Pursuant to the California Water Code Section 10723.2, the San Luis Obispo Valley Basin – County of San Luis Obispo Groundwater Sustainability Agency, in coordination with other GSAs within the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin), will consider the interest of all beneficial uses and users, as well as those responsible for implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The County of San Luis Obispo has developed a list of interested parties and will revise the list as needed throughout the development of the GSP. An initial list of stakeholders and interested parties within the proposed San Luis Obispo Valley Basin – County of San Luis Obispo GSA service area, as defined in the water code, follows.

**Agency:**
- County of San Luis Obispo
- San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
- City of San Luis Obispo
- Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

**Water Corporations Regulated by PUC or a Mutual Water Company:**
- Edna Ranch Mutual Water Company - East
- Golden State Water Company - Edna
- Varian Ranch Mutual Water Company
- Edna Valley Growers Mutual Water Company
- Maxwellton Mutual Water

**Agricultural users:**
- Individual agricultural landowners
- Farm Bureau
- Coastal San Luis Obispo Resource Conservation District
- UC Cooperative Extension
- USDA Conservation Service
- USDA Farm Service Agency
- Grower-Shipper Association
- SLO Wine Country Association

**Domestic well owners:**
- Individual rural residential/suburban landowners
- Tiffany Ranch
- O’Conner Way

**Municipal well operators:**
- Covered in other categories

**Public water systems:**
(per EHS records)
- 141 Suburban Road Water Supply
- 200 Suburban Road Water Supply
- Bear Valley Water Company
Initial List of Interested Parties within the San Luis Obispo Valley Basin

Buttonwood Industrial Park - Inactive
CB&I Constructors Inc
Chevron - Tank Farm
Congregation Beth David
Copeland S Investments
East Airport Fiero Lane Water Company
Edna Valley Vineyard
Elks Lodge #322
Ernie Ball Inc
Fiero Lane Water Company
Hidden Hills Mobilodge
Higuera Apartments
Holdgrafter & Associates
Horizon Lane Water Supply
Irish Hills
J M Sims Water Supply
Jespersen Ranch
Laureate Water Company
Madonna Inn Water Company
Noll Properties Industrial Park
Paragon Triangle Water Supply
Poly Ranch
R. Howard Strabaugh Inc
San Luis Business Park
San Luis Sourdough - Inactive
San Luis Water & Power
SLO County Farm Bureau
SLO Partners
Sunset Drive-In Snack Bar
Tank Farm Business Park
Tank Farm Industrial Plaza
Tiger Water Supply
Toyota San Luis Obispo
Vachell Water System
Wallace Water Systems
Whitson Industrial Park
Williams Water Company
Edna Ranch West (not in basin)

Local land use planning agencies:
City of San Luis Obispo
County of San Luis Obispo
San Luis Obispo Council of Government (SLO COG)
Initial List of Interested Parties within the San Luis Obispo Valley Basin

Environmental users of groundwater:
Central Coast Salmon Enhancement
The Nature Conservancy

Surface water users:
Individual agricultural landowners
City of San Luis Obispo
Central Coast Salmon Enhancement

Federal government:
U.S. Fish & Wildlife

California Native American tribes:
Chumash – no specific water uses in area

Disadvantaged communities:
Covered under other categories
The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) is a new state law that provides financial and enforcement tools to carry out effective local groundwater management.

THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

GET INVOLVED
ATTEND a workshop on 9/20/2016 from 6–8pm at the Farm Bureau, 4875 Morabito Place, San Luis Obispo, CA
VISIT our website at: slocountywater.org/sgma
SIGN UP for our email list to get the most recent information
Groundwater is a precious natural resource in the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley on which our livelihoods depend. The basin is listed by the State of California as a medium priority basin in need of **sustainable management**.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) is a new groundwater law that provides financial and enforcement tools to carry out effective local groundwater management.

A **Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)** must be formed by 6/30/2017. The agency can be formed by local public agencies and other eligible entities, with stakeholder (your) participation.

The GSA must develop and adopt a **Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)** by 1/31/2022, and implement planned actions within 20 years.

