



MID-KINGS RIVER

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NEWS RELEASE

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Mid-Kings River GSA Will Hold Public Workshops in Hanford on Proposed Funding Plan Affecting Local Landowners

Growers and community residents can attend in-person or join online for workshops that will inform them of the newly proposed funding package that supports the local implementation of California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

HANFORD, Calif. – The Mid-Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is proposing a funding plan to meet requirements under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and to regain local control over groundwater management. The funding proposal includes both a land-based assessment and a groundwater extraction fee. Landowners within the agency's boundary were mailed ballots mid-August to vote on the proposed assessment and are invited to provide public comment on the groundwater fee.

The Mid-Kings River GSA is offering two public workshops available for in-person or virtual attendance. The agency is clarifying the final dates, times, and locations in its communications to the public in the week leading up to the workshops.

Meeting details are listed below.

WORKSHOP 1

Monday, August 24, 2026, at 1:00 PM

In-Person: [Hanford Civic Auditorium, 400 N Douty St, Hanford, CA 93230](#)

Join Online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85177753702>

WORKSHOP 2

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 5:30 PM

In-Person: [Hanford Civic Auditorium, 400 N Douty St, Hanford, CA 93230](#)

Join Online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81119241972>

SPANISH INTERPRETATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN PERSON AND ONLINE. SERVICIO DE INTERPRETACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL ESTA DISPONIBLE EN PERSONA Y EN LÍNEA.

For questions about the proposed land-based assessment, groundwater pumping fee, or

landowner participation process, contact the Mid-Kings River GSA at MKRGSA@co.kings.ca.us. The agency will be hosting these public workshop opportunities for the public to engage and ask questions about the proposal. Additional information, workshop dates, and public hearing information will be available at midkingsrivergsa.org/localfunding.

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About Mid-Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency

*The Mid-Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Mid-Kings River GSA) is the local agency responsible for implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) within approximately 97,300 acres (152 square miles) in the northeastern portion of the Tulare Lake Subbasin in Kings County. The GSA serves the communities of **Hanford, Armona, Home Garden, and Hardwick and surrounding rural and agricultural lands**, working to manage groundwater resources and ensure a reliable water supply for farms, businesses, and residents.*

