



MID-KINGS RIVER
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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We All Depend On Groundwater.

Help Keep Groundwater Decisions Close To Home.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Why You Are Receiving This Mailing Notice.

You are receiving this mailing notice because your property is located within the Mid-Kings River GSA service area and is affected by the enclosed funding package.

Mid-Kings River GSA is your groundwater agency responsible for locally implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which requires critically overdrafted groundwater basins, like ours, to achieve sustainability by 2040.

Who We Are

We Make Local Groundwater Decisions



Encompasses ~97,300 acres (152 square miles)



Located in the northeastern portion of the Tulare Lake Subbasin in Kings County



Serves Hanford, Armona, Home Garden, Hardwick and the surrounding rural and agricultural lands



Manages groundwater sustainably for farms, businesses, and residents



Led by a Stakeholder Advisory Committee made up of growers and community leaders

How Did We Get Here?

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Learn More About Our Current Journey Under SGMA and Proposed Funding Plan:

The GSA is proposing a funding plan to meet State requirements under SGMA, regain local control over groundwater management, and ensure the long-term sustainability of this water source that is critical to our community.

2014: SGMA BECOMES CALIFORNIA LAW

SGMA was designed to give local communities like ours the opportunity to design their own path to sustainability. But SGMA is an unfunded mandate and requires local investments in groundwater management.

2024: Basin Put On Probation

The State serves as the regulatory backstop and intervenes if local agencies fail to meet SGMA's requirements. **The State voted to put the Tulare Lake Subbasin on probation** after our Groundwater Sustainability Plan did not provide sufficient evidence that the basin would achieve sustainability by the 2040 deadline.

2026: At Risk ⚠️

If probation continues, the State will take further action and advance its own groundwater plan. Under a full State-managed plan, local flexibility would be greatly reduced. **Decisions like how much groundwater landowners can pump would be made by State regulators with no tailoring to local conditions.**



**PROPOSED
FUNDING
PACKAGE**

The Road Ahead:

A reliable funding source is needed to exit probation and manage groundwater sustainably for our area. This is what local management looks like:

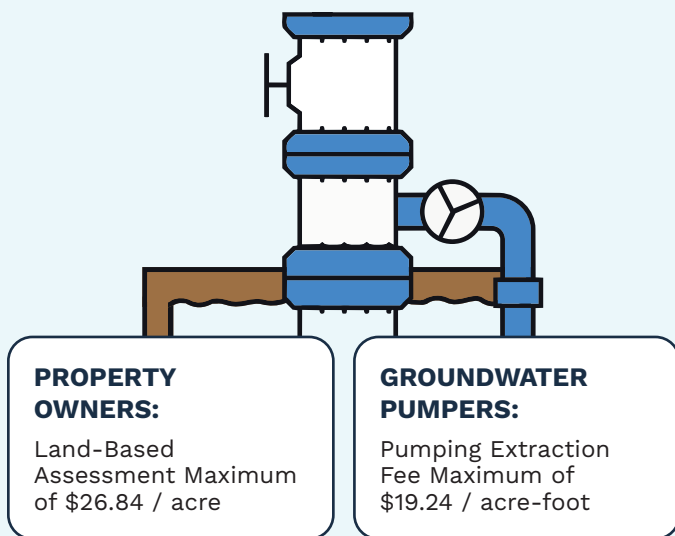
- ✓ **Locally Driven Sustainability Solutions**
- ✓ **Greater Stakeholder Involvement**
- ✓ **Improved Coordination Across the Basin**
- ✓ **Transparent & Data-Informed Decision-Making**
- ✓ **Accountability to the Local Community**

Proposed Funding Would Support Efforts to Keep Groundwater Decisions Close to Home.

Limit State Intervention. Protect Local Control.

Proposed Plan:

The proposed funding package includes an annual land-based assessment of up to \$26.84 per acre for property owners, and a groundwater pumping fee of up to \$19.24 per acre-foot annually.



What the Funds Support:

A reliable funding source is a critical piece of the effort to keep groundwater management in the hands of the local community. It would provide the revenue needed to implement SGMA, meet State requirements, and demonstrate the basin has financial capacity to return groundwater management to local control.

- Locally Driven Solutions**
- Greater Stakeholder Involvement**
- Basin-Wide Coordination**
- Transparency & Accountability**

IF NO FUNDING IS ESTABLISHED

What's At Risk?

The State requires groundwater sustainability. The question is whether local agencies have the funding, tools, and capacity needed to achieve it locally.

Funding Approved:	Funding Fails:
Local Landowners Provide Solutions	Sacramento Makes Decisions
Tailor Policies to Local Conditions	One-Size-Fits-All Strict Policies
Continued Stakeholder Involvement	Reduced Local Influence
Accountability to Local Landowners	Only Top-Down Groundwater Control
Local Plans With Transparent Fees	State-Developed Plans With Unknown Costs

Engage With Us

JOIN IN-PERSON OR ONLINE



PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1

AUGUST 24 - 1:00 PM

Hanford Civic Auditorium

400 N. Douty St,
Hanford, CA 93230



PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2

AUGUST 25 - 5:30 PM

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