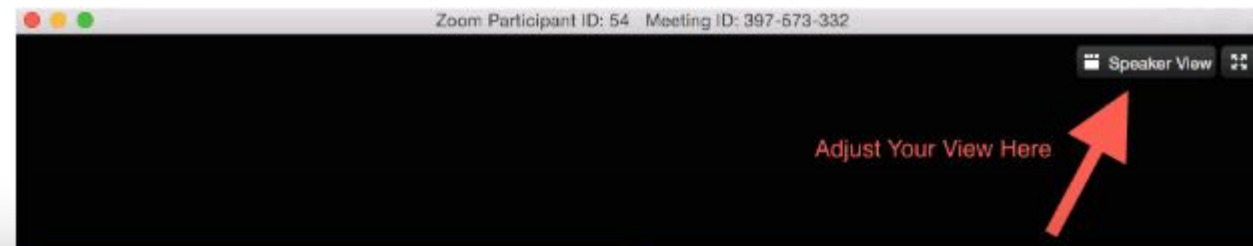
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Additional Guidance

NGO Groundwater Collaborative Virtual Convening Attendee Packet

March 31 - April 1, 2020

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Zoom Instructions

Additional support can be found at: <https://support.zoom.us/>

If you have never used Zoom before, you can [join a test meeting](#) to familiarize yourself. Emily will begin the Zoom meeting 20 minutes prior to the start time each day (2:40 pm on Day 1; 8:40 am on Day 2). **We highly recommend logging on to the call 15 - 20 minutes before it starts,** as heavy user traffic on the hour causes Zoom to slow down. This will also allow time to figure out your audio/video logistics and settle in.



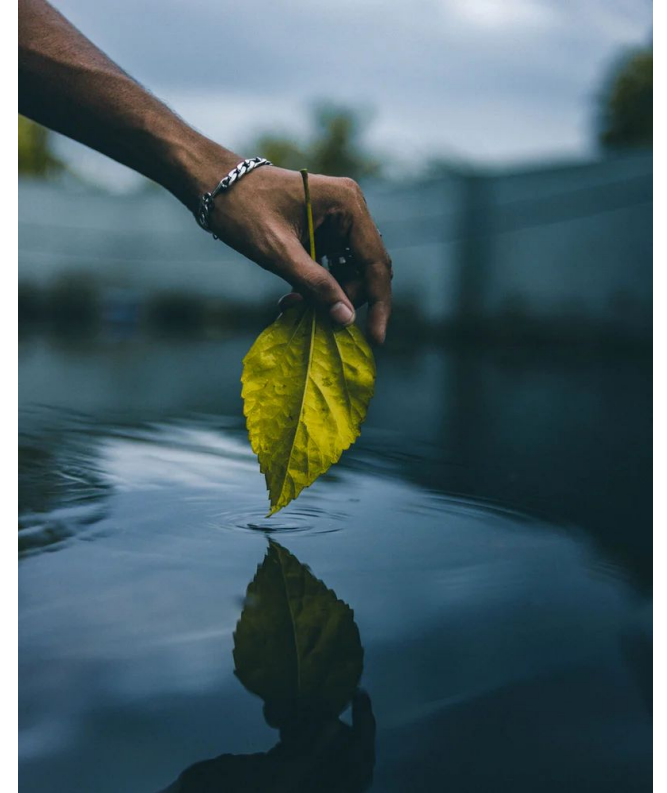
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Reflections from Day 1 ?

Share verbally during sound-check, or via the chat box

- Something you learned?
- Something that surprised you?
- What you can take back to your community / organization?
- What you shared in your break-out group?



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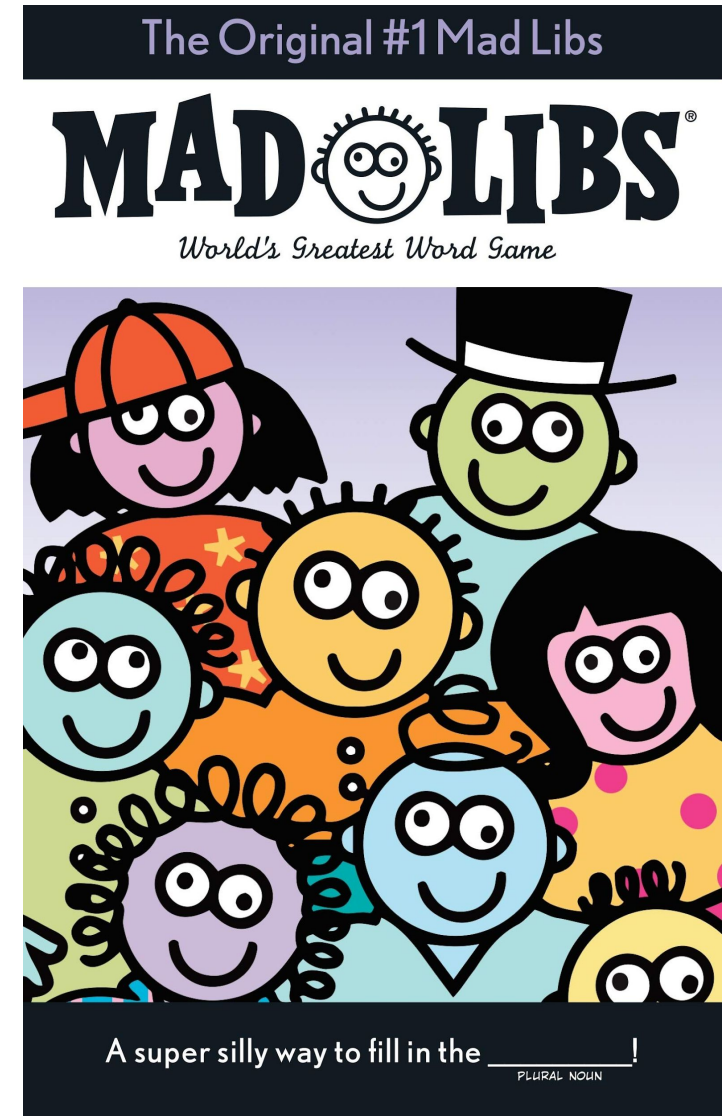
Morning Mad Libs!

Fill in the blanks... type your responses into the “everyone” chat box!

1. SGMA is the _____ legislation that _____ because it _____ and _____.
2. The _____ thing about my basin is that _____ while _____ without _____.
3. The GW Collaborative _____ because _____ and _____.



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Day 2

Reflecting & Looking Ahead

April 1, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, PDT



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Welcome & Introductions



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Day 2: Reflecting & Looking Ahead

April 1, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, PDT

9:00 AM	Welcome & Introductions
9:30 AM	Panel Discussion: 2020 Plan Review Lessons Learned
10:20 AM	Stretch Break
10:30 AM	Break-Out Groups: Taking a Deep Dive - Lessons Learned & Looking Forward & Report Back
11:30 AM	Transition to Brown Bag Lunch Panel
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12:00 PM	Lunch panel
1:10 pM	Summary & Next Steps
1:45 PM	Resource Fair

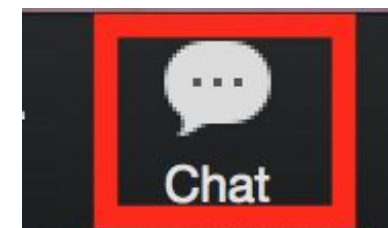
Objectives for the Convening

- Gain new skills and resources to aid in engagement moving forward.
- **Share primary lessons learned from the first round of GSP development.**
- **Strategize plan review & collaborative engagement for the next 1-2 years.**



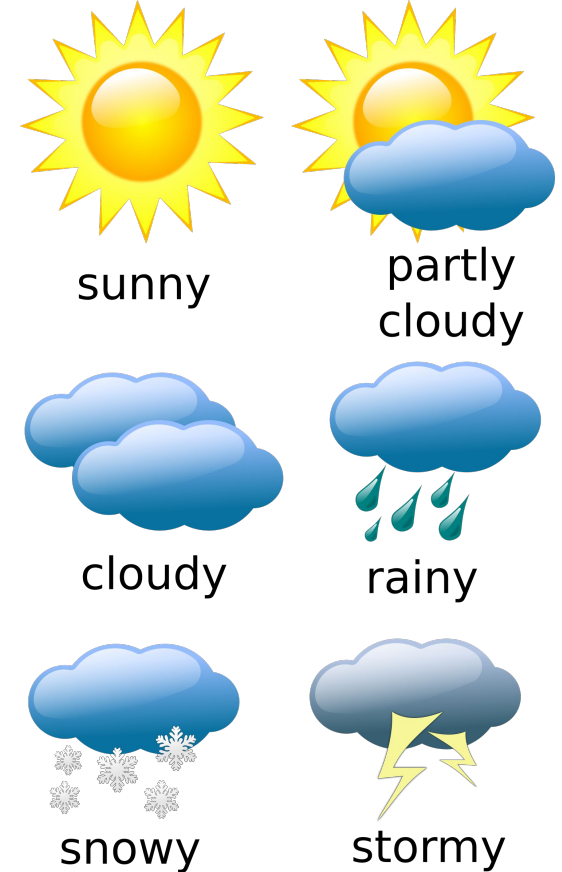
Rules of Engagement

- Mute when not speaking.
- Remain actively engaged.
- Mutual respect - suspend judgement/
assume best intentions
- Use the Chat box & Participant Features.
- Step up/Step back.
- Be gracious to the facilitator(s).



Morning Warm-up

1. Find someone you don't know on the chat; message them privately:
2. Describe to that person your mood this morning as a weather forecast
 - *(e.g., sunny skies, foggy, etc.).*



Better Know a Basin!

- Provide three clues that describe (but don't identify) your basin; e.g.,
 - *# of GSAs or Plans*
 - *Priority status*
 - *Biggest issue or concern*
 - *Most influential stakeholders*
 - *Other defining characteristics (demographics, hydro/geology, critical habitat, major industries, etc.)*
- **Winner (3 Points):** First person to correctly identify the basin
 - *(only one guess per participant)*



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Name That Tune (er, challenge)!



- Describe a challenge or difficulty you're currently facing.
- Participants can ask up to 3 clarifying questions.
- **1 Point:** Anyone from a different region struggling/ed with the same or similar issue.
- **2 Points:** Anyone who suggests a viable solution.
- **3 Points:** Anyone who identifies a specific, relevant resource.



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2020 GSP Review

Lessons Learned



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2020 Plan Review Lessons Learned

Hosted by the NGO Groundwater Collaborative

Groundwater Leadership Forum

Environmental Justice NGOs

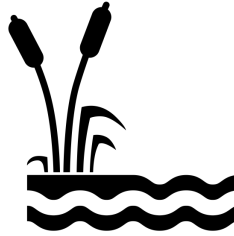
Natural Resource NGOs

Academic Institutions

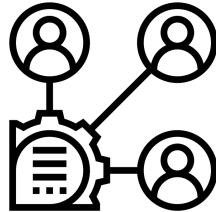




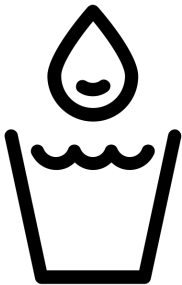
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Climate

**Groundwater dependent
ecosystems**

Interconnected surface waters

Drinking water

Stakeholder engagement

Prioritization of GSPs

Small drinking water systems

Groundwater dependent ecosystems

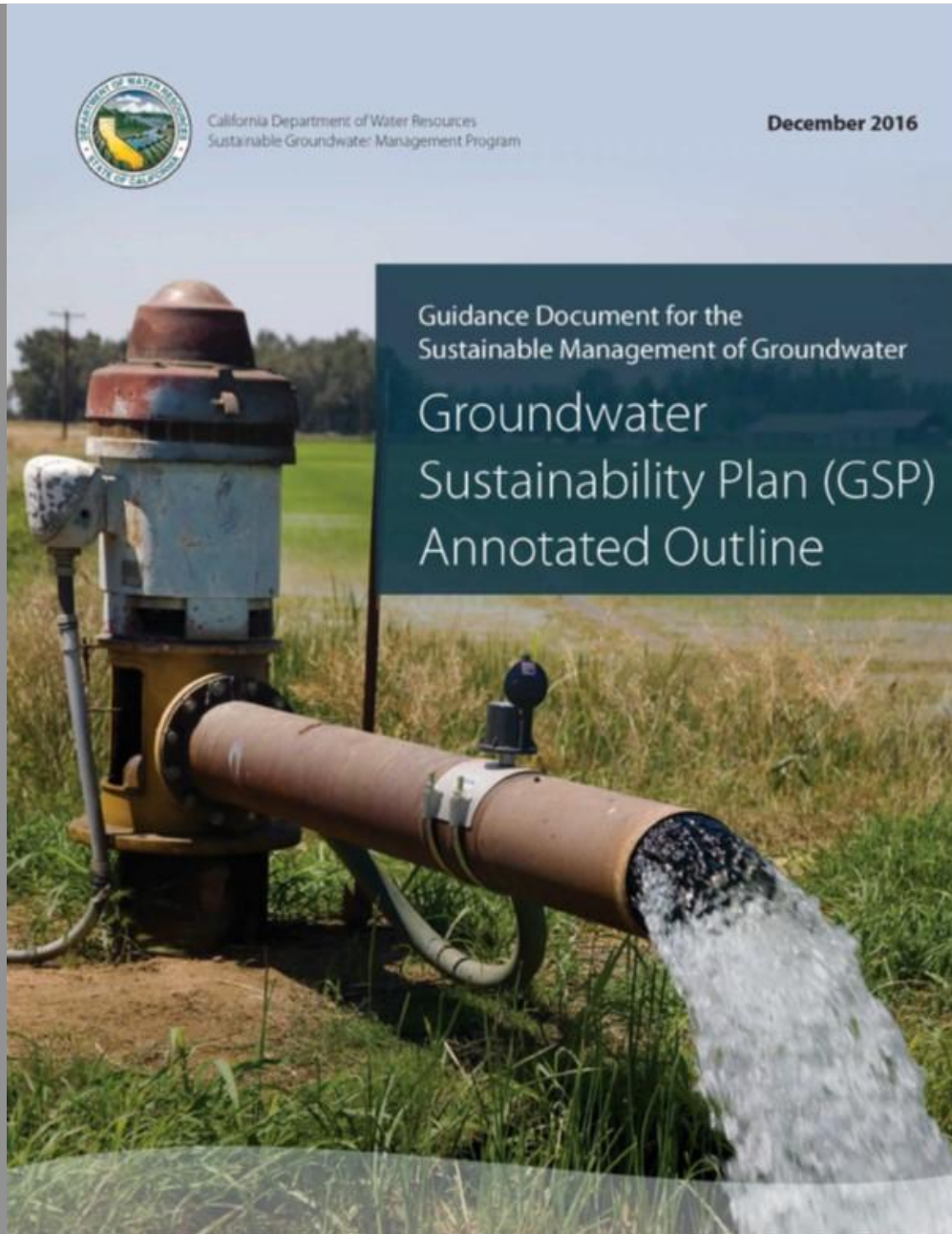
Disadvantaged communities

Coverage by organizations

One GSP per critically overdrafted basin

~30 GSPs total





GSP Indicators

1. Identification of beneficial users
2. Communications plan
3. Maps
4. Water budgets
5. Management areas and monitoring network
6. Measurable objectives, minimum thresholds, and undesirable results
7. Management actions and costs

Appendix A Review of Public Draft GSP

Groundwater Basin/Subbasin: Paso Robles Subbasin (DWR No. 3-004.06)
GSA: Paso Robles GSAs
GSP Date: August 2019 Public Review Draft

1. Identification of Beneficial Users

Were key beneficial users identified and engaged?

Selected relevant requirements and guidance:

GSP Element 2.1.5, "Notice & Communication" (§354.10):

(a) A description of the beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the basin, including the land uses and property interests potentially affected by the use of groundwater in the basin, the types of parties representing those interests, and the nature of consultation with those parties.

