



**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
248 E FOOTHILL BLVD. ROOM #103, MONROVIA, CA 91016
4:00 P.M. – OCTOBER 25, 2023**

AGENDA

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA [1]
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
Anyone wishing to discuss items should do so now. The Board of Directors may allow additional input during the meeting. A three-minute time limit on remarks is requested.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS [2] – None.
6. CONSENT CALENDAR [1]
 - (a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS [1]
 - (a) Recycled Water 101 (*Mr. John Robinson from John Robinson Consulting, Inc. will provide a presentation.*)

Recommendation

This item is for information only. No action is anticipated.
8. INFORMATION ITEMS (These items are for the information of the Board of Directors and require no action) [2]
 - (a) Press Releases and News Articles.
9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT [2]
10. ENGINEER'S REPORT [2]
11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT [2]
12. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS [2]
13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS [1]

14. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – None.
15. ADJOURNMENT - To a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on November 08, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at 248 E. Foothill Blvd. Room #103, Monrovia, CA 91016.

LEGEND: [1] INDICATES ACTION ANTICIPATED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THIS ITEM
[2] INDICATES INFORMATION ITEM - NO BOARD ACTION NECESSARY

PRESIDENT JENNIFER SANTANA, PRESIDING



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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the office of the District, 248 E. Foothill Blvd, Rm. 103, City of Monrovia, County of Los Angeles, State of California, within said Water District, on September 13, 2023 at the hour of 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Garcia, Fellow, and Santana.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Treviño, Chavez

STAFF PRESENT: Steve O'Neill, District Counsel; Tuan Nguyen, District Engineer; Patty Cortez, Assistant General Manager, External Affairs; Evelyn Rodriguez, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Venessa Navarrette, Executive Assistant; Jennifer Aguilar, Water Use Efficiency Analyst; and Katherine Vazquez, Government and Community Affairs Assistant.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jenny Savron, David Muse, Jose Martinez, Kelly Gardner, and Jessica Hernandez.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion by Vice President Fellow, seconded by Treasurer Garcia, the agenda was adopted as presented by the following vote:

AYES: GARCIA, FELLOW, SANTANA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: TREVIÑO, CHAVEZ

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Next scheduled committee meeting dates are as follows:

- (a) Water Resources and Facility Management – November 1, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.
- (b) Government Affairs and Community Outreach – November 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
- (c) Administration and Finance – November 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion by Treasurer Garcia, seconded by Vice President Fellow, the consent calendar was approved by the following vote:

AYE: GARCIA, FELLOW, SANTANA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: TREVIÑO, CHAVEZ,

- (a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
- (b) List of Demands.
- (c) Financial Reports – August 2023.
 - 1. Financial Statements.
 - 2. Director's Public Outreach.
- (d) Professional Services Agreement with VC3/Accent Computer Solutions, Inc. for Information Technology (IT) Management and Support Services for a term commencing January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000.

- (e) Amendment to the Temporary Staffing Services Agreement with Kelly Services, Inc., extending the term through December 31, 2025, and increasing the contract amount by \$100,000 for a not-to-exceed total of \$200,000.

Secretary Chavez arrived.

NOMINATION OF TWO UPPER DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

Patty Cortez, Assistant General Manager – External Affairs, gave a brief background on the item.

Treasurer Garcia nominated President Santana and Vice President Fellow as Upper District representatives to the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) for calendar year 2024.

On motion by Treasurer Garcia, seconded by Vice President Fellow, the Board of Directors appointed President Santana and Vice President Fellow as Upper District's representatives to the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster for calendar year 2024 by the following vote:

AYE:	CHAVEZ, GARCIA, FELLOW, SANTANA
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	TREVIÑO

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items listed on the agenda for the information of the Board were read and ordered received and filed:

- (a) Press Releases and News Articles

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

District Counsel reported working with staff on an information technology management contract, a temporary staffing services contract, as well as a potential contractor's warranty issue.

He also provided an update on PFAS chemicals, their effects on human health, the litigations in progress nationwide, and the settlement proposals from DuPont and 3M. He also discussed the current issues with the settlement proposal.

Director Treviño arrived.

Vice President Fellow and Ms. Gardner discussed the reason for the last PFAS test in the City of Arcadia. Ms. Gardner stated it was related to state permitting requirements for a new treatment plant.

President Santana and District Counsel discussed the PFAS litigation process, implications of the release provisions on the settlement proposal and the opt-out clause.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The District Engineer reported on hydrologic conditions, basin deliveries, reservoir storage, canyon inflows and releases, rainfall averages as well as USG-3 deliveries during the month of September. He stated that the Baldwin Park Key Well groundwater elevation was 226.9 feet as of October 6, 2023 or 50 feet higher than a year ago.