**Questions?**

Contact Dick Tzou at: (805) 781–4473 or dtzou@co.slo.ca.us
Please take an active role in planning for your community and join us for the first in a series of important forums and workshops on local sustainable groundwater management. At this forum we will discuss the future of groundwater management in the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin. This meeting is specifically intended for groundwater users in the unincorporated areas of the basin.

The San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin is designated by the State of California as a medium priority basin. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) is a new state law that requires the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) for all medium and high priority basins by June 30, 2017 for the sustainable management of the basins. GSAs are formed by local public agencies and other eligible entities, and must include participation by all stakeholders.

The GSA will develop a management plan (i.e. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)) that will include actions to ensure groundwater levels are stable over time, water quality is not degraded, and the groundwater basin is managed in a fair, cost-efficient, and sustainable manner for all of its users. The plan must be adopted by January 31, 2022.

The overarching goal is to “establish community focused Groundwater Sustainability Agencies based on cooperative interagency and stakeholder relationships in order to comply with SGMA requirements.” We hope you will join us!

Your input is needed regarding:
• How your interests will be represented.
• How decisions will be made.
• How groundwater resources will be used in your area.

Questions?
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PRESS RELEASE

NOTICE OF GROUNDWATER STAKEHOLDER PUBLIC FORUM, SAN LUIS OBISPO –
September 12, 2016 – The San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works invites community members to attend a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation Stakeholder Forum for the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin, Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

What: A public meeting to help interested stakeholders learn more about an important new groundwater management law known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act or “SGMA”. The forum will overview the legislation’s requirement to form a new groundwater management entity known as a “Groundwater Sustainability Agency” (GSA) by June 30, 2017, and how this new legislation will impact groundwater basin users.

Who: It is open to the public and interested community members. Please note that this workshop forum is specifically intended for groundwater pumpers and landowners in the unincorporated areas of the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin.

When: Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau, 4875 Morabito Place, San Luis Obispo, CA

For information regarding SGMA efforts, or to receive emails about future updates on the GSA formation development in the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin please visit the County’s SGMA website http://slocountywater.org/sgma and sign up with our emailing list for the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley.

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**Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)**

**Topics**
- Why are we here?
- SGMA overview
- Local actions
- How to engage

**Why are we here?**
- New State law with rapid deadlines
- Form committee – collaboration & partnerships

**Our Initial Focus:**
- Develop a road map forward
- Build trust & collaboration
- Set up best governance & agreement

**Sustainability Groundwater Management Act**

**San Luis Obispo Valley Basin**

**SGMA: Where does the law apply?**

**San Luis Obispo Valley Basin**

GSP due: 1/31/2022
SGMA Overview

SGMA: The Basics

Local management of groundwater
- No uncovered areas
- Specific exemptions for listed adjudicated basins
- County management option
- State as backstop

Goal: Sustainability within 20 years

SGMA: The Basics

Sustainable Yield → Sustainability Goals → Sustainable Management

Prevent "undesirable results"
- Significant & Unreasonable

GSA(s)
- Groundwater Sustainability Agency(ies)
  - Formed by one or more agencies
    - Local public agencies with water supply, management or land use responsibilities
    - Mutual water companies or PUC-regulated water corporations
    - Via JPA or MOA

GSP(s)
- Groundwater Sustainability Plan(s)
  - Measurable objectives
  - Implementation milestones
  - Annual reports (water use, extraction, change in storage)
  - 5-year GSP updates

... Achieve Sustainability 20 years after plan adoption

SGMA: Schedule

Key Local Dates
- 1/1/2015: SGMA becomes law
- 1/1/2016: Boundary modification requests
- 6/30/2017: Establish GSA
- 1/31/2022: Adapt GSP
- Goal: Achieve sustainability

Key State Dates
- 1/1/2015 - 3/31/16: Boundary modification requests
- 6/1/2016 - 3/31/17: Establish GSA
- 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018: Adapt GSP

General Roles & Responsibilities

DWR (regulate & assist)
SWRCB (enforce)
GSA (planning & implementation)

Other Interested Parties
- Public Water Systems
- Native American tribes
- Federal government
- Surface water users (if hydrologic connection)
- Environmental users of groundwater
- Holders of overlying groundwater rights
- Local Land Use Planning Agencies
Local Actions