GSP Element 2.2.2, "Groundwater Conditions" (§354.16):

(d) Groundwater quality issues that may affect the supply and beneficial uses of groundwater, including a description and map of the location of known groundwater contamination sites and plumes.

(f) Identification of interconnected surface water systems within the basin and an estimate of the quantity and timing of depletions of those systems, utilizing data available from the Department, as specified in Section 353.2, or the best available information.

(g) Identification of groundwater dependent ecosystems within the basin, utilizing data available from the Department, as specified in Section 353.2, or the best available information.

GSP Element 3.3, "Minimum Thresholds" (§354.28):

(4) How minimum thresholds may affect the interests of beneficial uses and users of groundwater or land uses and property interests.



1. Engagement

Environmental and DAC beneficial users

**Responsiveness of GSAs to
“comments that raise credible
technical or policy issues with the
Plan.”**



2. Impacts

Wells and DACs

Groundwater dependent ecosystems

Water sectors - native vegetation and managed wetlands

Climate change

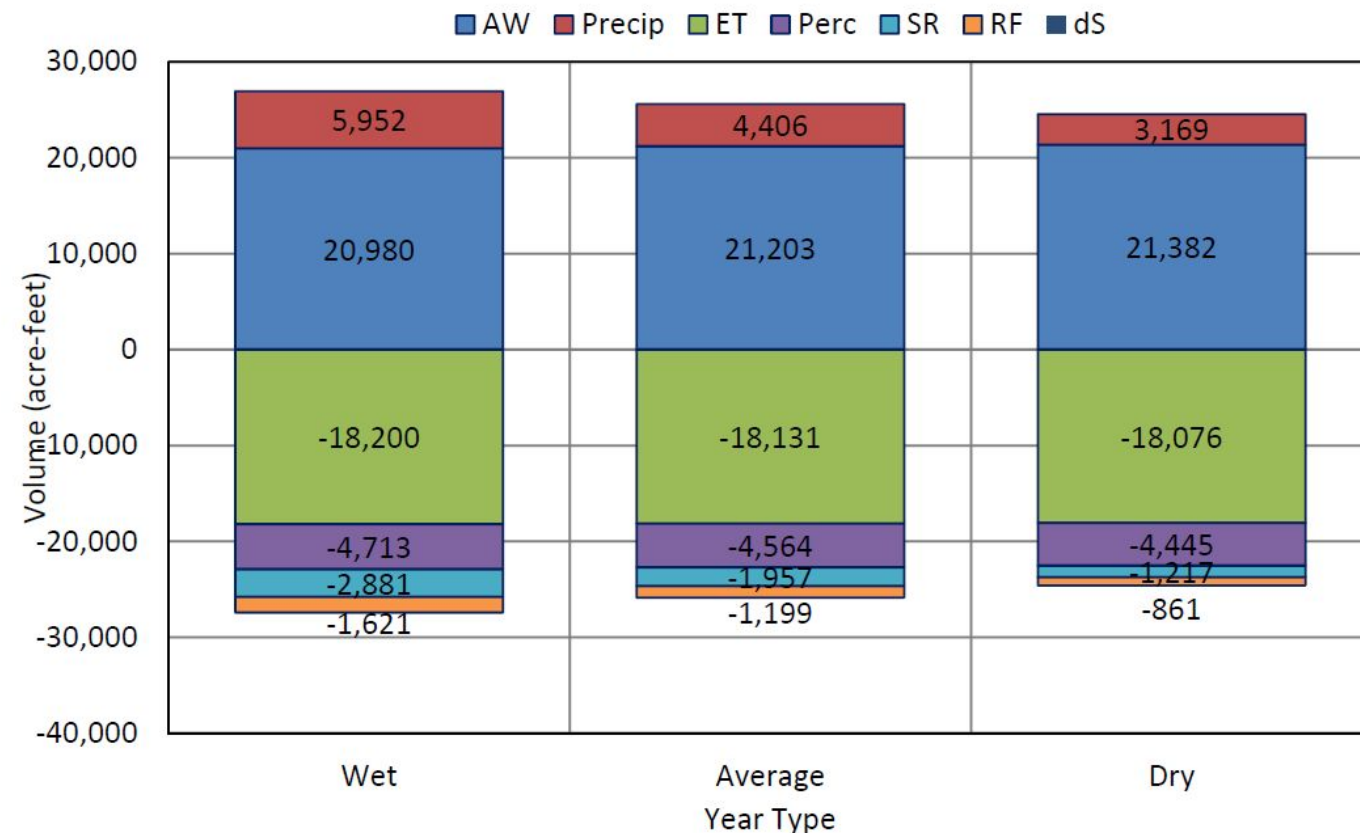


Figure 5. Annual Water Budget, 1991 – 2017 (acre-feet).

3. Outcomes

Sustainability

**Projects and management
actions**

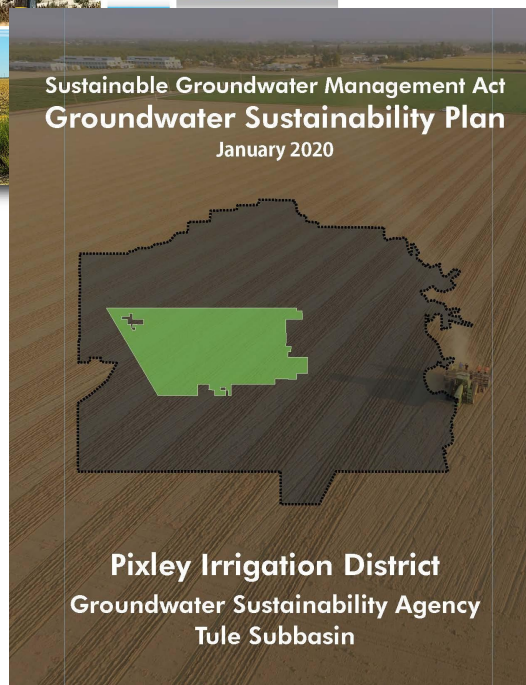
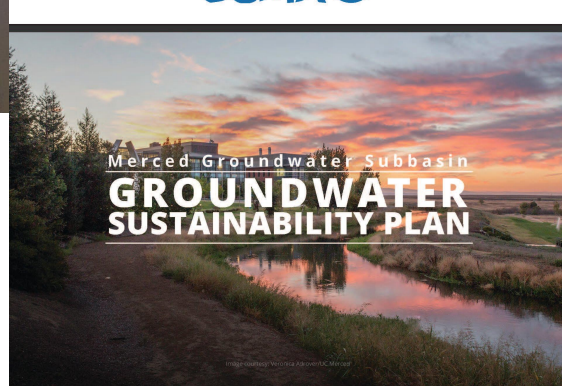
Undesirable results



Final Groundwater Sustainability Plan Review



TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN



- **Pass/ Fail**
- **180-day fix**
- **Annual report**
- **Five-year update**
- **Comments to DWR**
- **Adaptive management**

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Discussion / Q&A



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10-min Stretch Break



Deep Dive

Lessons Learned - Looking Forward



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Deep Dive: Lessons Learned & Looking Forward

Break-out Group Discussions

1. Equity & Env Justice
(Community Engagement, Drinking Water Safety)
2. Climate Predictions
(Impacts, Monitoring, Modeling, & Uncertainty)
3. Env Flows & Recharge
(Protections, Incentives, Multiple Benefits)
4. Water Markets & Following
(Equity & Coordination)



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Breakout Groups 1 - 2

1) Equity & Environmental Justice

*Community Engagement,
Drinking Water Safety*

Amanda Monaco
Emily Finnegan

2) Climate Predictions

*Impacts, Monitoring,
Modeling & Uncertainty*

Pablo Ortiz
Jennifer Clary



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Breakout Groups 3 - 4

3) Environmental Flows & Recharge

*Protections, Incentives,
Multiple Benefits*

Pablo Garza

Cristal Gonzalez

4) Water Markets & Fallowing

Equity & Coordination

Christina Babbitt

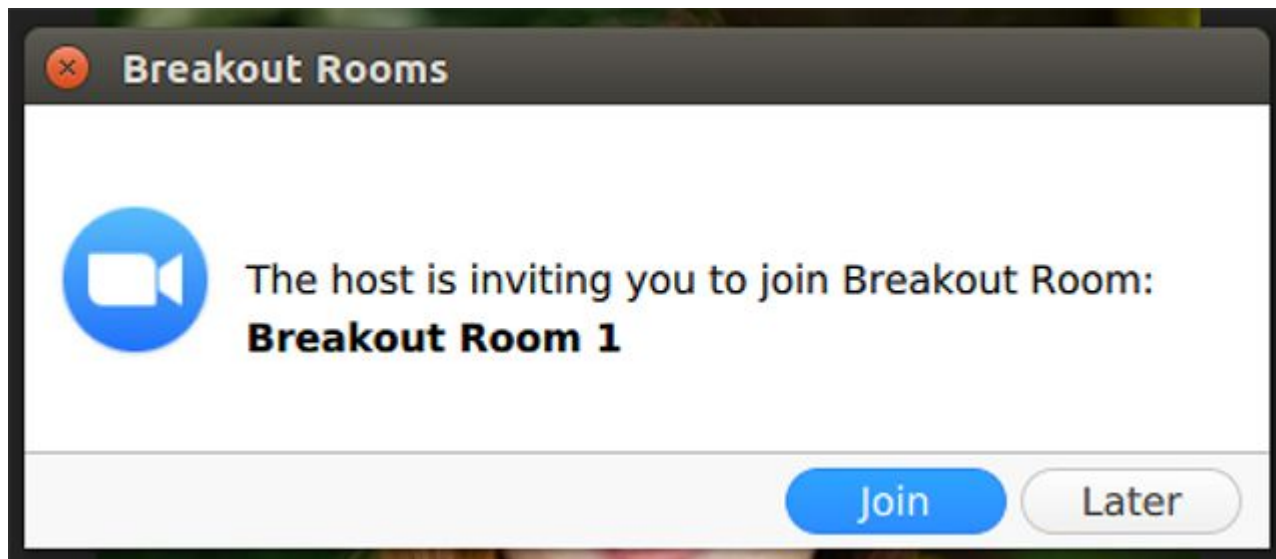
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Breakout Group Guidance



AM	Stretch Break		
AM	Deep Dive: Lessons Learned - Looking Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equity & Env Justice• Climate Predictions• Env Flows & Recharge• Water Markets & Fallowing	<i>Breakout Room Session</i> Facilitators: Equity & EJ: Amanda Monaco, Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability Climate: Pablo Ortiz, Union of Concerned Scientists Env Flows and Recharge: Pablo Garza, Environmental Defense Fund Water Markets and Fallowing: Christina Babbitt, Environmental Defense Fund	Facilitators Guides Day 2 Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group 1 (Equity & EJ)• Group 2 (Climate Predictions)• Group 3 (Environmental Flows & Recharge)• Group 4 (Water Markets & Fallowing)



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Break-Out Group Reports



Report Out

- What can we do to improve implementation of:
 - *2020 plans in their first five years, and/or*
 - *ensure 2022 plans are more effective?*
- How can we better collaborate to do so?



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Transition to Brown-Bag Lunch Panel



Brown-Bag Lunch with State Agencies

Commitment, Coordination, & Policy Direction



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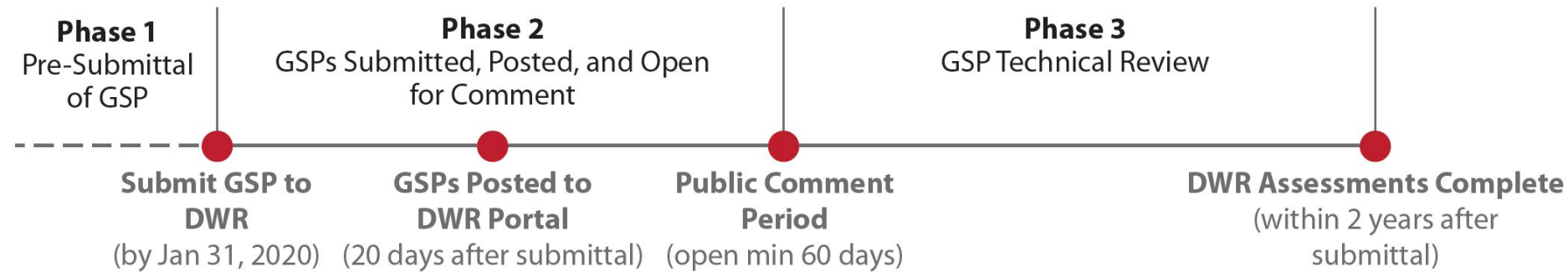
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GSP Submittal and Evaluation

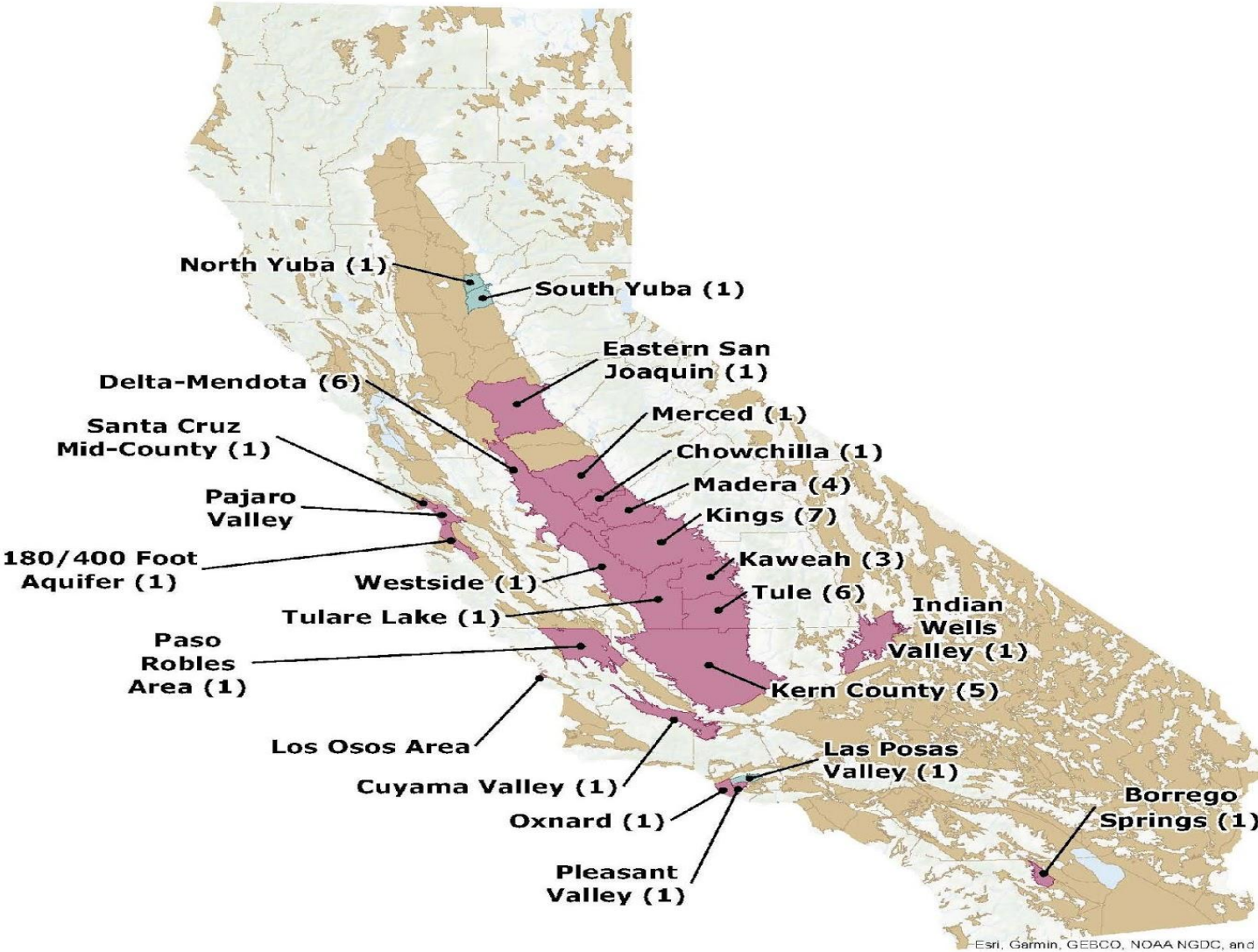
GSP Submittal and Evaluation Timeline



Joint DWR and State Water Board Fact Sheet

https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management/Groundwater-Sustainability-Plans/Files/GSP/SGMO_GSP-Overview_v12_FactSheet-a-y19

