



GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK 2026

OVERVIEW

Groundwater Awareness Week is March 8-14, and we'd like you to join us in celebrating! Established in 1999 by the National Ground Water Association to highlight the responsible development, management, and use of groundwater, groundwater is a critical resource in California providing 41 percent of the state's total supply in a normal year and up to 60 percent during droughts. Join the celebration as the Department of Water Resources (DWR) highlights the different components of groundwater all week long. DWR also plans on releasing the final *California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118 - Update 2025 (CalGW Update 2025)*, which integrates data submitted to DWR by local agencies under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), including information reported in Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP), Alternatives to GSPs, annual reports, and other groundwater initiatives.

Tuesday, March 10 - Basin Characterization Exchange Meeting

Building on the foundation of *California's Groundwater - Bulletin 118*, the DWR Basin Characterization Program advances SGMA implementation by collecting and analyzing large datasets to improve understanding of aquifer structure. This presentation introduces a new suite of publicly available tools, datasets, and maps that help local agencies transform raw data into informed decision making.

Register: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/78a55925-f0ee-4a24-93af-a2aa381cab55@413c6f2c-219a-4692-97d3-f2b4d80281e7>

Wednesday, March 11 - Conversations about Local Implementation with DWR Assistance Programs

Join us for a conversation between DWR's Sustainable Groundwater Management Office (SGMO) and local agency representatives to discuss SGMA implementation in their subbasin and DWR's assistance programs being used in the process. The conversation will cover a range of topics, including coordination with beneficial users (domestic well owners), community groundwater monitoring, and flood diversion for recharge.

Register: <https://stantec.zoom.us/meeting/register/Aqnnlq62S2mc79O21Kxubw>

Thursday, March 12 - Coffee Chat: Connecting with your DWR Region Office

Bring your favorite hot or cold beverage to your desk for your afternoon pick-me-up, as you join us virtually for this Coffee Chat: Connecting with your DWR Region Office. This is an opportunity to connect informally with your DWR Region Office Regional Coordinators in region-specific breakout rooms. We hope you can join us for this afternoon of coffee and connections! Visit our maps listed under Regional Office Points of Contact to guide your breakout session selection: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>

Register: https://stantec.zoom.us/meeting/register/S5pd_6MvTsCXjzEGcRcGbw

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