Creating a Governance Model

GSA Authorities

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Funding Strategies

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**How to Engage**

**Stakeholder Engagement**

- **GSA** (planning & implementation)
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- **Agricultural users**
- **Domestic well owners**

**Near-Term SGMA Schedule**

- **By 6/30/2017**
  - Stakeholder Workshops & GSA Agreement Development
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Governance
  - Funding Strategy
  - Execute GSA Agreement(s)
  - GSA develops GFP
  - GSA implements sustainability strategies & monitors basin

- **By 1/31/2022**
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**SLO Valley: Opportunities to Engage**

- **Opportunities for Input & Information**:
  - Read SGMA & regulations
  - Visit: [www.slocountywater.org/sgma](http://www.slocountywater.org/sgma)
  - Join email lists - County, DWR
  - Help to identify critical stakeholders
  - Attend basin outreach events & invite us to present in your neighborhood
  - Provide input to Boards/ Councils/etc. at key decision points

**Thank you!**

For more information, join our email list:
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**Your Partners in Achieving Sustainable Water Resources:**

- City of San Luis Obispo
- County of San Luis Obispo
- Varian Ranch MWC
- Edna Valley Growers MWC
- Edna Ranch MWC
- Golden State Water Corp.
- Varian Ranch MWC

**BACKUP SLIDES**
Conceptual GSA Model

GSA Agreement

- Define decision making
- Define SH engagement
- Identify resource needs
- Identify funding strategy

GSA STAFF

- GSA

ADVOCACY GROUPS

- Deviance
- Technical
- Ethic

Mutual Water Cos.
PUC Water Corp
Agricultural users
Domestic well users
Municipal well users
Public water systems
Land use planning agencies
Environmental users
Public agencies
Native American tribes
Disadvantaged communities
Certified service entities

Local Public Agencies (water supply, water management, land use)
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**What does Sustainable Groundwater Management Mean?**

SGMA defines sustainable management as managing and using groundwater in a way that can be sustained over a long period of time. For SGMA’s planning horizon, this needs to cover 50 years. Specifically, sustainable yield is defined as the amount of groundwater that can be withdrawn annually without chronically lowering groundwater levels, reducing groundwater storage, causing seawater intrusion, degrading water quality, causing land subsidence, or depleting interconnected surface water (i.e., creeks, streams and rivers) in a manner that causes significant and unreasonable impacts.

**How are Groundwater Management Areas Defined?**

DWR’s Bulletin 118 report (previously updated in 2003) defines groundwater basin boundaries. The basin boundaries were derived primarily by identifying alluvial sediments on geologic maps, using the best available information at the time. Under SGMA, each medium and high priority basin, in its entirety, must be managed to effectively avoid significant and unreasonable impacts as defined above.

9/6/2016
WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF MANAGING THE GROUNDWATER BASIN?

Any local public agency or combination of local public agencies overlying a groundwater basin, which has water supply, water management or land use responsibilities, may form a GSA. Water corporations regulated by the Public Utilities Commission or mutual water companies may participate on a GSA. **The law requires that GSAs be formed by June 30, 2017.** If an area over a basin is not within the management area of a GSA, the local county will be presumed to be the GSA for that area unless the county opts not to.

Overlapping jurisdictions exist in many basins, and there is the question of which existing local agencies should be designated GSAs. SGMA allows for the sharing of basin governance, thus a basin can be managed by several separate GSAs, or just one. No matter how many GSAs there are, the GSA(s) must prepare one or coordinated GSPs that covers the entire basin.

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES IN SLO BASIN:

**Local Agencies:** County of San Luis Obispo; City of San Luis Obispo  
**PUC-Regulated Water Corporations:** Golden State Water Company  
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**WHOSE INTERESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE LOCAL ENACTMENT OF SGMA REGULATIONS?**

SGMA requires that the GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, including agriculture and domestic well owners, municipal well operators, public water systems, local land use planning agencies, environmental users of groundwater, surface water users (if there is a hydrologic connection to groundwater), the federal government (including the military and managers of federal lands), disadvantaged communities, Native American tribes, and groundwater level monitoring entities.