Basins with Submitted Groundwater Sustainability Plans



Basin Name	# of GSPs	# of GSAs	Comment Period Closing Date
NORTH YUBA*	1	3	6/3/2020
SOUTH YUBA*	1	1	6/3/2020
EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN	1	17	5/15/2020
SANTA CRUZ MID-COUNTY	1	1	6/3/2020
180/400 FOOT AQUIFER	1	3	5/15/2020
PASO ROBLES AREA	1	4	5/15/2020
MERCED	1	3	5/15/2020
CHOWCHILLA	1	4	5/15/2020
DELTA-MENDOTA	6	23	5/15/2020
KINGS	7	7	5/15/2020
WESTSIDE	1	1	5/15/2020
KAWEAH	3	4	6/3/2020
TULARE LAKE	1	5	5/15/2020
TULE	6	7	6/3/2020
KERN COUNTY	5	11	6/3/2020
CUYAMA VALLEY	1	1	5/15/2020
LAS POSAS*	1		5/15/2020
OXNARD	1	3	5/15/2020
PLEASANT VALLEY	1	3	5/15/2020
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY	1	1	6/3/2020
BORREGO SPRINGS	1 (Alternative to a GSP)	1	5/15/2020
MADERA	4	7	N/A

* = not a critically-overdrafted basin

Next Steps

- Annual reports for water year 2019 due April 1
- GSP public comment periods end May 15 and June 3 <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsp/all>

DWR SGMA Resources

- Email questions to: sgmps@water.ca.gov
- DWR SGMA listserv:
https://listserv.cnr.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR_SGMP&A=1
- DWR SGMA Portal: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/#intro>
- DWR SGMA Data Viewer:
<https://sgma.water.ca.gov/webgis/?appid=SGMADataViewer>

Probationary groundwater BASIN



State Water Board makes decisions



Opportunity to fix issues




Board gathers data



May require meters



Probationary Basin TIMELINE

- 
- 90-day notice to cities, counties, GSAs
 - Public meetings in county
 - 60-day notice to all pumpers
 - **Probation hearing**
 - After 90 days, start recording pumping data
 - Dec 15, 2021 first reports due & fees soon after





SGMA Fact Sheets

- Probationary designation and groundwater regulation
- Stakeholder inclusion
- State and regional boards basics
- Water Quality FAQ
- Overview of Submittal and Evaluation of GSPs in Critically Overdrafted Basins

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Questions?

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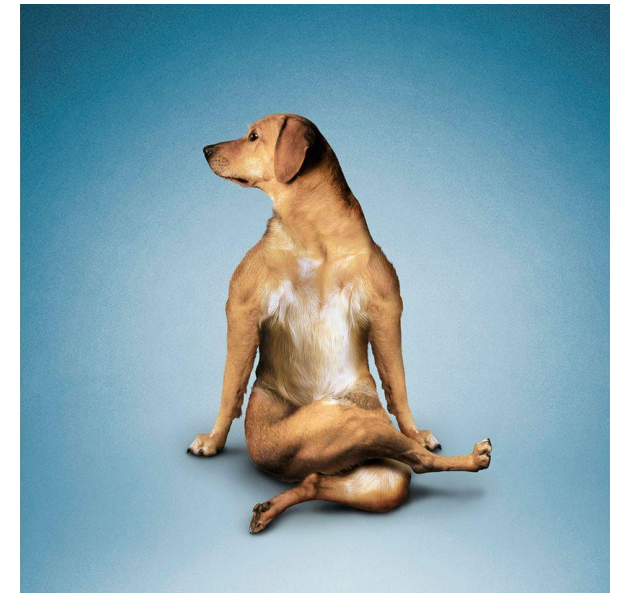
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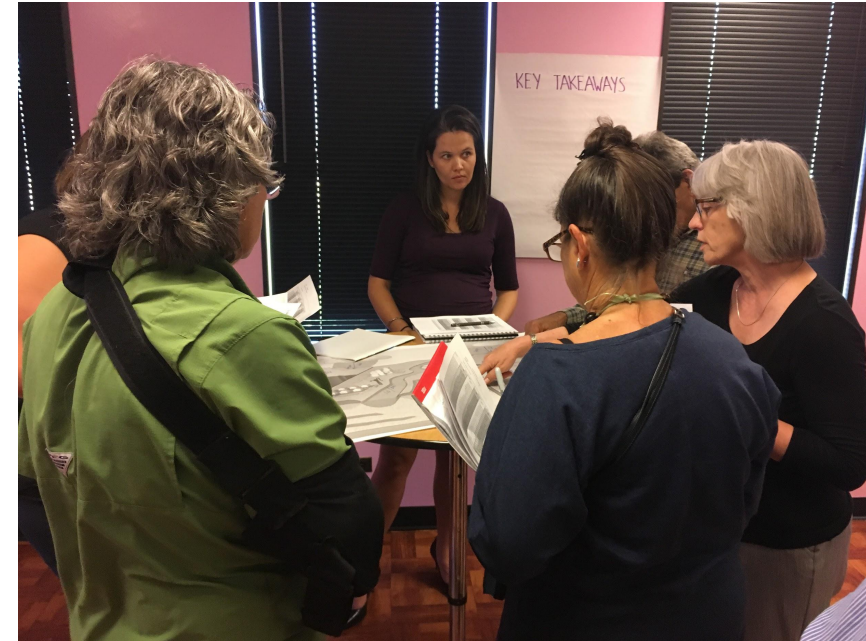


Summary & Next Steps

Lessons Learned



- Management Actions
- EJ/Enviro Shared Priorities
- Local Challenges & Resources
- Plan Review
- State Agency Coordination



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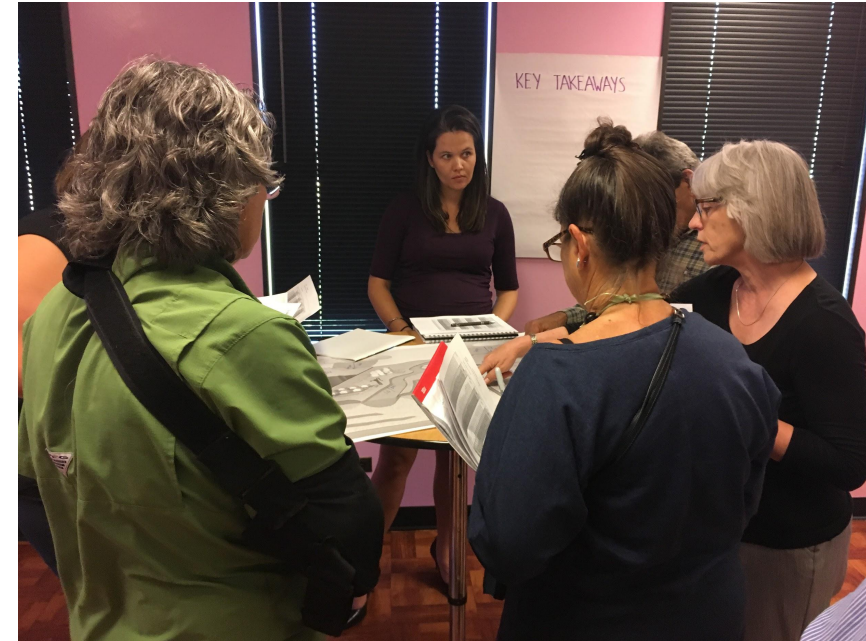


Lessons Learned



Management Actions

- Difficulty placing economic cost on priceless values; but need to try - otherwise they won't be valued at all;
- need to make the economic counter-argument for immediate rather than deferred action
- Monitoring networks - need to advocate that GSAs monitor for all relevant SIs, and that data gaps are filled



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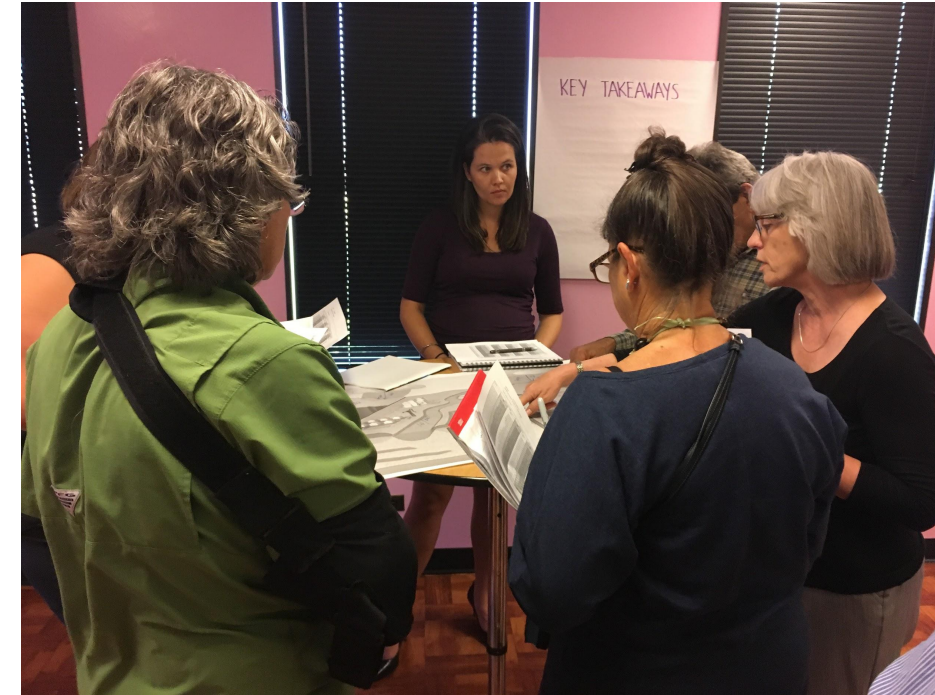


Lessons Learned



EJ / Enviro Shared Priorities

- Need to bridge the gap to better align, *then* integrate our efforts
- Increase communication across our sectors
- Leverage shared history of land use & water mgmt practices that impact both EJ and enviro communities
- Greatest current challenge is **representation**; neither of us are “in the room” -need to co-advocate for “both/and” representation
- Alliance between our efforts will shift the power dynamic



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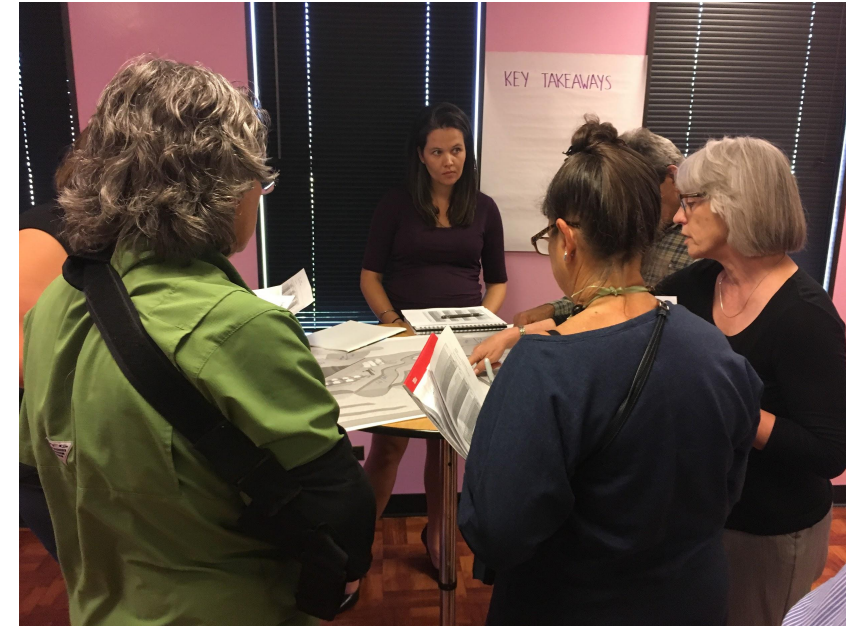


Lessons Learned



Local Challenges & Resources

- GTAN - follow up with Coreen, or click the link in your packet for more info
- Had too much fun during happy hour to talk serious business;
 - Did share some local challenges during discussions & break-outs today,
- Will highlight great resources immediately following this session



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Plan Review

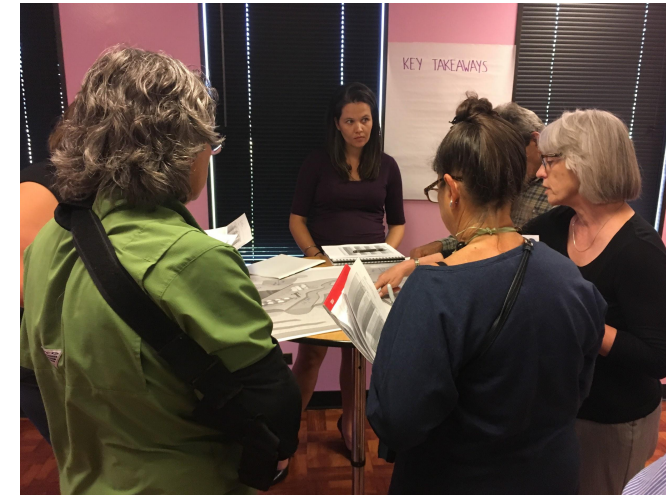
- *Equity / EJ*
 - *Funding to help NGOs AND community members actively participate in GSAs or advisory groups*
 - *Policy interventions at the state level*
 - *Sharing best practices for low-tech solutions in the time of COVID*
- *Climate*
 - *Better inter-agency alignment, and regional climate modeling (like IRWM)*
 - *Link guidance to management actions; consider leg to require climate analysis for MAs*
 - *Fact sheets & guidance on climate nexus w/ other issue areas*
- *Flows & Recharge*
 - *Recognize there's a lot of interest in recharge to comply w/ SGMA; BUT different perspectives on HOW to approach recharge*
 - *Not enough info in GSPs abt recharge*
 - *If change water rights for recharge; SWB should judge projects on case by case basis to ensure local needs.*
- *Water Markets & Fallowing*
 - *Partner on filling data gaps; commissioning academic or technical studies*
 - *Collectively advocate for stronger community / stakeholder representation, so we actually have influence on the rules*
 - *Prioritize individual Management Areas; set specific rules for those MAs.*

Lessons Learned



State Agency Coordination

- DWR & SWB working hard; reviewing plans & coordinating
- DWR Expediting “good” or “simple” plans
- DWR corrective actions even for “approved” plans; SWB “probationary” status is discretionary
- Leg is upholding intent of SGMA; no changes unless absolute emergency
- Concerned about funding for SGMA implementation; some concern of efforts to delay or undermine.



