



Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Alternative Assessment Summary Niles Cone Subbasin

Determination: APPROVED

Submitting Agency:

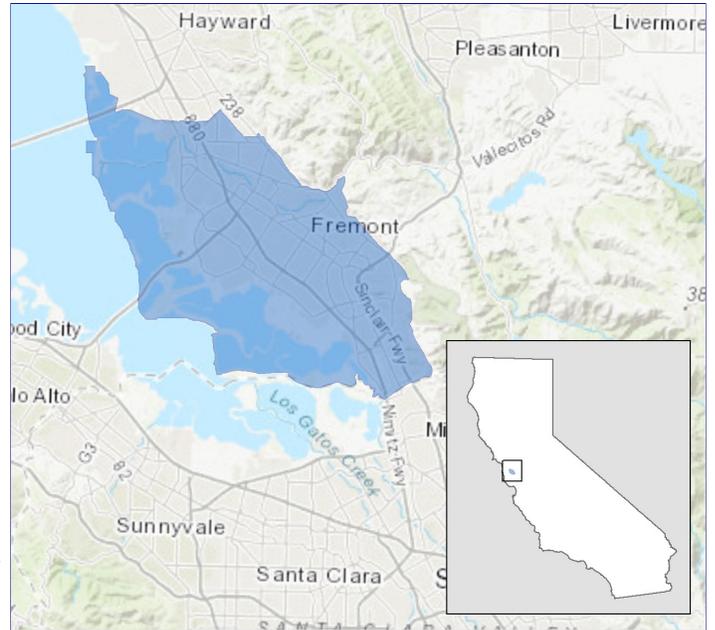
Alameda County Water District (ACWD)

Alternative Type:

Groundwater Management Plan

Assessment Summary:*

- The alternative prepared by ACWD satisfied the objectives of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) by successfully demonstrating that ACWD's existing groundwater management efforts are likely to lead to sustainable groundwater management for the basin within the statutory timelines identified in SGMA.
- Under the County Water District Law and the Replenishment Assessment Act, ACWD submitted its Groundwater Management Policy, the annual Survey Reports on Groundwater Conditions, and its Groundwater Monitoring Reports combined as a groundwater management plan. Together, these and supporting technical documents qualifies as an alternative.
- The alternative demonstrates an acceptable understanding of groundwater conditions in the subbasin and has identified management actions that appear capable of achieving sustainable groundwater management.
- The alternative identifies previous adverse effects caused by groundwater use that are equivalent to undesirable results and that have been corrected through ACWD's management of the basin.
- The Department of Water Resources provided recommendations for ACWD to address in its first five-year update to the alternative, which is due in January 2022. The recommendations are related to clarification of the extent of interconnected surface waters, identification of groundwater dependent ecosystems, further description of management of each principal aquifer, and the representative monitoring network.



*For more details, refer to the staff report at <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management/Alternatives>.