**HOW DOES SGMA AFFECT EXISTING WATER AND PROPERTY RIGHTS?**

The SGMA is designed to address issues related to both overdraft and safe yield, but does not change existing groundwater rights. It should be understood, however, that there was never an unfettered right for private property owners to pump as much water as they could – the California Constitution has always mandated that water must be put to beneficial use.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

SGMA Legislation  
http://groundwater.ca.gov/legislation.cfm  
GSP Requirements  
http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsp.cfm  
DWR Bulletin 118 Description of San Luis Obispo Valley (Basin No. 3-9)  
http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/bulletin118/basindescriptions/3-09.pdf  
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WHO CAN FORM GSAS?

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WHAT POWERS AND AUTHORITIES DO GSAS HAVE?

GSAs are empowered to utilize a number of new management tools to achieve the basin’s sustainability goal. For example, GSAs may conduct investigations, determine the sustainable yield of the groundwater basin, require registration of groundwater wells, mandate annual extraction reports from individual wells, impose limits on extractions, implement capital projects, assess fees for groundwater management, and enforce the terms of a GSP. What authorities each GSA assumes is one of the key decisions in both forming a GSA and implementing a GSP.

WILL PRIVATE WELL OPERATORS BE REPRESENTED?

Private landowners are not eligible to be a GSA. While the legislation does not give private pumpers a direct governance opportunity, they are key players in successful groundwater management. How private pumpers will have a voice in informing GSA decisions and actions is an important consideration in establishing the GSA governance structure.

ACRONYMS:

DWR California Department of Water Resources
GSA Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP Groundwater Sustainability Plan
SGMA Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (State law went into effect Jan. 1, 2015)

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES IN SLO BASIN:

County of San Luis Obispo
City of San Luis Obispo
Edna Ranch Mutual Water Company – East
Edna Valley Growers Mutual Water Company
Golden State Water Company
Varian Ranch Mutual Water Company
**How will the GSA be funded?**

GSAs have the authority to levy fees on basin users to support implementation of the SGMA, subject to the same procedural requirements used by other local agencies. GSAs and basin users will also be able to pursue funding under the Proposition 1 Water Bond – available on a competitive basis to be used for the development and implementation of GSPs and planned actions/projects.

**Will stakeholders be engaged in forming the GSA?**

SGMA requires each GSA to establish and maintain a list of all people interested in groundwater issues including preparation of the GSP. Collaboration and stakeholder involvement will be key to the successful implementation of SGMA.

So, how can you get involved? Here are a few key actions you can take:

1) Visit our SGMA website & sign up for the email list to receive workshop invitations & receive critical updates:
   
   http://slocountywater.org/sgma

2) Attend public workshops and participate in discussions.

3) Help us identify and reach out to other stakeholder groups, such as agricultural organizations, domestic well owners, public water systems, environmental groups, business or development organizations, etc. that may not be participating yet.

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

- SGMA Legislation
  
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9/8/2016
PRESS RELEASE

NOTICE OF GROUNDWATER STAKEHOLDER PUBLIC FORUM, SAN LUIS OBISPO / EDNA VALLEY – November 7, 2016 – The San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation Working Group invites community members to attend a basin-wide SGMA Stakeholder Forum, Wednesday on November 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. This public forum is organized by the GSA Working Group, made up of representatives from the County of San Luis Obispo, the City of San Luis Obispo, Edna Ranch Mutual Water Company-East, Varian Ranch Mutual Water Company, Edna Valley Growers Mutual Water Company, and Golden State Water Company.

What: A public meeting to engage interested stakeholders in governance discussions related to GSA formation. The forum will specifically focus on the key elements of proposed governance and how the stakeholders may be engaged and represented as part of the decision-making process. Opportunities will be provided for discussions, input, and feedback from the public.

Who: It is open to the public and interested community members. Please note that this workshop forum is intended for all stakeholders in the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin. Interested stakeholders are encouraged to visit the website listed below to see whether their properties lie in this basin.