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Next Steps



- for Plan Review
- for the Collaborative

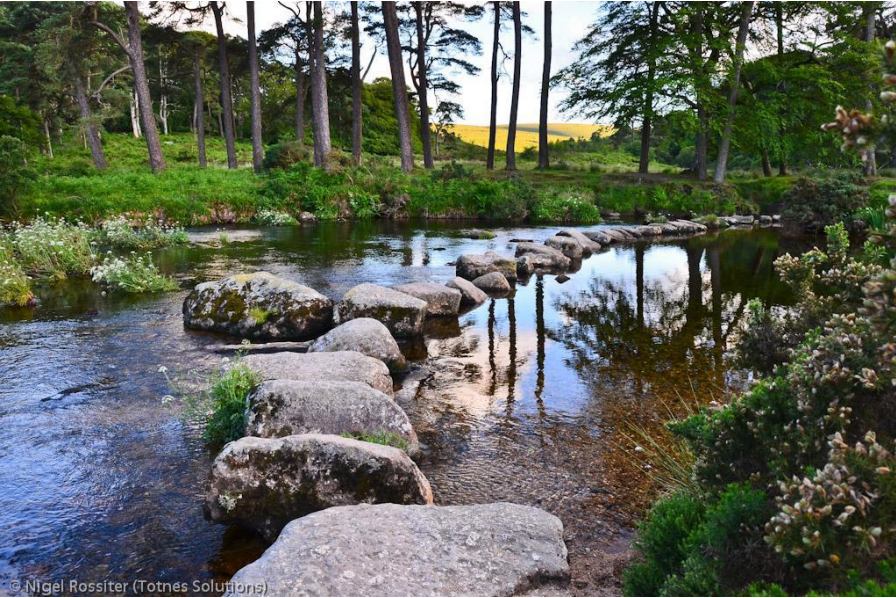


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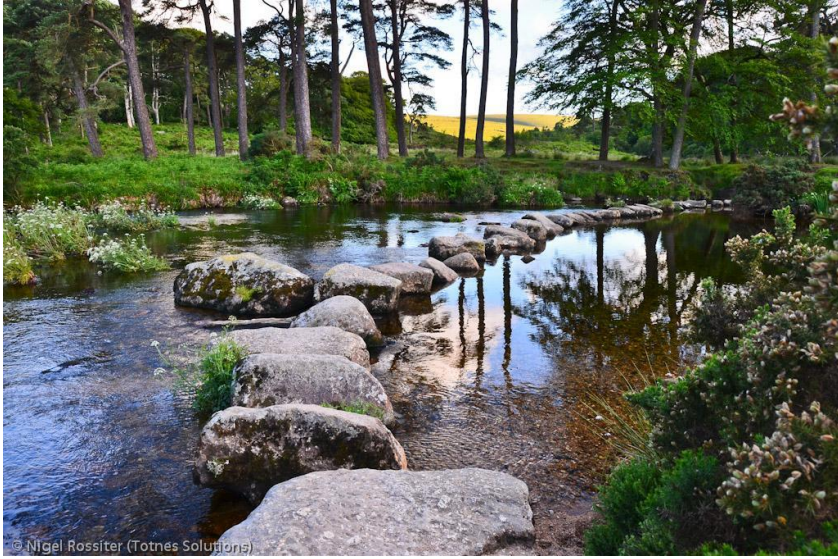
- for Plan Review
 - For economic argument: Consider an economic study of the benefit of restoring or protecting ecosystems (to combat SJV Blueprint Econ Analysis)
 - Strategize which 2022 plans to review; streamlining review process based on lessons learned



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Next Steps




- for the Collaborative
 - Continue convening, communicating, sharing resources
 - Prioritize topics to develop shared talking points on (across our memberships' interests) or case studies to develop
 - Topics for future webinars:



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Share Your Stories

We are looking to tell stories about how community members, NGO affiliates and environmental advocates are involved in and impacted by sustainable groundwater management. The success of SGMA and the future of our state depend on having a diverse set of stakeholders participating in the process of managing our groundwater. We would love to hear and share your groundwater story.


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eFlows

This map-based tool allows users to track metrics for California streams and ecosystem functions.


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Natural Communities Dataset Viewer

This map viewer allows easy viewing and download of Vegetation and Wetland layers that are contained in the Natural Communities Commonly Associated with Groundwater (NCCAG) dataset.

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Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Guidance Documents

These guidance worksheets help stakeholders use the best available science to identify and consider GDEs as required in GSPs. Includes the following worksheets: "Assess a Connection to Groundwater"; "GDE Ecological Inventory"; "Potential Effects on GDE Summary"; "Biological Change Assessment"; "Establishing the Sustainability Goal and Measurable

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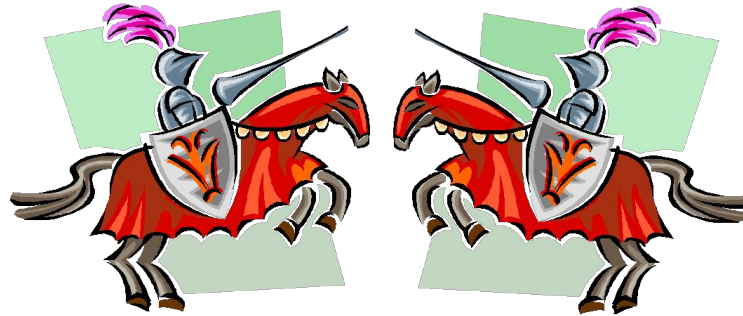
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Tools & Resources Fair



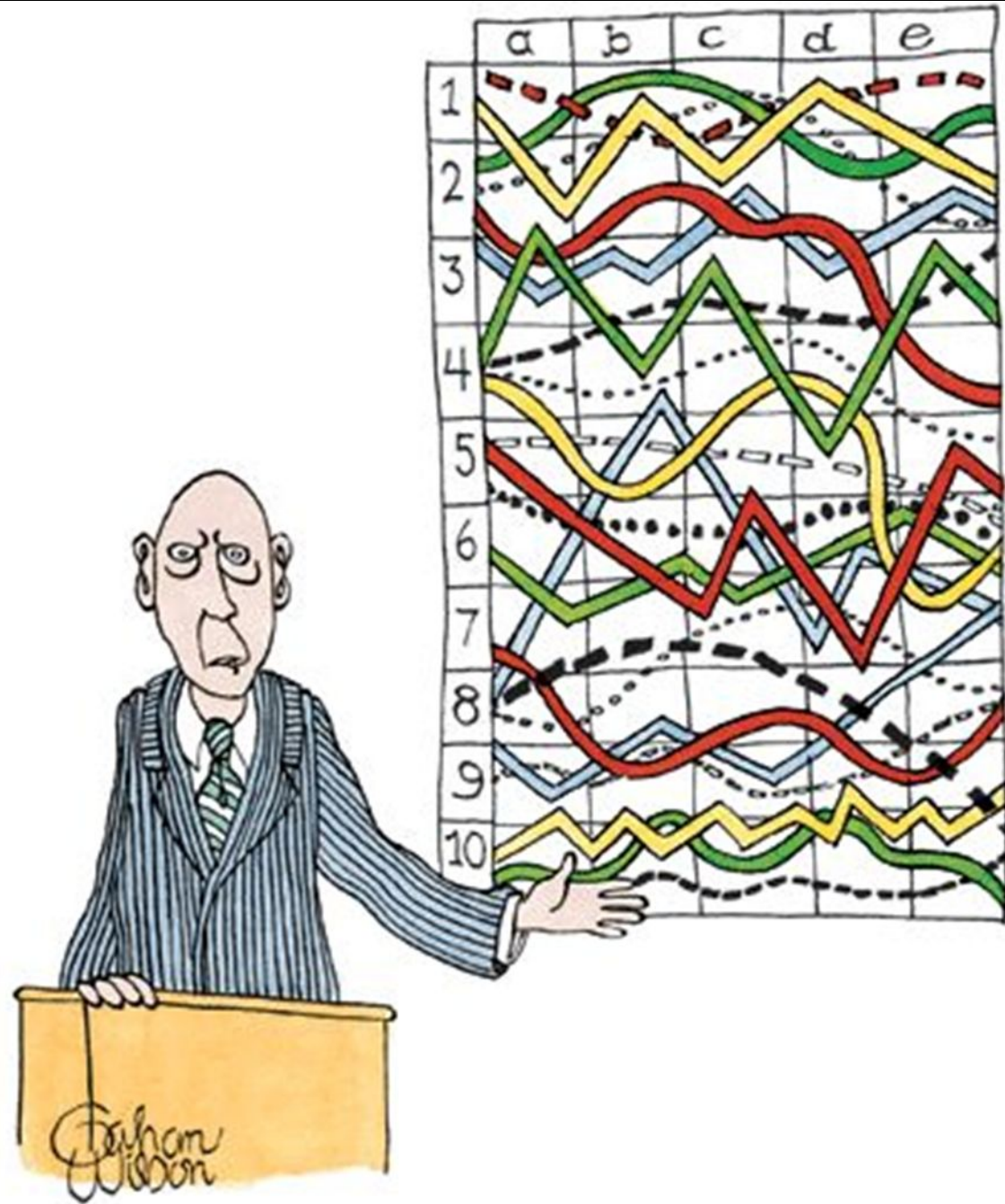
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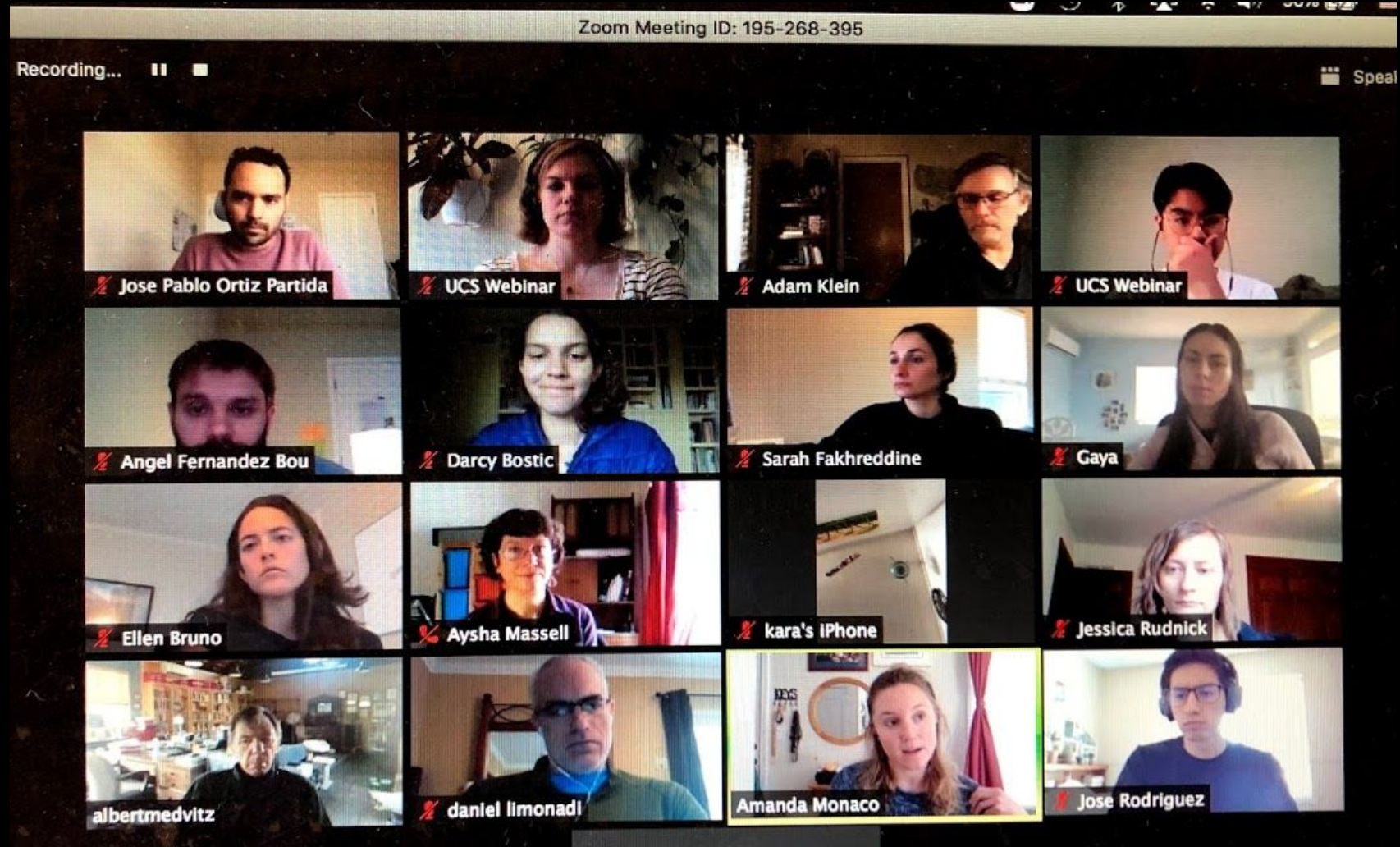
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"I'll pause for a moment so you can let this information sink in."

Groundwater Technical Assistance Network



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Finding the ways that work



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Water Accounting and Trading Platform


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Water Accounting and Trading Plat

Water Accounting PlatformLearn More ▾Sign In



Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Accounting Platform

Welcome to the [Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Water Accounting Platform](#). The platform is designed to meet these objectives:

- Create a better understanding of water demand and supplies, for Landowners to effectively and efficiently make informed decisions regarding water supply and land use.
- Utilize a satellite based evapotranspiration model, called OpenET, to give landowners a past and present understanding of water demands on their specific parcels.
- Over the long term, develop the accounting platform into a trading platform, encouraging in-district water transfers.

Access your water account

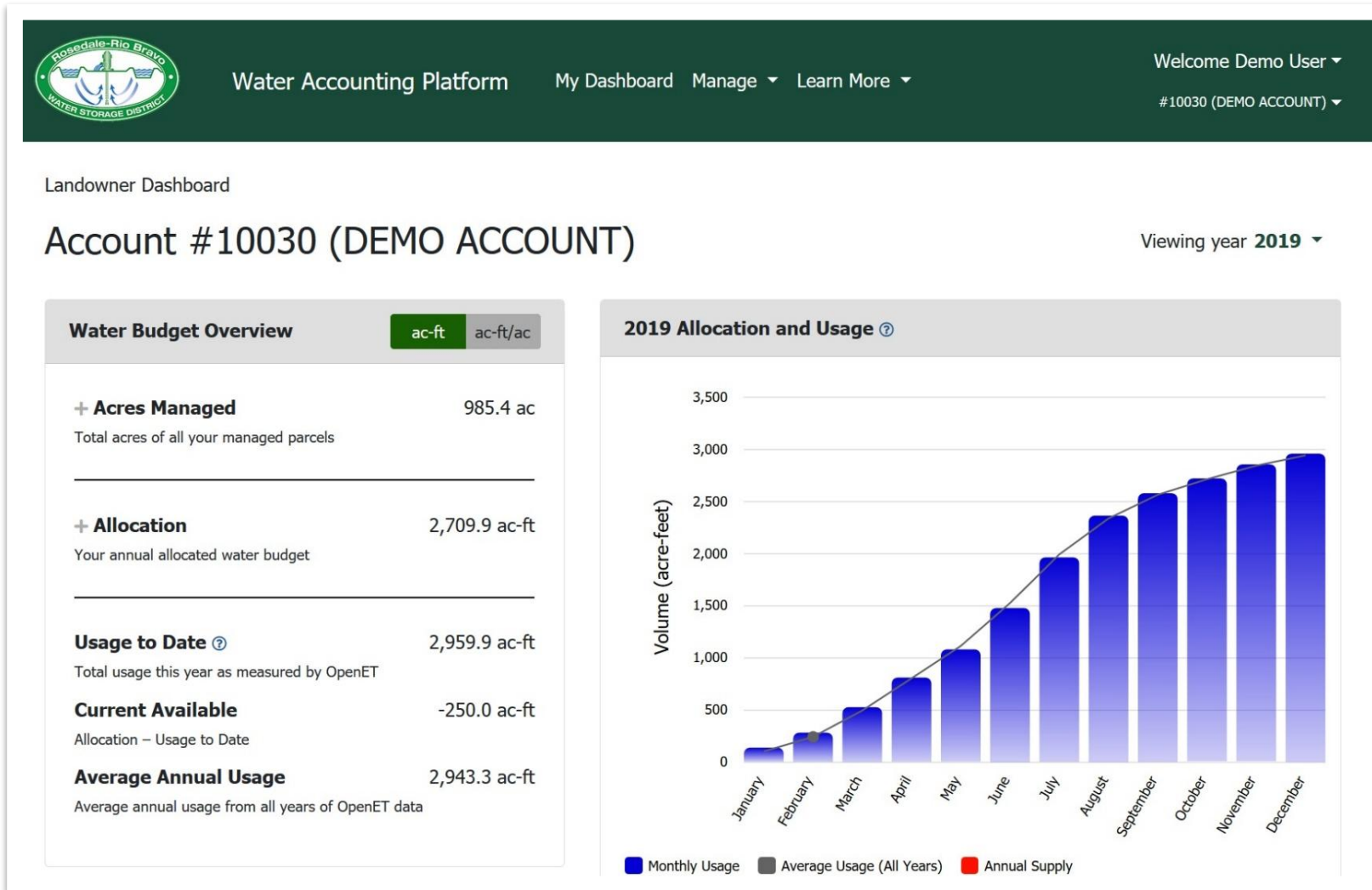
Log in to view your Water Account. Create an Account if you don't have one yet.

