

Drought Well Permitting Requirements

Executive Order N-7-22, Action 9



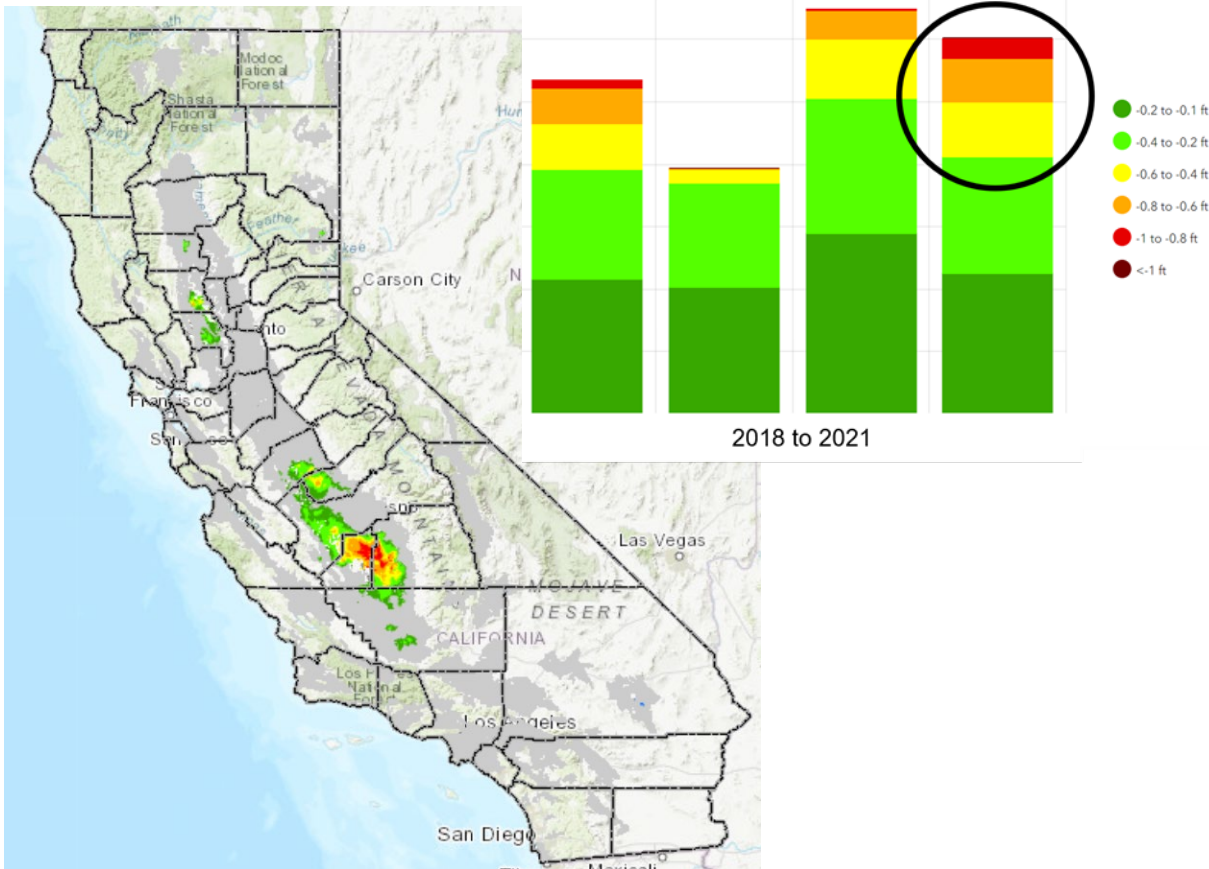
Listening Session Webinar
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Listening Session Agenda