He then reported that 74 wells were sampled under Titel 22 and that no notices of wells shutdown due to contamination were received during the month of August 2023.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Assistant General Manager reported that the County and the Army Corps are conducting planned maintenance at Santa Fe Dam. She stated that flows to USG-3 will be reduced beginning October 20, 2023 to allow for a six-week maintenance period and that the Army Corps will be draining the Santa Fe Dam after November 1, 2023, for further maintenance. She also stated that Public Works is also coordinating to try and have their maintenance work coincide within the same time frame.

The Assistant General Manager reported that Upper District is working with MWD on casting a new orifice plate for USG-3 which will be installed in time for USG-3 deliveries beginning December 1 through December 31, 2023.

She then highlighted Upper District's upcoming workshops and events and the Water Professional's Week.

Director Treviño and the Assistant General Manager discussed the reimbursement arrangement between Upper District and Metropolitan to cover the cost of the new orifice plate for USG-3.

METROPOLITAN REPORT

Vice President Fellow reported on his recent meetings at Metropolitan including discussions of the Naming Committee related to the late Senator Dianne Feinstein. He also talked about Senator Feinstein and her many achievements.

He reported that a number of entities have not been taking advantage of their full allocation of the Colorado River water. Lastly, he shared his recent meeting with Adel Hagekhalil and Adan Ortega regarding Pure Water.

WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY REPORT

Secretary Chavez discussed the upcoming election for the WQA board member seat representing cities without water pumping rights and how having two candidates is actually good for the WQA. He explained that the non-winning candidate will serve as the alternate, thereby eliminating the need for a separate election for an alternate representative.

WATERMASTER REPORT

A summary report was included in the packet.

AB 1234 COMPLIANCE REPORT

A summary report was included in the packet.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Secretary Chavez expressed his sadness over the passing of Senator Feinstein.

Vice President Fellow requested adjourning the meeting in honor of Senator Feinstein and Sandy Morris, wife of MWD board member John Morris. He then congratulated staff for receiving the 2023 WaterSense Sustained Excellence Award for the second year.

President Santana commented on Israel and the Gaza strikes.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Fellow requested having a session on the Quantification Settlement Agreement.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

None.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Santana asked if there were any other business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was duly adjourned in memory of Senator Dianne Feinstein and Sandy Morris to a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on October 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at 248 E. Foothill Blvd., Room #103, Monrovia, CA 91016.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

SECRETARY

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Demands numbered 22163 through 22189 on the General Fund Account of the Upper District at Citizens Business Bank, in the amount of \$310,958.46 and demands numbered 1134 through 1140 on the Water Fund Account at the same bank in the amount of \$372,796.63.