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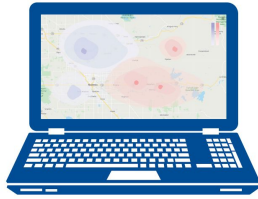
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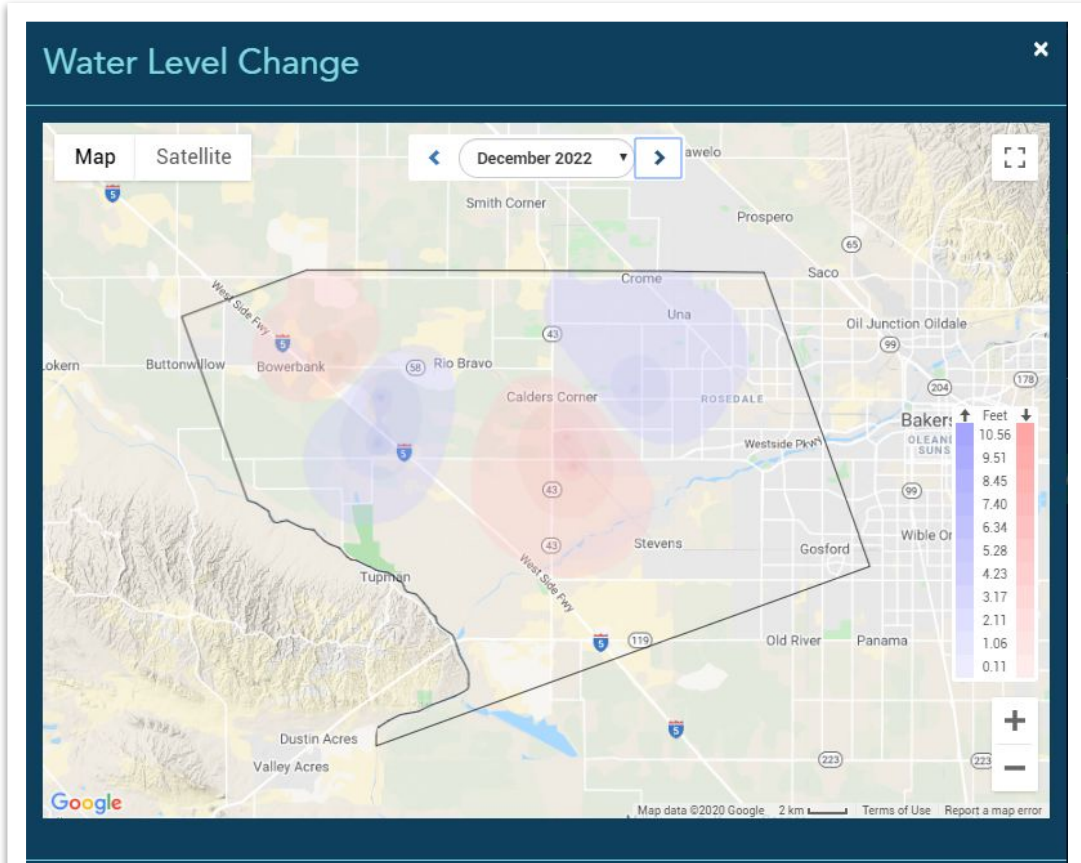
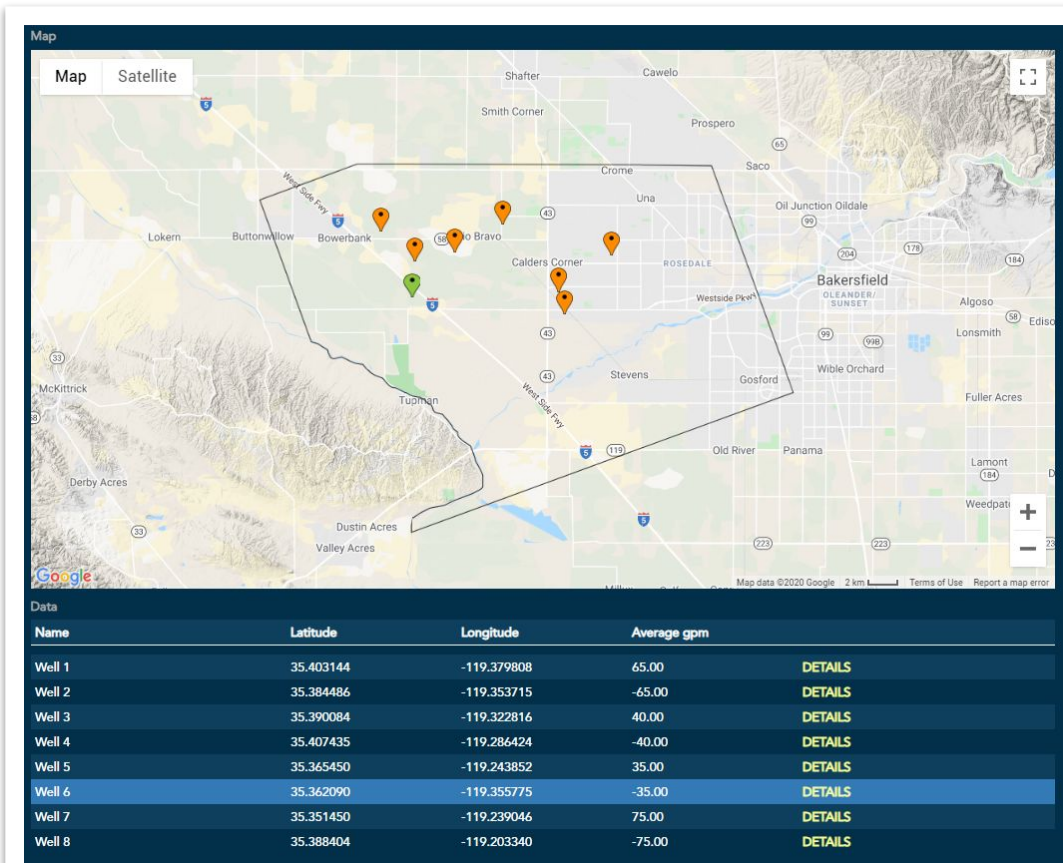
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Modeling scenarios



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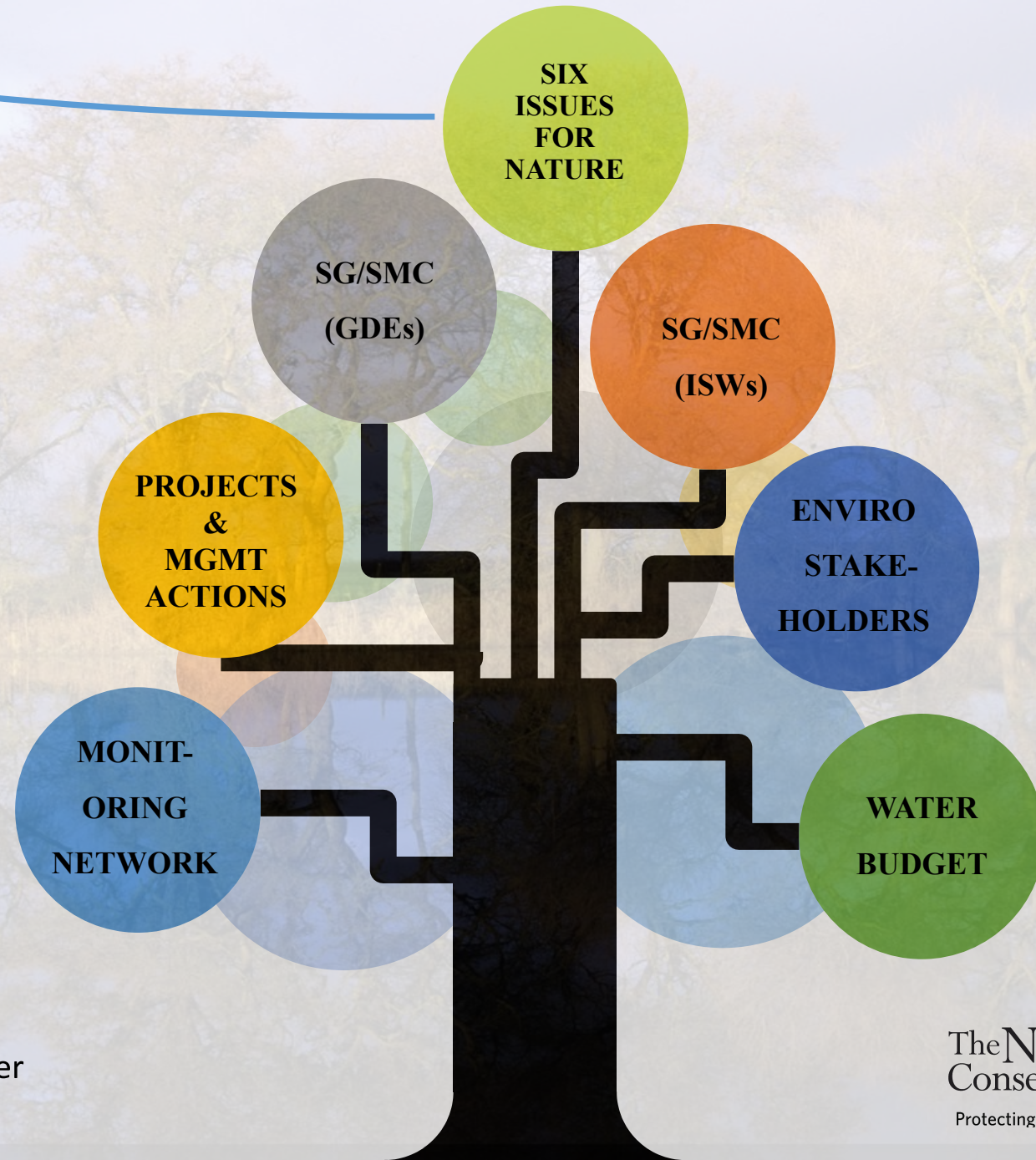
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SGMA Snapshot: Groundwater for Nature



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We envision the Snapshot as a resource for stakeholders and local communities to understand how Environmental Beneficial Users (EBUs) of groundwater are being managed in their GSA

The Snapshot will evaluate and provide insight into how the management of groundwater will impact EBUs

Recommendations and Resources will be provided for each issue area impacting EBUs

Eight Sustainability Indicators determine how well Groundwater Sustainability Plans address Nature

How well are GDEs identified and mapped?

How well are ISWs identified and mapped?

How well does the water budget account for the water use of nature (EBUs = GDEs, ISWs, native vegetation, managed wetlands, etc.)?

How well do the SG/SMCs consider GDEs and avoid undesirable results?

How well do the SG/SMCs for ISWs analyze the impact to surface water EBUs?

How well are Environmental Stakeholders (ES) engaged with?

How well are EBUs incorporated in Projects & Mgmt. Actions?

How well are EBUs identified and addressed within the monitoring network?

Available Fall 2020 at
groundwaterresourcehub.org

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Drinking Water Tool

- This tool tells you:
 - Who manages or makes decisions about your water supply;
 - Groundwater quality in the area where you live;
 - Potential impacts to groundwater supply from future droughts;
 - How to get involved in local groundwater management decisions.
- You can either enter in a specific address or look at general information about the state

zoom to your address



Select from the boundary types below, then search for a specific location or click on the map for area stats.

- ☐ Groundwater Sustainability Agencies ⓘ
- ☐ Counties ⓘ
- ☐ Community Water Systems ⓘ

Reference Layers

Groundwater Users

Community Water Systems

- ☒ Community Water System Boundary ⓘ
 - Boundary
- ☐ Public Supply Well Location ⓘ

Private Domestic Wells ⓘ

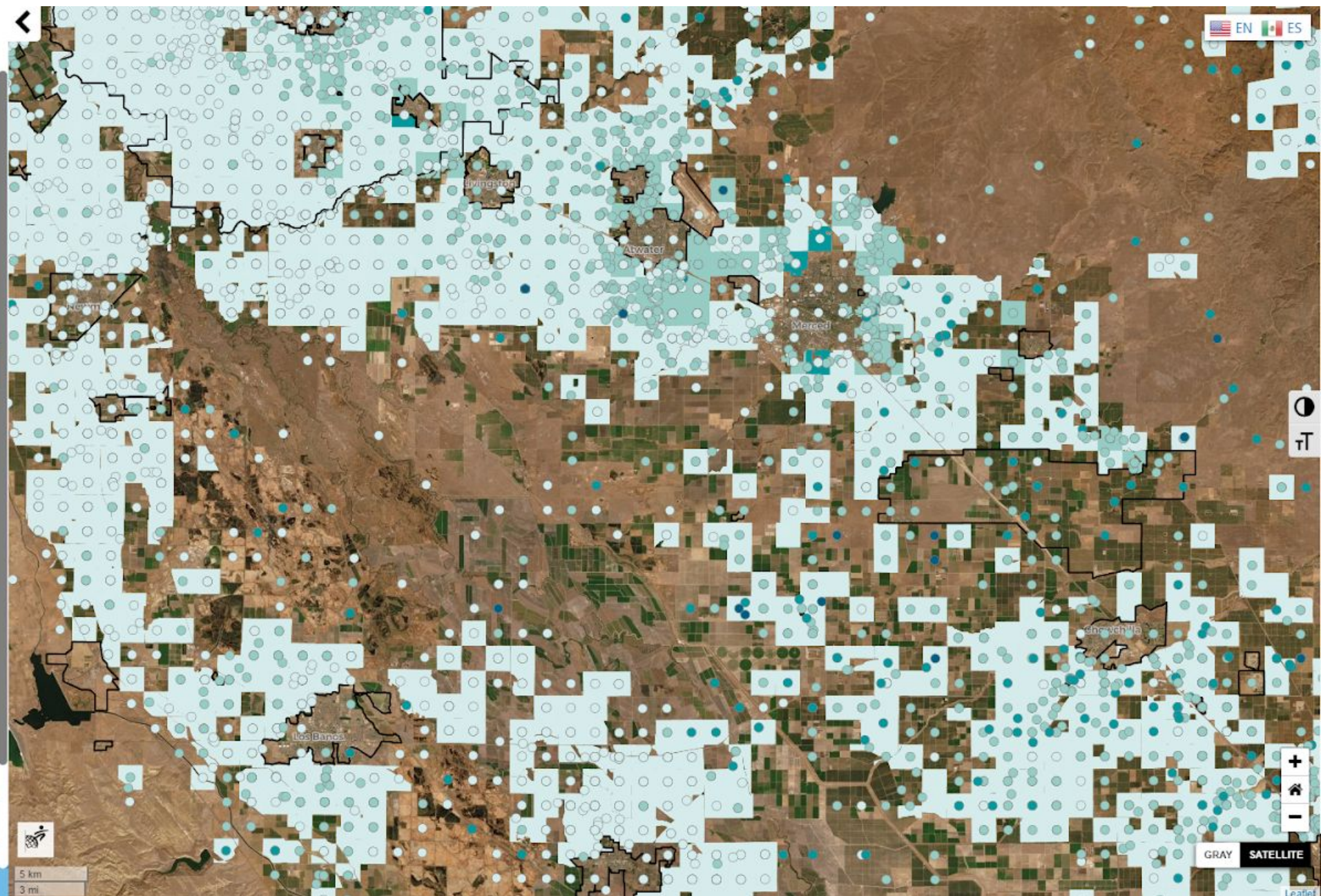
- ☒ Private Domestic Well Location ⓘ
 - 1 - 200 Wells
 - 201 - 400 Wells
 - 401 - 700 Wells
 - 700+ Wells

