

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act & Water Law Update

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General Water & Regulatory Updates

- State and federal resource agencies are responding to increased rainfall and snowpack
- State Water Project Allocations: 60%
- Central Valley Project Allocations: 65-100%

Federal Laws

- Lacey Act
 - Injurious species listings
 - Wildlife trafficking rules
- Waters of the United States (Clean Water Act – Clean Water Rule)
- Federal agency and program budget cuts

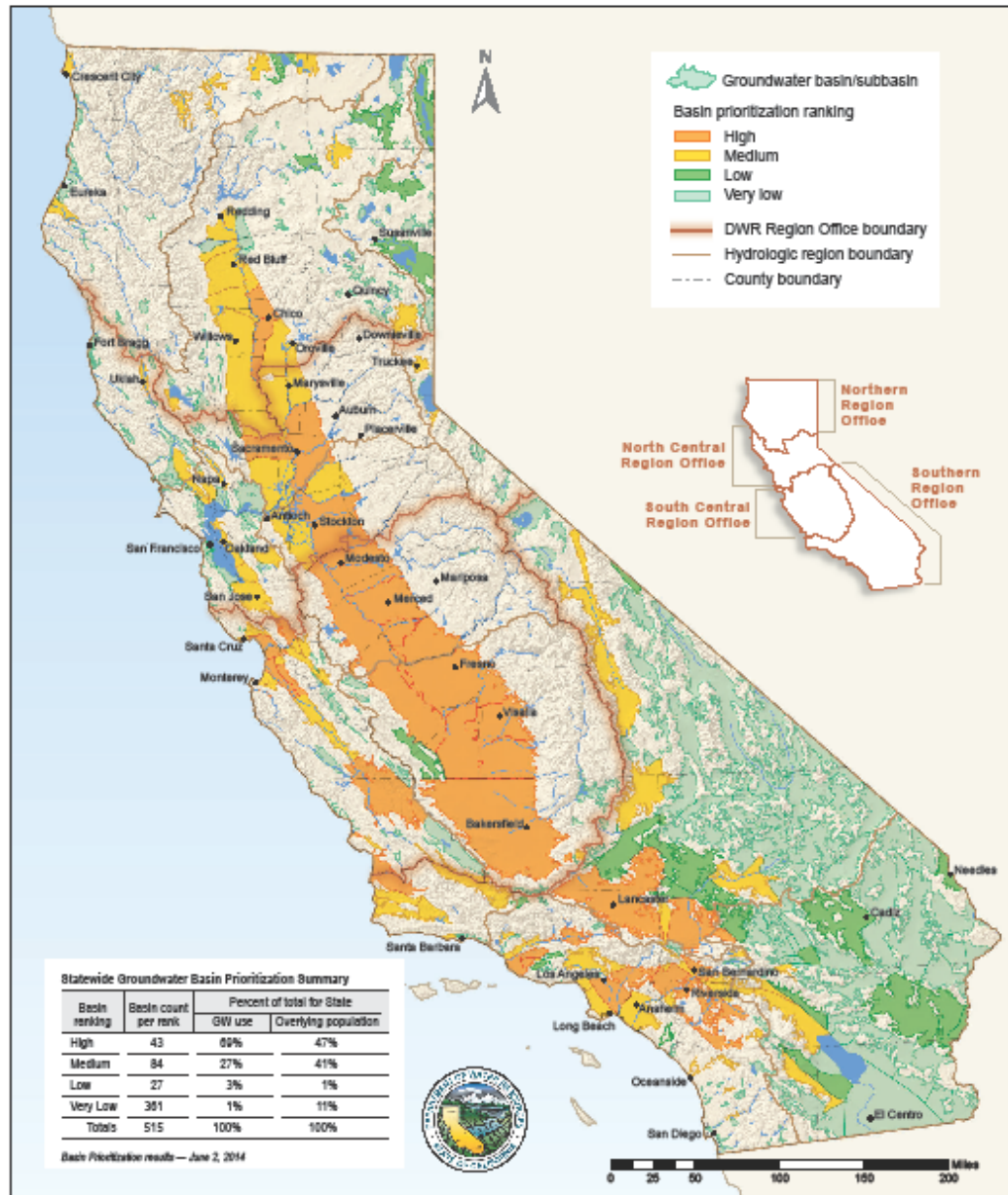
State Laws (California)

- State Water Resources Control Board curtailment litigation
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- Groundwater charge “placeholders” – e.g. basin sustainability charge

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

- The basics
 - Goal: sustainable management of California's groundwater through local agencies
 - Groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs)
 - Groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs)
 - High/medium priority basins

CASGEM Groundwater Basin Prioritization



SGMA: 2016

- 2016
 - Basin boundary modification regulations (1/1)
 - Emergency regulations for evaluating GSPs and alternatives (6/1)
 - Bulletin 118 Interim Update (12/22)

SGMA: 2017

- 2017
 - BMPs for sustainable management (1/1)
 - Alternative submittals due (1/1); public comment (4/15)
 - GSAs must be formed (6/30)
 - Probationary basins (7/1)
 - Groundwater extraction reports to SWRCB

SGMA: Next Steps

- 2017 – Updated basin prioritization
- 1/31/2020 - GSPs for basins that are (1)high/medium priority and (2)critically overdrafted.
- 1/31/2022 – GSPs for all other high/medium priority basins
- Placeholder charges until SGMA is fully implemented