When: Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Los Ranchos Elementary School, 5785 Los Ranchos Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

For information regarding SGMA efforts, or to receive emails about future updates on the GSA formation development in the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Groundwater Basin, please visit the County’s SGMA website http://slocountywater.org.sgma and sign up with our emailing list for the San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley. You can also utilize its interactive mapping tool to determine whether your property is located within the basin.

The County gratefully acknowledges DWR's grant funding support to offset some costs associated with the local GSA formation processes. Grant funding is provided under the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, (Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program).

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## San Luis Obispo (Edna) Valley Basin
Basin-Wide Stakeholder Workshop #1,
Wednesday, November 16th, 2016

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Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

SAN LUIS OBISPO VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

NOVEMBER 16, 2016

CAROLYN BERG, SENIOR WATER RESOURCES ENGINEER & REPRESENTATIVES OF:

CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, EDNA VALLEY GROWERS MWC, VARIAN RANCH MWC, GOLDEN STATE WATER CO., EDNA RANCH MWC

Goals for Tonight

SLO Groundwater Basin Program Charter

VISION
• To maximize the SLO Valley Groundwater Basin potential in a fair and cost efficient manner for its users.

MISSION
• Augmentation, partnership with stakeholders that provides a long-term sustainable basin plan, based on science and best practices, in a manner that achieves an equitable balance among competing interests.

KEY OBJECTIVES
• Augmentation, Conservation, Innovation

SGMA Overview

SGMA: The Basics

Local management of groundwater

- No uncovered areas
- Specific exemptions for listed adjudicated basins
- County management option
- State as backstop

Goal: Sustainability within 20 years

SGMA: The Basics

Sustainable Yield
Sustainability Goals
Sustainable Management

Prevent "undesirable results"
"Significant" & "Unreasonable"
Local Actions

San Luis Obispo Valley Basin
GSA Deadline: 6/30/2017
GSP Deadline: 1/31/2022

Approach to GSA Formation

Initial Outreach
- Identify & engage eligible entities

Draft GSA Agreement
- Form work group to discuss GSA formation
- Conduct public workshops
- Draft recommended GSA Agreements

Establish GSA
- Individual entities consider executing GSA Agreement
- Conduct public hearing(s)
- Submit GSA Agreement to DWR
Creating a Governance Model

**Groundwater Management Entity (“GSA”)**

- Eligible entities: Local Public Agencies, Mutual Water Cos, PUC, Water Corp.

**Technical Advisory Committee**
- Appointed by the GSA

**Advisory Committee**
- Affected water users and purveyors

Representation in Governance

- **GSA** (planning & implementation)
- **Other Interested Parties**

Conceptual Governance Model

- County of SLO, City of SLO
- Joint Powers Agreement
- Supplemental Agreements
- Groundwater Management Agency (“GSA”)
- Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”)
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- GSA Staff

How to Engage

Near-Term SGMA Schedule

- By 6/30/2017: Stakeholder Workshops & GSA Agreement Development
- By 1/31/2022: Execute GSA Agreement(s)
- By 1/31/2042: GSA implements sustainability strategies & monitors basin

SLO Valley: Opportunities to Engage

**Opportunities for Input & Information:**
- Read SGMA & regulations
- Visit: [www.slocountywater.org/sgma](http://www.slocountywater.org/sgma)
- Join email lists – County, DWR
- Sign up for Advisory Committee Interest list for future GSA
- Invite your neighbors to join email lists, come to meetings, etc.
- Attend basin outreach events & invite us to present in your neighborhood
- Provide input to Boards/Councils/etc. at key decision points
Thank you!

For more information, join our email list:
www.slocountywater.org/sgma

Dick Tzou, Water Resources Engineer: 805.781.4473 or dtzou@co.slo.ca.us

Proposed Governance Model

- Groundwater Management Agency ("GSA")
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Joint Powers Agreement
- Technical Advisory Committee

Conceptual GSA Model

- Local Public Agencies
- GSA Agreement
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Your Partners in Achieving Sustainable Water Resources:

- City of San Luis Obispo
- County of San Luis Obispo
- Varian Ranch MWC
- Edna Valley Growers MWC
- Edna Ranch MWC - East
- Golden State Water Corp.

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