Likely Domestic Well Communities ⓘ

- ☒ Domestic Well Population
 - Up to 250
 - 251 - 1,500
 - 1,500 - 4,250
 - More than 4,250
- ☐ Domestic Well Housing
- ☐ Domestic Well Count

+ Water Quality

+ Groundwater Supply - Drought Scenarios



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Reference Layers

+ Groundwater Users

+ Water Quality

— Groundwater Supply - Drought Scenarios

Select Drought Scenario ⓘ

50% 75% 100%

Small Community Water System ⓘ

- ☐ Number of Impacted Public Supply Wells ⓘ
- ☐ Cost to Remediate Impacted Public Supply Wells ⓘ

Private Domestic Wells ⓘ

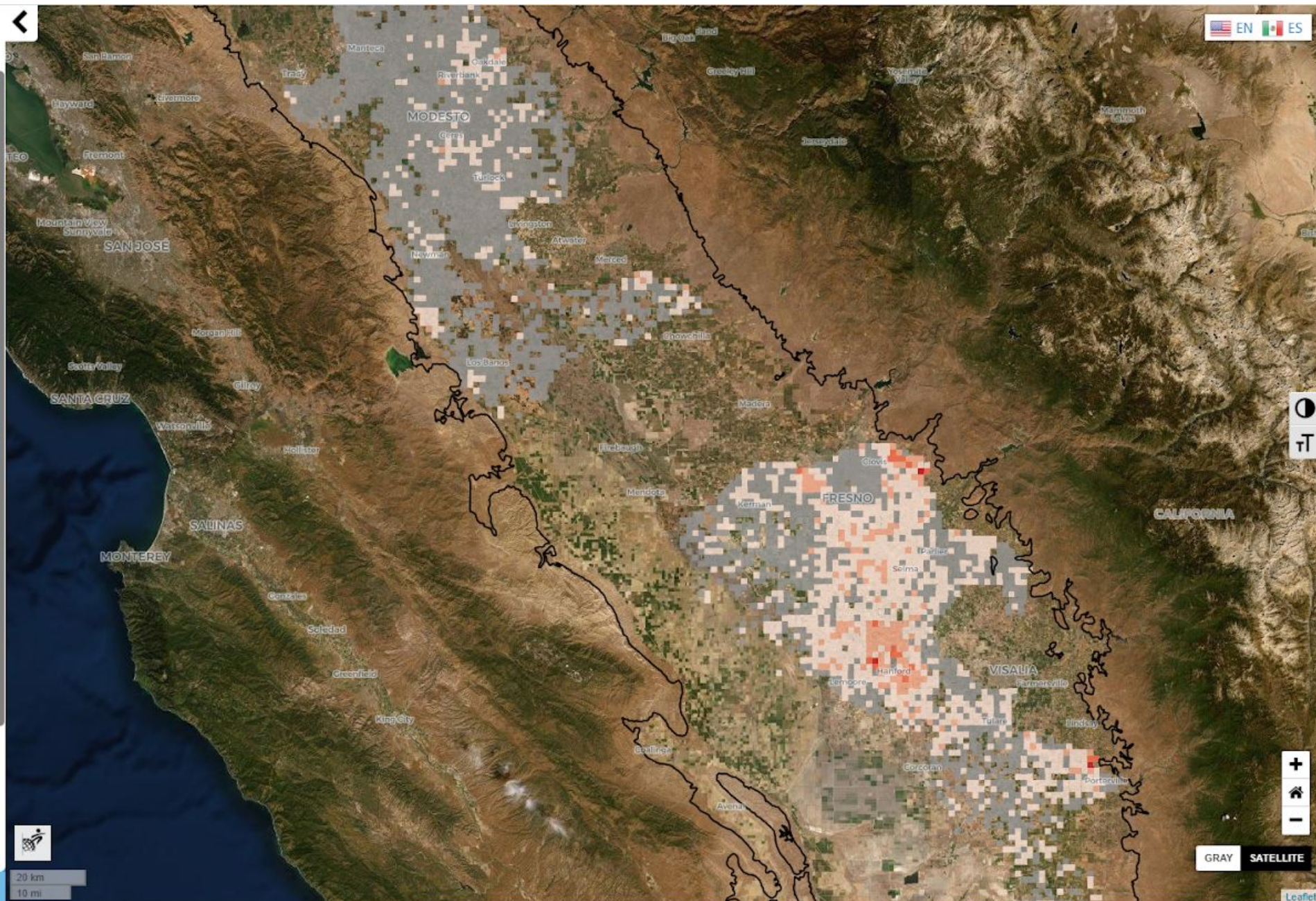
☒ Number of Impacted Domestic Wells ⓘ

- 0
- 1 - 4
- 5 - 12
- 13 - 26
- More than 26

☐ Cost to Remediate Impacted Domestic Wells ⓘ

GSA

- ☐ Number of Impacted Domestic Wells ⓘ
- ☐ Cost to Remediate Impacted Domestic Wells ⓘ



☐ County

☐ Community Water Systems ⓘ

Reference Layers

+ Groundwater Users

+ Water Quality

— Groundwater Supply - Drought Scenarios

Select Drought Scenario ⓘ

50% 75% 100%

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GSA

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County

☐ Number of Impacted Domestic Wells ⓘ

☒ Cost to Remediate Impacted Domestic Wells ⓘ

■ \$0

■ Up to \$1,000,000

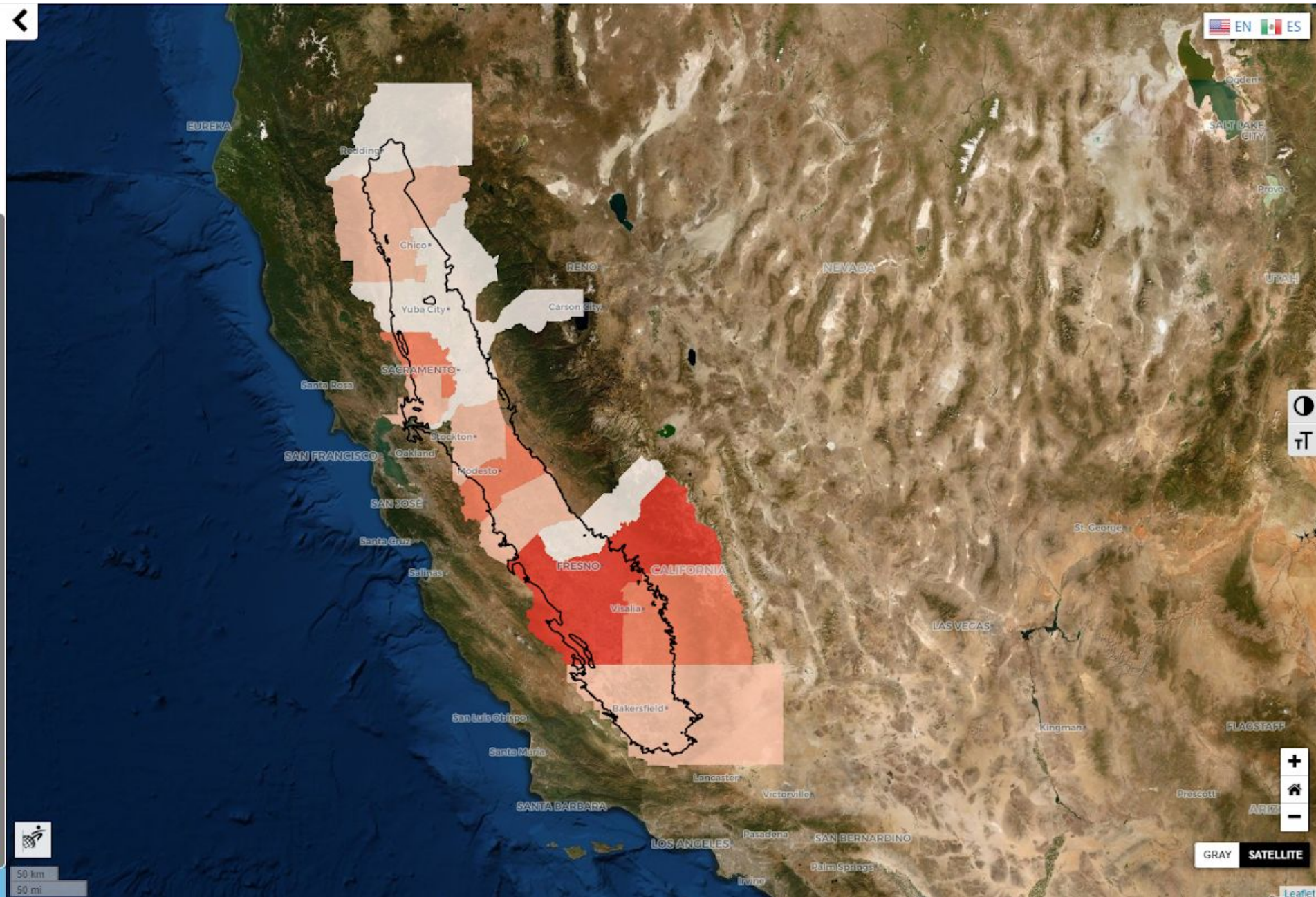
■ \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

■ \$5,000,001 - \$20,000,000

■ More than \$20,000,000

+ Demographics

+ Other Boundaries



Who Manages My Water?

There are several levels of water management in California, from the community water system who may supply the drinking water to your home, to the local, regional, and state agencies who regulate water availability and quality in wells and streams. **This tool identifies different local agencies that may be making decisions about groundwater in your area.**

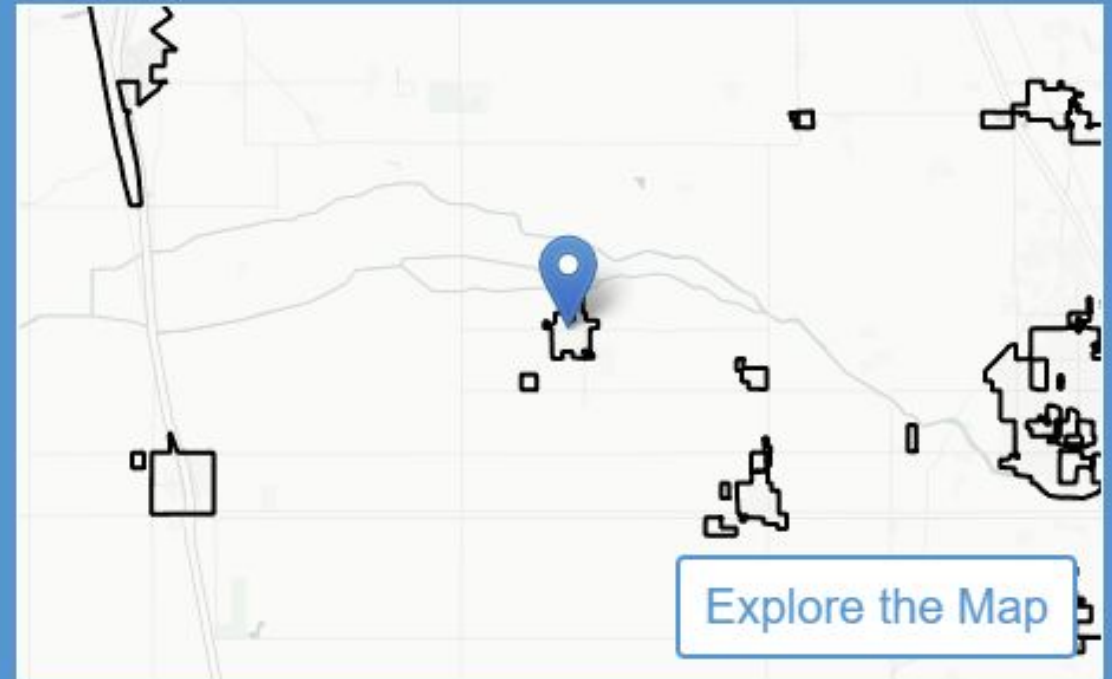
Community water systems are typically overseen by the State's Division of Drinking Water and typically manage their own groundwater wells. For private domestic wells, local agencies will have the authority over any new groundwater well construction or changes to existing wells. Often this will be your County Department of Environmental Health.

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) are public entities that manage how groundwater is used locally in certain parts of the state. GSAs have the power to regulate how much groundwater is pumped and by whom. GSAs are developing policies that will impact available supply for both community water system wells and private domestic wells.

According to the information you provided, your drinking water is supplied from a community water system (CWS). CWSs are publicly regulated water suppliers that serve piped, treated water to at least 25 residents or 15 connections year-round. CWS providers can include private companies, mobile home parks, city water systems, and water districts.

Some important jurisdictions in your area include:

- Community Water System: **WOODVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY DIST**
- Groundwater Sustainability Agency: **Lower Tule River Irrigation District**
- County: **Tulare**



This map shows community water system boundaries in black. "Explore the Map" to learn more about your area.

What About Water Supply?

While groundwater is a resource that can be replenished, supplies can be threatened. For example, drought, climate change, and high levels of pumping can mean groundwater levels go down, causing drinking water supplies to decrease. Anticipating whether the area where you live could be impacted by future droughts and other drivers of groundwater level change is complicated. One factor that influences possible threats to your water supply is whether your drinking water comes from groundwater and/or surface water. **This section can help you learn more about your water supply and whether it could be impacted by changes in groundwater levels, like what often happens during a drought.**

Your community water system's [primary water source](#) is **groundwater**.

Even if your community water system's primary source type is surface water, it could also have access to groundwater. If so, its public supply wells may be affected by changing groundwater levels. According to annual reports submitted to the state between 2013 and 2016, by **WOODVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY DIST**, your system **only has groundwater**.

This tool includes an assessment of wells in the Central Valley that could be at risk to supply issues based on different scenarios of drought-related changes in groundwater levels. The analysis includes both private domestic wells and public supply wells for community water systems that serve less than 10,000 people. To learn more about this analysis visit the [Methodology](#). If you are served by a larger community water system and/or live outside of the Central Valley, please contact your water system, Groundwater Sustainability Agency or county with concerns about supply risks in your area.



The estimated number of impacted community water system public supply wells **within 1-mile of the community water system's service area** for each drought scenario are:

- **0 wells** in 50% Drought Scenario
- **6 wells** in 75% Drought Scenario
- **8 wells** in 100% Drought Scenario

What About Water Quality?

The federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires CWSs to regularly monitor for drinking water contaminants to determine if and when they are found above a [Maximum Contaminant Level](#) (MCL). If contaminant levels are above and in violation of the MCL- the highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water – the CWS must notify customers and correct the problem. All CWSs are also required to provide an annual water quality report to customers, called a [Consumer Confidence Report](#) (CCR). Private domestic wells are not regulated and thus are not required to monitor their water quality. Thus a homeowner of a house (or group of homes) reliant on a private domestic well is responsible for testing and treating their own well water.

This section of the Drinking Water tool can help you learn more about water quality concerns in your area. This tool currently provides water quality data for four key drinking water contaminants: [Arsenic](#), [Nitrate](#), [123-Trichloropropane](#), and [Chromium VI](#). The MCL for each contaminant is shown in [milligrams](#) (mg) or [micrograms](#) (µg) per liter (L).