22163	Aaron Read & Associates, LLC	Inv. 212998 , State and Legislative Advocacy Services, September 2023 (Board approved 10/12/22)		\$ 10,000.00
22164	Accent Computer Solutions, Inc	Inv. 159444, VC3 Cloud Protection and Data Recovery Solution Inv. 159663, IT Management Support, September 2023 (Board approved 02/09/22)	300.00 <u>2,881.36</u>	3,181.36
22165	ACWA/JPIA	Inv.0700487, Health Insurance Premium - October 2023		23,912.32
22166	Aleshire & Wynder, LLP	Professional Services, August 2023 Inv. 79850, Transactional Fees Inv. 79851, Retainer Inv. 79852, Transactional Fees (Board approved 04/13/22)	4,032.20 4,404.00 <u>121.80</u>	8,558.00
22167	Azusa Light & Water	Inv. 4571, MAA Funding - Irrigation Efficiency Program		6,765.00
22168	Best Best & Krieger, LLP	Inv. 973394, Federal Legislative Advocacy Services through 07/31/23 Inv. 974436, Federal Legislative Advocacy Services through 08/31/23 (Board approved 10/12/22)	7,500.00 <u>7,500.00</u>	15,000.00
22169	City of Monrovia	Inv. 2400229, MAA Funding - Outdoor Irrigation Surveys		2,450.00
22170	EcoTech Services, Inc.	Inv. 2782, Landscaping Maintenance, October 2023		900.00
22171	G3LA, LLC	Inv. 1198, Planting for Shade - Live, September 2023		1,500.00
22172	Hernan Quezada	Inv. JUL-AUG 23, Landscaping Services, July - August 2023		1,000.00
22173	Image Property Services, LLC	Inv. MCS-9747, Consumables, August 2023 Inv. MCS-10094, Janitorial Services, September 2023	442.22 <u>1,907.59</u>	2,349.81
22174	It's The Pressure Boys	Inv. 47, Parking Lot Grime Treatment		2,307.00
22175	Joey C. Soto	Inv. 2023-JD-GA-AUG-107, Grant Writing Services, August 2023 Inv. 2023-JD-GA-SEP-108, Grant Writing Services, September 2023 (Board approved 06/08/22)	1,520.00 <u>847.50</u>	2,367.50
22176	John Robinson Consulting, Inc.	Inv. UD202301-04, As-needed Engineering Support Services, August 2023		660.00
22177	Kelly Services, Inc.	Inv. 3402300823, Temporary Services Week Ending 08/27/23 Inv. 3502291923, Temporary Services Week Ending 09/03/23 Inv. 3602202423, Temporary Services Week Ending 09/10/23 Inv. 3702519423, Temporary Services Week Ending 09/17/23 Inv. 3802616223, Temporary Services Week Ending 09/24/23 (Board approved 02/17/19)	1,323.00 1,695.75 1,351.35 1,373.61 <u>1,218.00</u>	6,961.71
22178	Land's End Business Outfitters	Inv. SIN11459453, UD Logo Items		170.81
22179	R M Systems	Inv. 905327, Installation of Equipment for Audio Recordings		1,805.01
22180	SG Creative, LLC	Inv. 002, Graphic Design for Women in Water Logo		220.00
22181	Spectrum Reach	Inv. 480043371, Public Information, August 2023 Inv. 480043372, Public Information, August 2023	1,500.00 <u>1,790.00</u>	3,290.00

22182	Upper District Payroll Fund	Inv. Aug 23, Reimbursement of Payroll and Payroll Taxes for Employees Inv. Aug 23D, Reimbursement of Payroll Taxes for Directors	133,478.79 <u>14,910.04</u>	148,388.83
22183	U.S. Bank Corporate Payment System	CalCard Changes through 09/22/23 Meetings, Travel, Conferences Computer Systems/Office Equipment/Supplies/Maintenance & Service/Utilities Conservation Program Expenses, Education and Outreach	4,084.99 2,708.83 <u>4,094.97</u>	10,888.79
22184	Via Promotionals, Inc.	Inv. 21319, UD Logo Items		2,491.35
22185	VOID CHECK	Printer Error		0.00
22186	Upper District Revolving Fund	Inv. Sept 23, Revolving Fund Account Replenishment - September 2023 Office Supplies Computer Systems/Equipment/Maintenance/Insurance/ Outside Service Directors's Outreach Telephone/Utilities/Building Maintenance Water Conservation Program Expenses WRP Operation & Maintenance/Permits/Water Purchases/PM/Public Info Medical/ODA Reimbursement/Processing Fee/Retirement Plan/Overdeposit	409.39 663.24 2,600.00 4,878.76 1,385.29 37,904.50 <u>3,377.72</u>	51,218.90
22187	Ed Chavez	Director's Compensation, September 2023 10 Days District Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	2,550.00 704.51 (500.00) <u>(1,850.78)</u>	903.73
22188	Charles Treviño	Director's Compensation, September 2023 9 Days District Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	2,295.00 481.24 (500.00) <u>(469.93)</u>	1,806.31
22189	Jennifer Santana	Director's Compensation, September 2023 8 Days District Business 1 Days Watermaster Meeting Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	2,040.00 155.00 516.87 (500.00) <u>(349.84)</u>	1,862.03
			TOTAL	<u>\$310,958.46</u>
1134	Central Basin MWD	Invoice No. USGV-Aug23, Purchase of 4.7 AF of Recycled Water in July 2023 <i>(Previously paid 10/01/23)</i>	\$	3,377.01
1135	City of Industry City Hall	Invoice No. Aug-23, Purchase of 84.8 AF of Recycled Water in August 2023		29,560.00
1136	City of Industry City Hall	Invoice No. Aug-23CIP, CIP Charge for August 2023 @ \$98 per AF		8,310.40
1137	Metropolitan Water District	Invoice No. 11249, Purchase of 246.8 AF of Treated Water in August 2023		291,658.21
1138	San Gabriel Valley MWD	Invoice No. 556, 78.69 AF of Water Delivered through the Alhambra/MWD Exchange Agreement in Aug 2023 @ \$220 per AF		17,311.80
1139	Suburban Water System	Invoice No. 6732 REV, Phase IIB Normal Operating Charge, September 2023		1,776.16
1140	San Gabriel Valley Water Co.	Invoice No. 23187, Phase I and Phase IIA Operations and Maintenance, FY 2022-23		20,803.05
			TOTAL	<u>\$ 372,796.63</u>

DWR and LADWP Partnership Helps Bridge the Gap Between Resources and Underserved Communities

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As California welcomes the start of a new water year, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) joined local officials and the Los Angeles Department of Power and Water (LADWP) to celebrate two projects that will build climate resiliency in underserved communities and diversify water supplies in the region.

