

Implementation Timeline for Major Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Requirements



January 2015

DWR released initial basin prioritization. High and medium priority basins are subject to SGMA requirements.

January 2016

DWR identified final list of basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft. These basins face some expedited compliance deadlines.

June 30, 2017

Local agencies must establish groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs). SWRCB may designate probationary basins subject to intervention for areas that fail to comply.

January 31, 2020

GSAs from basins in critical overdraft must adopt and begin to implement groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs). DWR will review plans for adequacy after adoption.

January 31, 2022

GSAs from basins not in critical overdraft must adopt and begin to implement GSPs. DWR will review plans for adequacy after adoption.

January 31, 2040

GSAs from basins in critical overdraft must achieve sustainability goals.

January 31, 2042

GSAs from basins not in critical overdraft must achieve sustainability goals.

DWR = Department of Water Resources and SWRCB = State Water Resources Control Board.