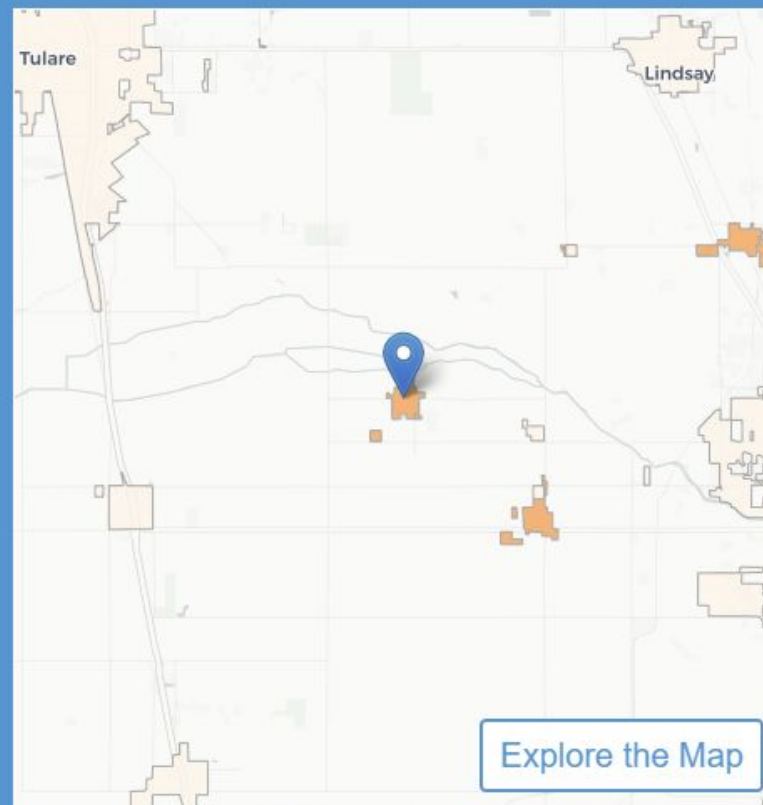
According to the California State Board's [Human Right to Water Portal](#), **WOODVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY DIST had 0 MCL violations** between 2012- Aug. 30, 2019. The Human Right to Water Portal currently serves as the state's primary location information on water system performance measures, like compliance with the [Safe Drinking Water Act](#).

The contaminant levels displayed for your CWS are based on a nine-year average from 2005-2013, for four contaminants. The [data](#) was developed and shared by CalEPA's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment for its [CalEnviroScreen 3.0](#) tool. *As such, the data presented in this tool is not necessarily the most up-to-date and may over or underestimate current contaminant concentrations in your water.* To learn more about your system's water quality, contact your water system and ask for a copy of the most recent Consumer Confidence Report.

A zero value indicates that contaminant levels were below the detectable limit at which they can be reliably measured, and a missing value (-) indicates that the contaminant was not measured in the community water system. The 9-year average estimated value for contaminants found in the groundwater are:

- **0.8 µg/L Arsenic (As)**, the MCL is 10µg/L.
- **7.3 mg/L Nitrate as Nitrogen (N)**, the MCL is 10mg/L.
- **0.000 µg/L 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP)**, the MCL is 0.005 µg/L.
- **0.0 µg/L Chromium VI (Cr6)**, the previous MCL is 10 µg/L and California is in the process of establishing a revised one.

Learn more about the [data and methods](#) used to estimate groundwater quality for this tool.



This map shows community water system boundaries in black, shaded by the estimated concentration of Nitrate as Nitrogen mg/L, where darker orange means higher concentration in relation to the MCL. "Explore the Map" to learn more about your area.

More info & video demonstration:

https://www.communitywatercenter.org/drinking_water_tool

Tool: <https://drinkingwatertool.communitywatercenter.org/>

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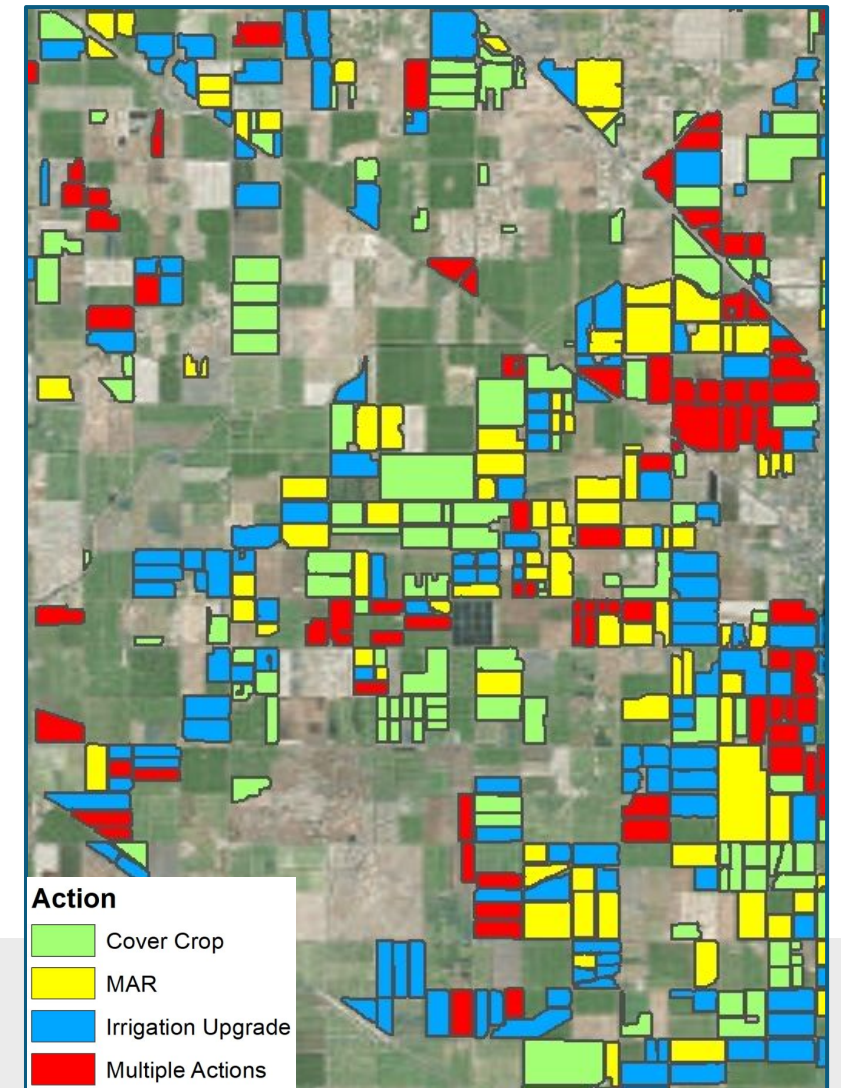
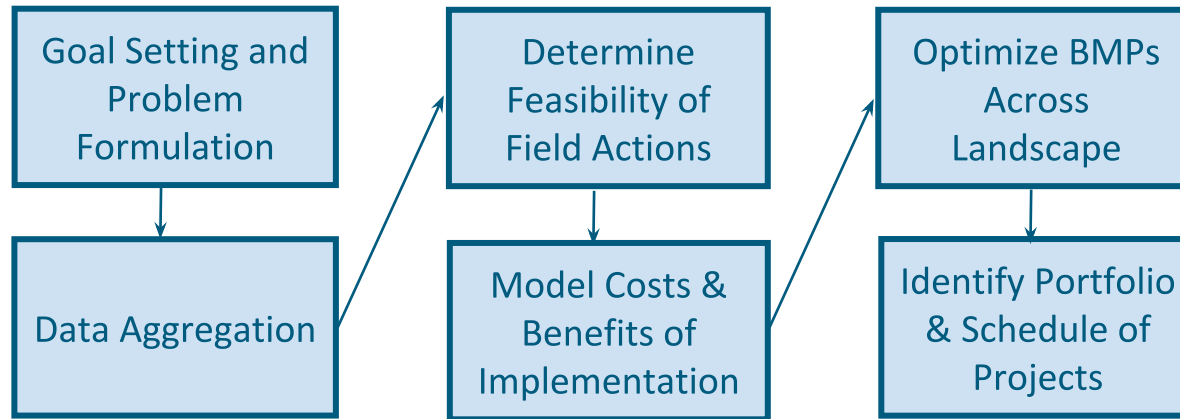


Decision Support Tools for Groundwater Sustainability Plans

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BasinScout – A Decision Support Tool

1. Data Gathering 2. Cost-Benefit Modeling 3. Program Design



Project partners and stakeholders are involved in all steps to:

- provide and ground-truth data
- develop program goals, budgets, and define additional constraints

Assess available benefits and costs for Projects & Management Actions

Basin status

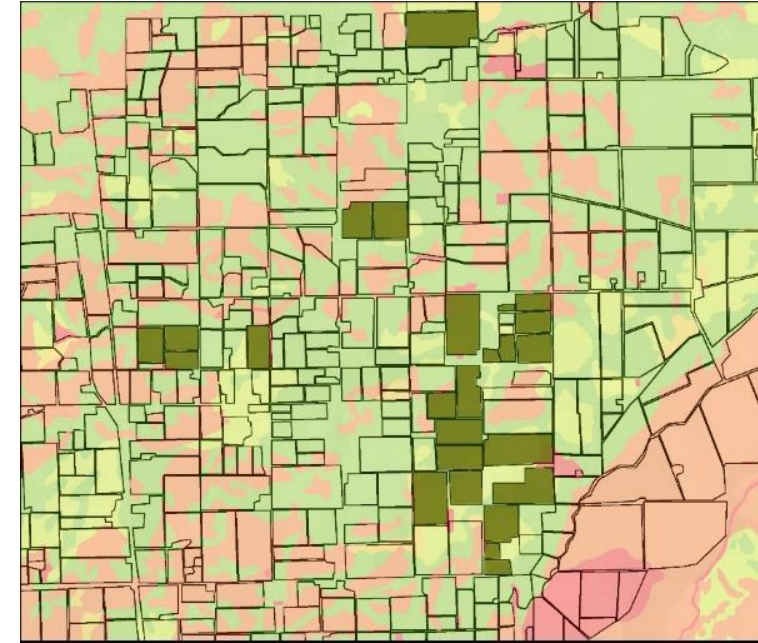
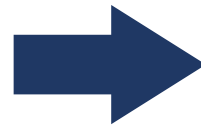
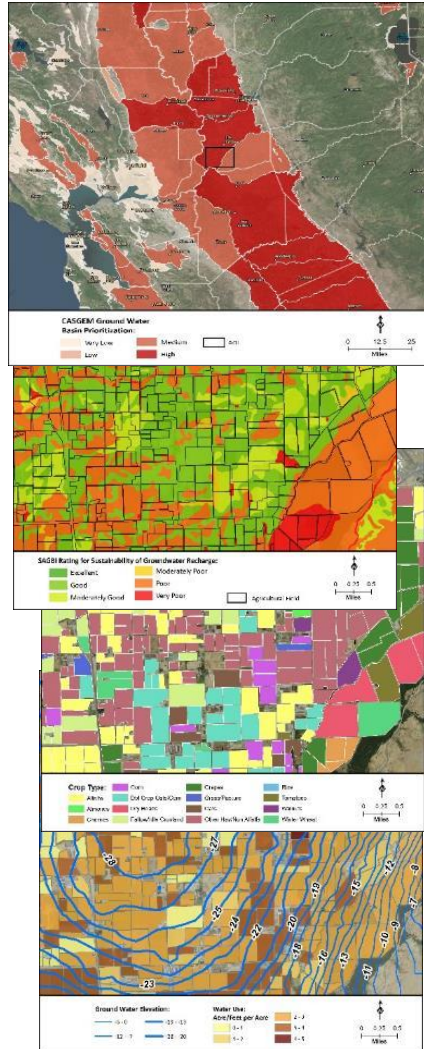
GSA
Boundaries

Disadvantaged
Communities

Recharge
Potential

Field Characteristics

Water Use



Develop Portfolio of Management Actions to achieve set of objectives at lowest cost. *For example, GSA can design program to:*

- Maximize actions on farms within disadvantaged communities
- Increase shallow infiltration by 2,000 acre-feet annually within Groundwater Sustainability Agency boundary
- Prioritize MAR actions on fields with greatest potential benefit to groundwater dependent ecosystems

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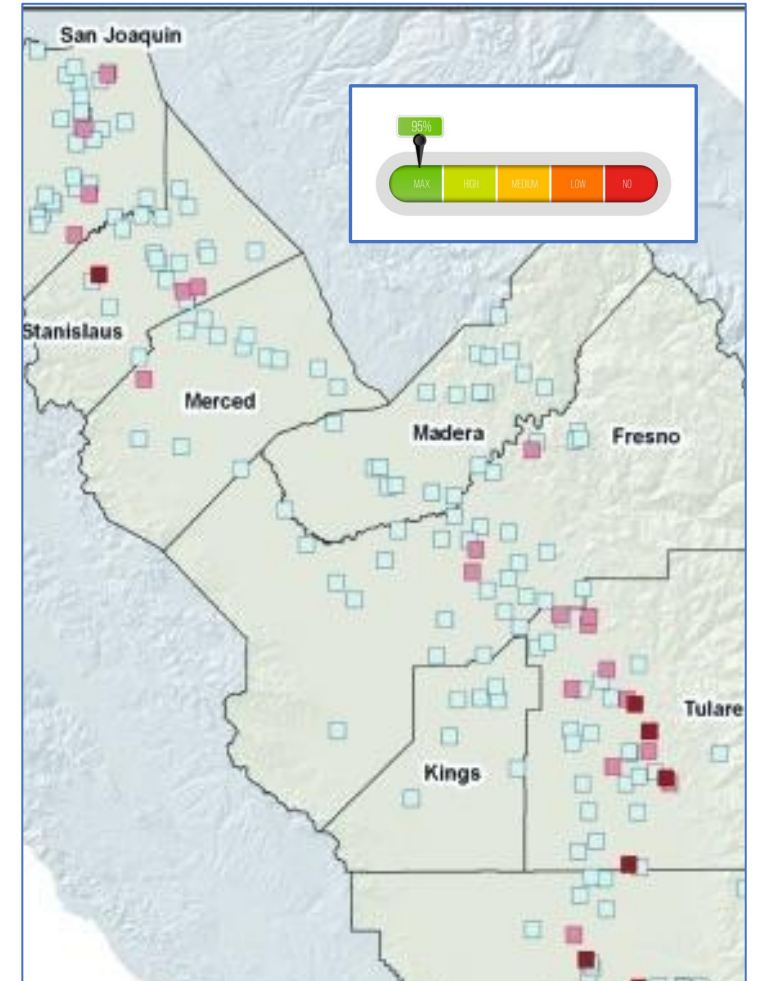


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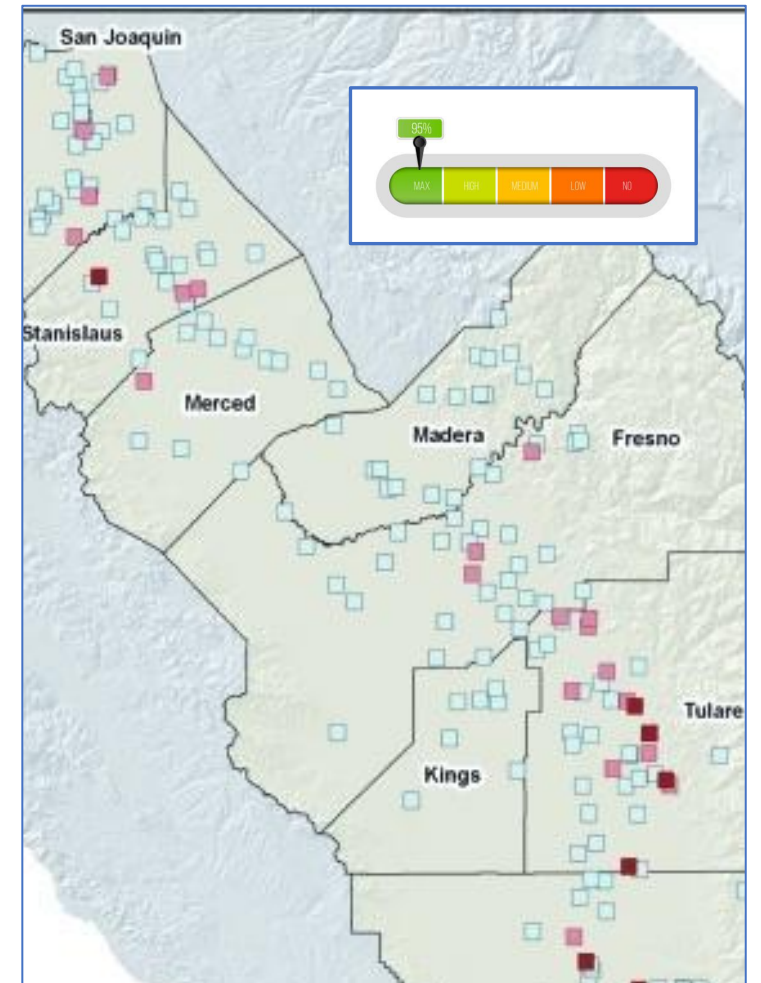
AI for Earth

- AI for Earth: Mapping the impact of GSAs' activities on vulnerable domestic wells
 - Uses a cleaned-up state well completion report dataset to show where wells are, and then uses artificial intelligence (AI) to estimate where other wells may be.
 - Using a sliding scale and presets on the map, the user will be able to see what the impact will be on wells across the SJV or in a specific GSA area, based on:
 - Minimum thresholds set by GSAs
 - Other projections
 - Also have the ability to show impacts at any groundwater level selected by the user.



