



Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Emergency Regulations Public Comment Meetings

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management Program will host three required public meetings and a statewide webinar to solicit comments on the Draft GSP Emergency Regulations. Local agencies and interested parties are encouraged to attend, listen, and provide comments. **The deadline to submit written comments has been extended to April 1, 2016.**

Monday, March 21, 2016

VISALIA

4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

[Visalia Convention Center](#)

303 E Acequia Avenue, Visalia

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

SANTA ANA

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

[Delhi Community Center](#)

505 E. Central Avenue, Santa Ana

Thursday, March 24, 2016

ONLINE WEBINAR

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Please register for the webinar at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2515354223176908292>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Friday, March 25, 2016

SACRAMENTO

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

[Secretary of State Building](#)

1500 11th Street, Sacramento

By June 1, 2016, pursuant to Water Code Section 10733.2, DWR is required to adopt emergency regulations for evaluating and implementing GSPs and alternatives to GSPs to achieve the legislative intent of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code Section 10720.1). GSP emergency regulations will identify the elements specified in Water Code Sections 10727.2, 10727.4, and 10727.6, as well as other information that will assist groundwater sustainability agencies and local public agencies in planning for basin-wide sustainability.

For more information or special accommodations contact Lauren Bisnett at Lauren.Bisnett@water.ca.gov or call (916) 653-7564.

Visit DWR's Sustainable Groundwater Management Program website at <http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/index.cfm>



How to Comment on Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Emergency Regulations California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Local agencies and interested parties will have the opportunity to provide comment to DWR regarding the Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Emergency Regulations before the regulations are adopted. DWR will be holding three required public meetings and a webinar in March 2016. The Draft GSP Emergency Regulations were posted online February 18, 2016, which initiated the formal public review and comment period, which ends April 1, 2016.

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Draft documents are available to review at:

Department of Water Resources
901 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

and at:

Department of Water Resources
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California 95814

and electronically on DWR's GSP website at:

<http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsp.cfm>.

How to make effective comments:

All comments received on the Draft GSP Emergency Regulations will be posted and considered. The most effective comments are those that follow these guidelines:

- Comments should be concise and focus directly on the Draft GSP Emergency Regulations.
- Comments should identify the specific part of the Draft GSP Emergency Regulations at issue and should include supporting evidence and facts.
- The commenter should provide complete references and/or citations, particularly when referring to websites (that is, provide a specific URL address rather than simply citing "DWR website" for example).

The public review and comment period is from February 18, 2016, through **April 1, 2016**.

Comments must be received electronically or postmarked on or before **April 1, 2016**.

HOW TO COMMENT:



At a Public Meeting – Via Comment Card

Email to

SGMPS@water.ca.gov

Subject: Draft GSP Emergency Regulations Public Comment

Mail to

California Department of Water Resources
Attn: Lauren Bisnett, Public Affairs Office
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, California 94236

Only comments submitted via the methods listed above are considered formal comments.

Statements made to DWR project team members are not considered formal comments. **All comments received on the Draft GSP Emergency Regulations will be posted and considered.** No final decisions have been made with regards to Draft GSP Emergency Regulations; decisions will only occur after the formal public review and comment period ends.

Timeline for Adopting GSP Emergency Regulations

- Release of Draft GSP Emergency Regulations – **February 18, 2016**
- Public Meetings to receive comments on the draft GSP emergency regulations are scheduled between **March 21 and 25, 2016**. Information on the specific dates, times, and locations are located on DWR's website.
- Deadline for public comment – **April 1, 2016**
- Proposed presentation of GSP Emergency Regulations to California Water Commission for consideration and potential adoption – **Spring 2016**