The projects are supported by \$19.1 million in grant funding awarded through DWR's [Urban Community Drought Relief Program](#) and are an example of DWR's recent work to prioritize building partnerships with local partners under the [Go Golden Initiative](#). Of the funding, \$14.6 million will support a free turf replacement program that could save million gallons of water each year for LADWP customers with single-family homes in underserved areas. The program is expected to launch in 2024 and will transform local yards into beautiful, drought-tolerant gardens without placing the burden of cost onto homeowners who otherwise might not be able to afford it.

“We recognize that that the impacts of climate change are not equally carried, and that no community should be left behind in our collective efforts towards resilience,” said Kris Tjernell, DWR's deputy director of integrated water management. “This grant funding will help accelerate and expand access to resources in communities that need them the most, and we thank LADWP for its continued commitment to that shared vision.”

The remainder of the State's grant will go toward the construction of the Dominguez Gap Recycled Water Project in the City of Wilmington. The recycled water pipeline connection project is expected to supply LA with an additional 3.5 million gallons per day of advanced treated recycled water, enough to supply drinking water to 47,000 LA customers per year. This project is scheduled for completion at the end of 2024 and is a partnership amongst several agencies, including the LA County Public Works and the Water Replenishment District.

“This grant partnership is helping to create the transition that we need for a more adaptable Los Angeles,” said President of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, Cynthia McClain-Hill. “This is an effort that is joined by local community-based organizations, by our City leadership, and by our Department leadership. We are committed to confronting the challenges before us— be they water or climate adaptability—together.”

The event was held at the home of LADWP customers who received a free lawn transformation in 2022 to showcase the type of drought tolerant landscaping this program will support. The event is one example of work highlighted through DWR's new [Go Golden Initiative](#), a partnership between the state of California and local organizations and water agencies to fund bold and innovative projects that strengthen California's

water infrastructure and resiliency. Supported by state funding, these local partnerships are advancing groundwater recharge, drought resiliency, conservation, stormwater capture, flood management, recycled water and other projects that are helping our water supply. Interested parties can stay up to date with the latest Go Golden announcements and news through DWR's email subscription list.

For more information about upcoming grant opportunities, visit [DWR's Grants and Loans webpage](#).



Metropolitan issues statement on Gov. Newsom signing bill to eliminate non-functional turf

Oct. 14, 2023

Adel Hagekhalil, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement on Gov. Newsom's signing of AB1572, legislation [co-sponsored by Metropolitan](#) to prohibit the use of potable water to irrigate grass that is not used for recreation or other purposes – also known as non-functional turf – on commercial, industrial, municipal and institutional properties.

"Today California embarks on a new chapter for water supply resiliency. Up to 70 percent of all water used in Southern California is for outdoor irrigation, much of it on lawns that are never walked on or played on. We can no longer use our precious water resources on grass that serves no functional purpose.

"We thank Gov. Newsom, Asm. Friedman and Sen. Stern for their leadership in helping our state adapt to climate change, and our co-sponsors on this bill, Heal the Bay and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

"We face a future of weather extremes that will produce longer and more severe droughts and greater unpredictability in our watersheds. We must adapt to climate change and its whiplash. We must reduce our use of water even more than we already have, develop more local supplies, capture and reuse water, utilize more storage, build resilient infrastructure and become more efficient in our water use.

"This bill and reducing water used for nonfunctional turf is an integral part of Metropolitan's Board of Directors leadership's progressive strategy to develop and implement the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water to provide safe, reliable and affordable water for all with no one left behind.

"Metropolitan has long encouraged Southern Californians to replace their thirsty grass with more water-efficient landscaping, through our [turf replacement program](#). As businesses and institutions will now be required to do the same through this legislation, we hope they will continue to take advantage of our rebates and replace their non-functional turf with California-Friendly® and native landscapes. Working together, we can ensure the success of our region's water future."