AI for Earth

- The goal: community residents, advocates, the public and GSA officials and staff will clearly be able to see the impact of GSAs'
 - The **public** can learn about groundwater impacts and exert pressure on GSAs
 - **GSAs** can be better able to visualize their impact on vulnerable users
 - **Communities** and **advocates** can use powerful visuals to advocate for policies, projects and management actions that protect drinking water



Stay tuned!

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Groundwater Recharge Assessment Tool (GRAT) Public Viewer

What it does:

- Visualize recharge site suitability for prioritizing recharge projects and management actions
- Identify DAC locations for consideration of recharge effects

How it works:

- Available on line at <https://gratviewer.earthgenome.org/>



Data List

Considerations

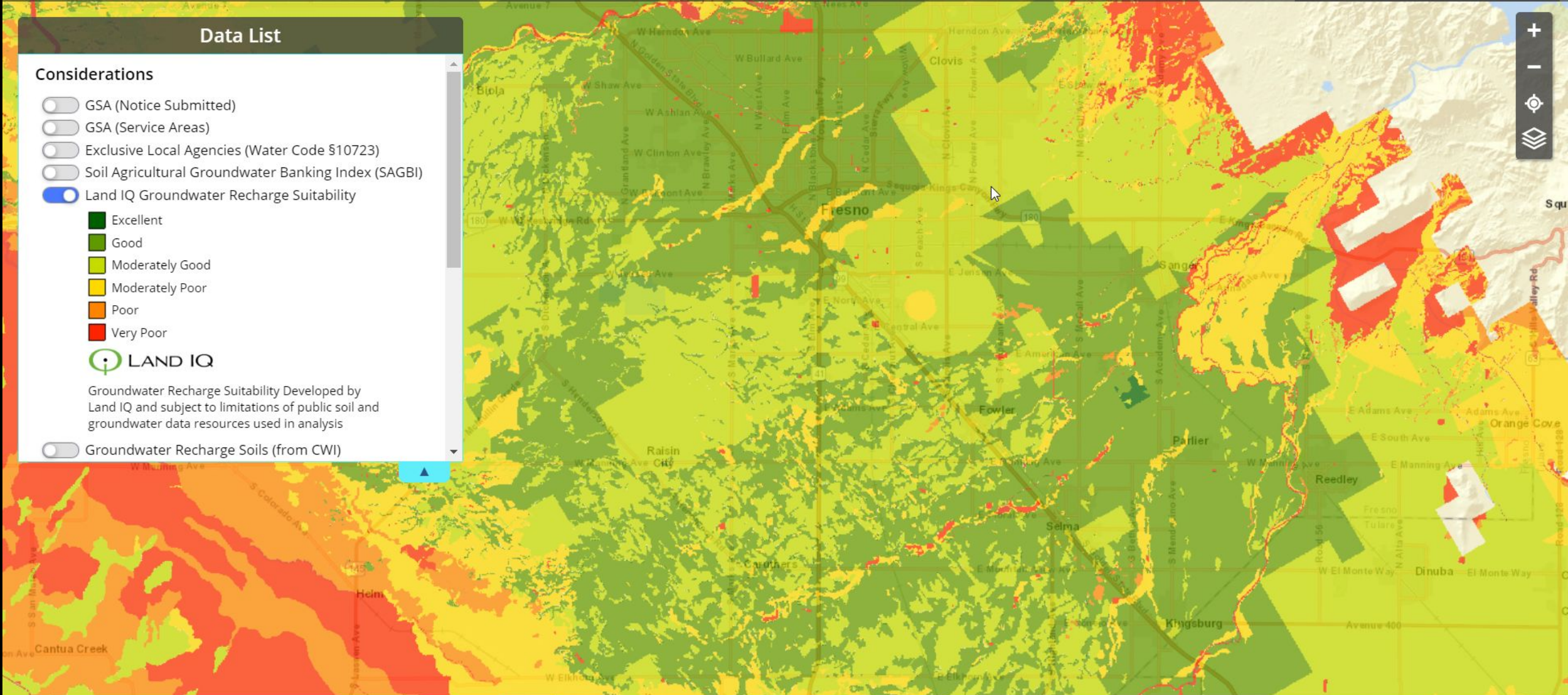
- ☐ GSA (Notice Submitted)
- ☐ GSA (Service Areas)
- ☐ Exclusive Local Agencies (Water Code §10723)
- ☐ Soil Agricultural Groundwater Banking Index (SAGBI)
- ☒ Land IQ Groundwater Recharge Suitability

- Excellent
- Good
- Moderately Good
- Moderately Poor
- Poor
- Very Poor



Groundwater Recharge Suitability Developed by Land IQ and subject to limitations of public soil and groundwater data resources used in analysis

- ☐ Groundwater Recharge Soils (from CWI)





Data List

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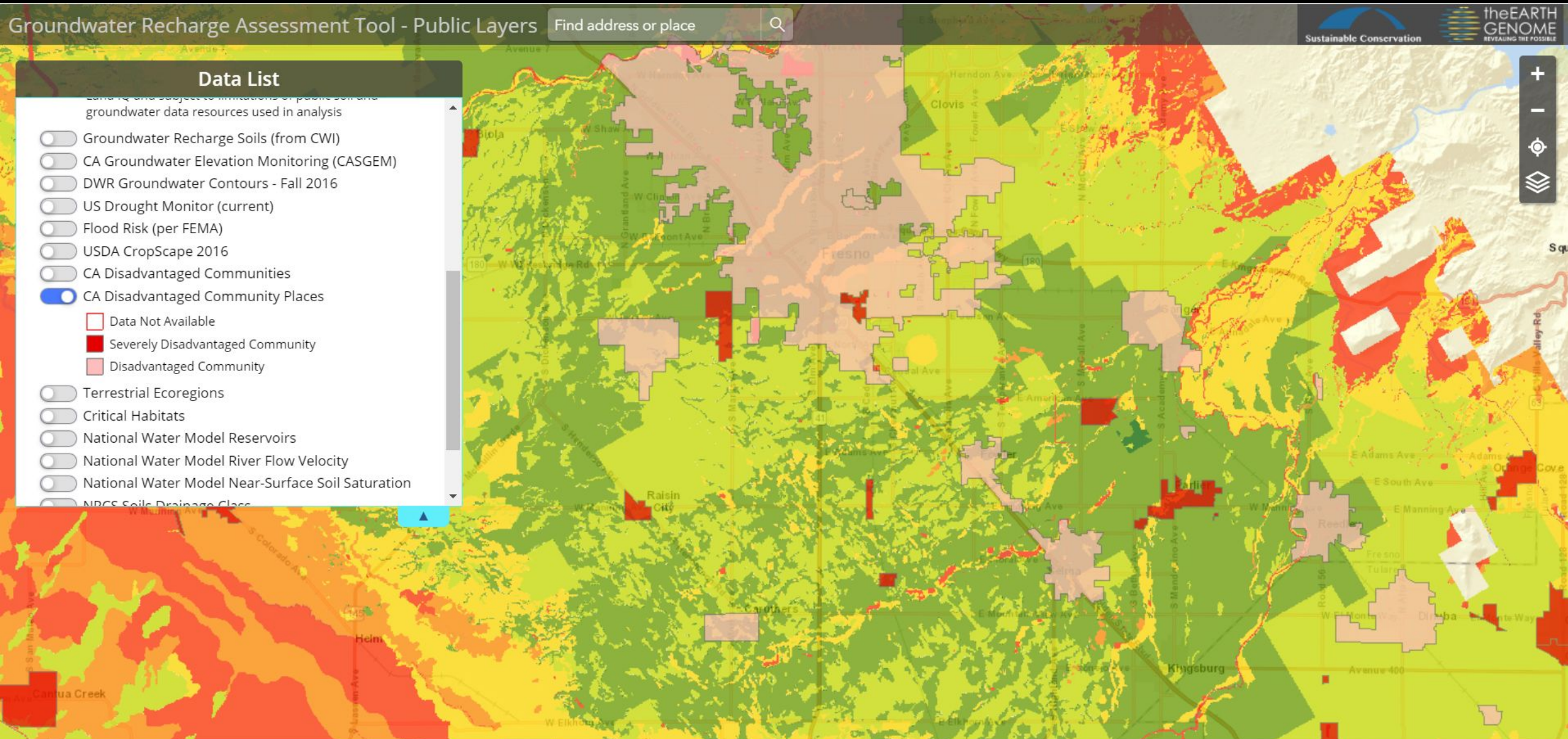
- ☐ Groundwater Recharge Soils (from CWI)
- ☐ CA Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM)
- ☐ DWR Groundwater Contours - Fall 2016
- ☐ US Drought Monitor (current)
- ☐ Flood Risk (per FEMA)
- ☐ USDA CropScape 2016
- ☐ CA Disadvantaged Communities
- ☒ CA Disadvantaged Community Places

☐ Data Not Available

☒ Severely Disadvantaged Community

☐ Disadvantaged Community

- ☐ Terrestrial Ecoregions
- ☐ Critical Habitats
- ☐ National Water Model Reservoirs
- ☐ National Water Model River Flow Velocity
- ☐ National Water Model Near-Surface Soil Saturation
- ☐ NPCS Soils Drainage Class



Groundwater Recharge Assessment Tool (GRAT) Public Viewer

What it will do soon:

- include groundwater quality layers to ensure that recharge projects consider existing conditions and evaluate benefit or risk of recharge method.
- Include habitat restoration potential for consideration of land use change.

Who is it useful for:

- The GRAT Public Viewer is available to everyone to see multiple map layers.
- GRAT™ is also available to water agencies and GSAs that want to upload their own recharge water availability and timing, infrastructure, crop maps and costs to run recharge scenarios over time to inform SGMA implementation.

Tara Moran



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Coordination under SGMA

- **What:** NSF-funded research project to better understand factors influencing agencies decisions to work collaboratively or independently on their GSPs
- **Where:** Focuses on the 21 critically overdrafted basins
- **Progress:** We have conducted interviews and a survey with most GSAs
 - Currently developing a framework for coding collaboration in the GSPs
- **Why:** Results from this research will be used to support coordination efforts in the high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as well as groundwater management more broadly

Additional project information

<https://watergovernance.umasscreate.net/groundwater-sustainability/sgma/>

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Integrating Climate Change into the GSPs

- **What:** Analysis of the range of treatments of climate change under the SGMA regulatory mandate to incorporate climate change into groundwater planning and the enabling factors for sound integration.
- **Where:** Focuses on the GSPs from the critically overdrafted basins
- **Progress:** We have created a framework for evaluating climate change integration into the GSPs based on the literature & reading draft GSPs
 - Currently finalizing to apply to all the critically overdraft GSPs this spring
- **Why:** This research seeks to identify best practices (in practice!) and how we can enable climate robust water resources planning through regulation and other avenues.

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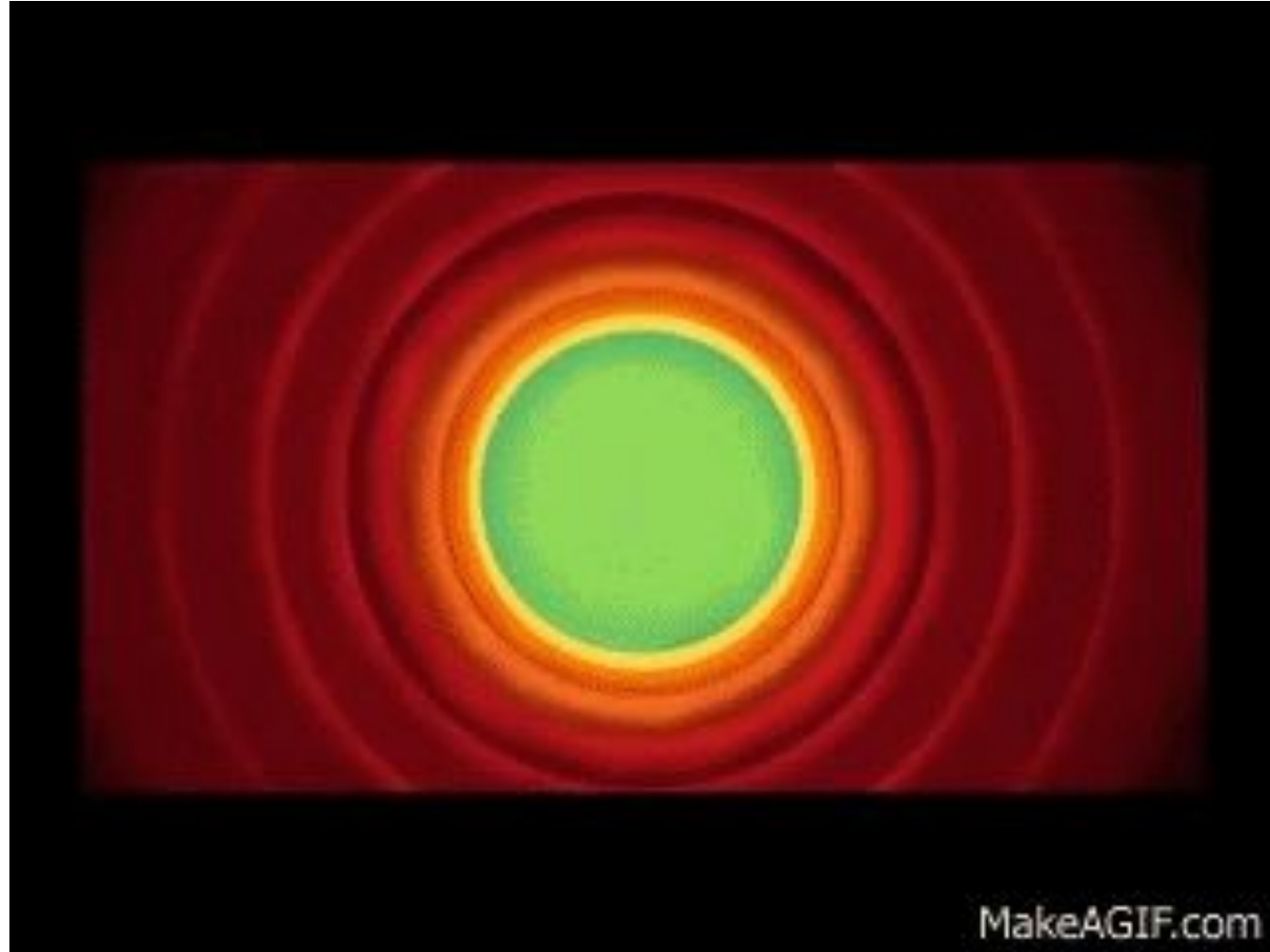


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