



STANISLAUS AND TUOLUMNE RIVERS GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSOCIATION GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

SUMMER 2020 WORKSHOP HANDOUT

What is SGMA?

In September 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA). SGMA sets the framework for statewide sustainable groundwater management by local agencies. SGMA requires, among other things, the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) and the preparation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP). Groundwater basins subject to SGMA must achieve sustainability within 20 years of implementing their GSP.

What is the STRGBA GSA?

In 2017, member agencies of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) - City of Modesto, Modesto Irrigation District, City of Oakdale, Oakdale Irrigation District, City of Riverbank, City of Waterford and Stanislaus County - formed as a GSA. STRGBA GSA has the authority and responsibility to manage the majority of the Modesto groundwater basin. The Tuolumne County GSA is responsible for the small section of the Modesto Subbasin that falls within Tuolumne County. **The STRGBA GSA and Tuolumne County GSA are coordinating to develop a single GSP for the Modesto Subbasin.** This GSP is due to the state on or before January 31, 2022.

What is the Modesto Subbasin?

The Modesto Subbasin extends between the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Counties. It is bounded by the Stanislaus River to the north, Tuolumne River to the south, and San Joaquin River to the west. It is not critically overdrafted, but it is designated as high-priority because most the cities in the area rely on groundwater resources.

COMMONLY USED TERMS

GSA - Groundwater
Sustainability Agency

GSP - Groundwater
Sustainability Plan

SGMA - Sustainable
Groundwater Management
Act

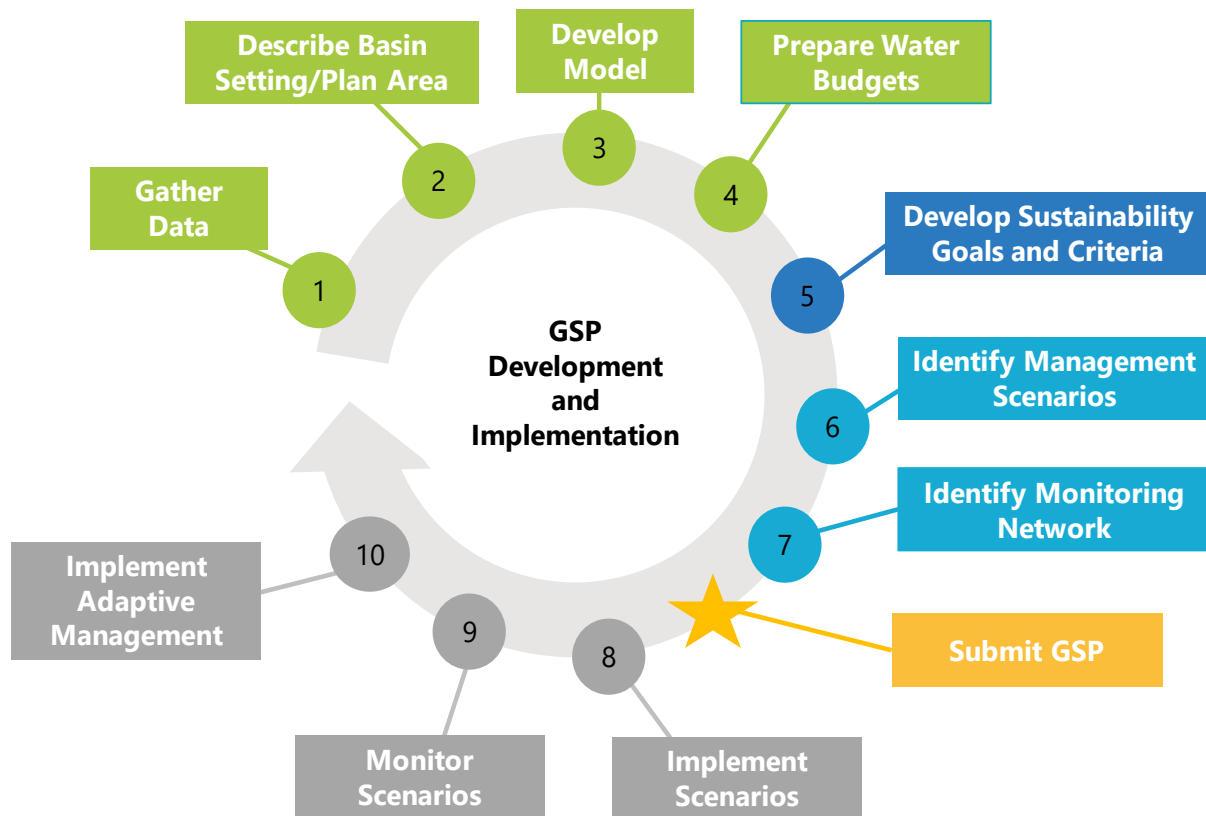
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Basin Association



For more information visit: www.strgba.org.

How is the GSP being developed?

The GSP will be is being developed through a multi-step process, shown below, and will be updated every five years following submission to the state in January 2020. Draft GSP chapters will be posted on the STRGBA GSA and Tuolumne County GSA websites for public review and input. In addition, interested parties may provide input through public meetings and workshops. The STRGBA GSA and Tuolumne County GSA will continue to seek public input throughout GSP implementation and future GSP updates.



How can I get involved?

The best way to be kept informed about development of the GSP is by signing up for the STRGBA GSA email list on the STRGBA website at: www.strgba.org. You can provide comments on the draft GSP by attending public meetings and workshops or submitting a comment on the STRGBA website. The STRGBA GSA meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Please also help us spread the word about this important planning effort by talking to your neighbors, family, and friends that may be affected.



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