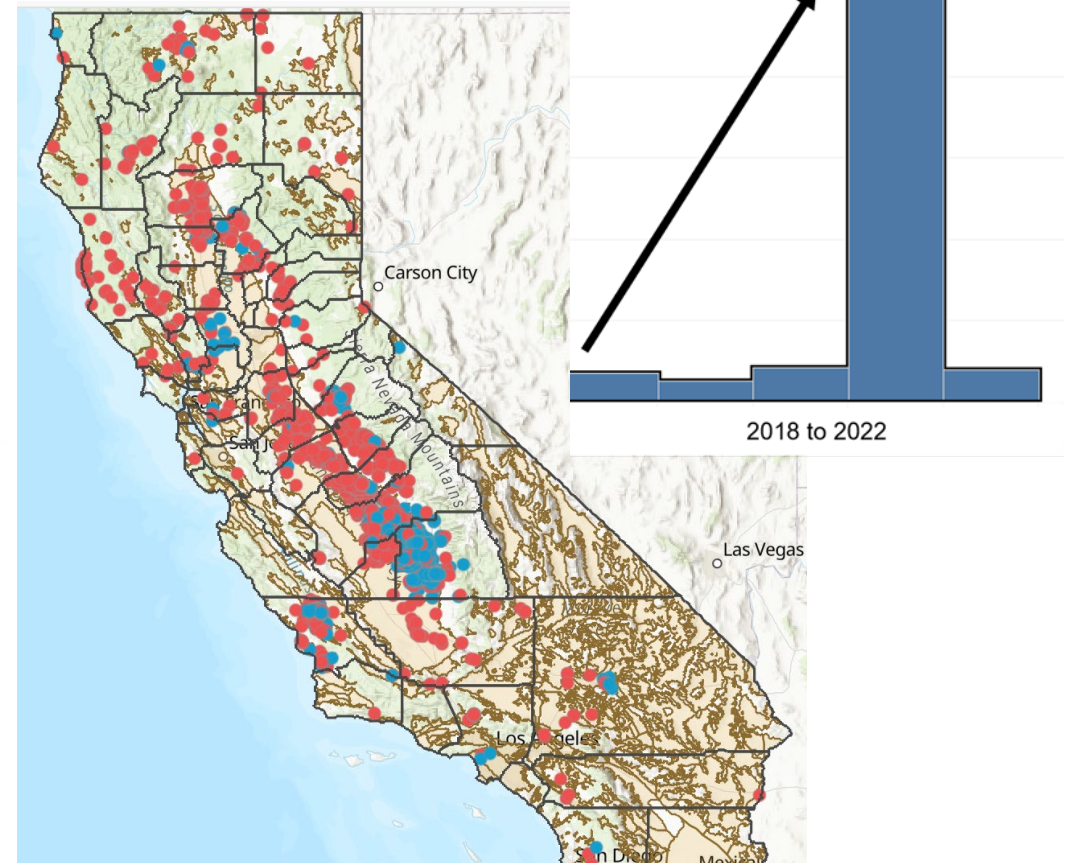
- Opening Remarks
- Presentation on Drought Executive Order Action 9
- Question and Answer Session
- Closing

Historic Drought Conditions

Land Subsidence



Dry Wells Reported



Drought Executive Order N-7-22

Excerpt of Action 9 from Drought Executive Order:

9. To protect health, safety, and the environment during this drought emergency, a county, city, or other public agency shall not:

a. Approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and classified as medium- or high-priority without first obtaining written verification from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is proposed to be located that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in any applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by that Groundwater Sustainability Agency and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by such a plan; or

b. Issue a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well without first determining that extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and (2) not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure.

This paragraph shall not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.