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SGMA INTERVENTION: Water Board to hold first probationary hearing under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

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October 12, 2023



Tulare Lake prioritized due to impacts to dry wells and subsidence affecting infrastructure and communities

From the State Water Resources Control Board:

Signaling the next stage in California's actions toward ensuring the long-term viability of its groundwater supplies, the State Water Resources Control Board today issued a public notice for an April 16, 2024 hearing on potentially placing the Tulare Lake Groundwater Subbasin on probationary status under the landmark Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This step follows continued engagement with groundwater sustainability agencies regarding the basin's groundwater sustainability plan since 2021.



To help inform the hearing, the State Water Board released a draft staff report that describes the basin's conditions and makes recommendations for addressing key deficiencies in Tulare Lake's groundwater sustainability plan (GSP), which continue to negatively impact infrastructure

and communities in the basin. Today's notice begins a 60-day public comment period to gather input from stakeholders and others, which will be incorporated into a final draft report.

The public notice marks a milestone in the implementation of SGMA through potential state intervention. In March, the Department of Water Resources determined that the groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) for six basins, including the Tulare Lake Subbasin in Kings County, had inadequate plans for making their groundwater sustainable by 2040. Following these determinations, the six basins were referred to the board for possible state intervention, as required by the legislation. Tulare Lake is the first of these basins to be scheduled for a hearing, where the board will decide if a probationary designation is warranted after a robust public input process.

The Department of Water Resources deemed the sustainability plan for Tulare Lake inadequate in several crucial sustainability categories. These categories include the percentage of wells at risk of running dry and the threat of land subsidence, a phenomenon in which chronic overpumping of water leaves underground aquifers, and the land above them, susceptible to collapse. In 2022, 27 wells in the basin were reported as having gone dry; according to state estimates last April, 698 domestic wells in the basin are at risk of going dry during drought. Local flood control districts have had to raise the levees protecting the city of Corcoran twice in the last decade to compensate for ongoing subsidence.

"The intervention process is meant to support SGMA's primary goals, which are to protect groundwater supplies while also facilitating sustainable management at the local level. Our aim is to work with GSAs to improve their plans so intervention is no longer needed," said Eric Oppenheimer, chief deputy director for the State Water Board. "But to get there, the board needs to hear from all affected parties so its decisions reflect the realities and concerns of those relying on groundwater today and into the future. This includes groups who may not have been involved yet in groundwater management in these basins, such as community members, farmers and businesspeople.

"No decision has been made yet about whether Tulare Lake will be designated as a probationary basin; the comment period on the staff report and the later public hearing are key opportunities for people to make their voices heard."

Since direct state involvement in the management of groundwater has never occurred in California before, and because the SGMA process can be complex, the board opted to hear the probation case for a single basin initially, with hearings for the five other basins to follow. In prioritizing the basins for probationary consideration, the board weighed not only the different degrees of groundwater overdraft in those basins, but also the real and potential impacts of that overdraft on infrastructure and communities, especially communities of color already experiencing disproportionate environmental burdens.

At the hearing, the board will determine whether to place the Tulare Lake basin on probation. If it does, most groundwater pumpers would be required to report their groundwater usage and pay state fees 90 days following the onset of probation. In the meantime, the five groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) overseeing the Tulare Lake basin would have at least a year to achieve a viable sustainability plan, at which point the board could terminate probation. If there still is no acceptable plan, at the end of a minimum of one year, the board could extend probation or move forward with the next stage of the state intervention process, which could include the board temporarily implementing its own plan to prevent the depletion of the groundwater supply.

The public hearing on the Tulare Lake Subbasin will be held on April 16, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building in downtown Sacramento. The public may participate in person or online or just view the meeting remotely.

In November, board staff will hold two workshops to explain the details of its draft report on the Tulare Lake groundwater basin and share more information about how to participate in the board's process. The online staff workshop will be held Nov. 3, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., followed by the in-person workshop on Nov. 8, 6-8:30 p.m.

Unregulated pumping, or overdraft, has been occurring in many of California's groundwater basins for decades, causing dry wells and damaged infrastructure in many places, including rural, economically disadvantaged communities, and harming wildlife and ecosystems.

In 2014, California enacted SGMA, which established a new framework for how groundwater would be managed locally to achieve long-term sustainability. Under SGMA, GSAs in basins designated as medium and high priority by the Department of Water Resources are required to achieve long-term sustainable management of their groundwater within 20 years of implementing their GSPs – which is 2040 in critically overdrafted basins and 2042 in all remaining medium and high priority basins.

The State Water Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper resource allocation and efficient use for present and future generations.