Drought EO N-7-22: Action 9

For new wells or alterations to existing wells*

9a. Consultation with the GSAs, Prior to Approving a Well Permit

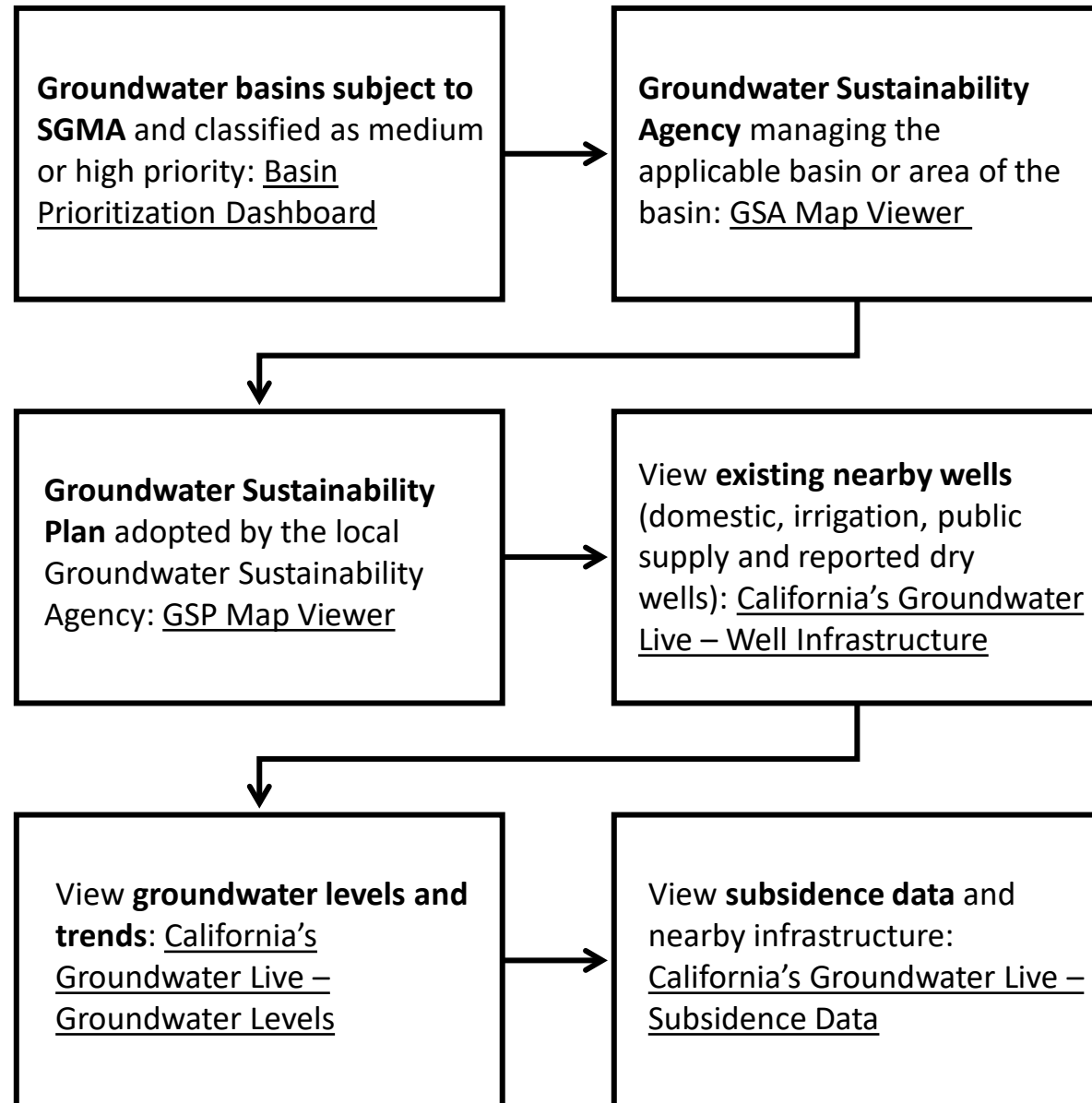
- In high and medium priority basins, where there is a GSA and GSP
- Obtain written verification from the GSA
- Consistency with GSP & sustainability goals

9b. Permit Evaluation, Prior to Issuing a Well Permit

1. Not likely to interfere with production and functioning of existing nearby wells
2. Not likely to cause adverse subsidence impact or damage nearby infrastructure

**excluding individual domestic wells who use less than two acre-feet per year and public water system supply who rely exclusively on groundwater wells*

Available State Resources



Question & Answer Session

- Please submit your questions via the chat box.

Closing

- For questions, please contact: SGMPS@water.ca.gov

