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Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014

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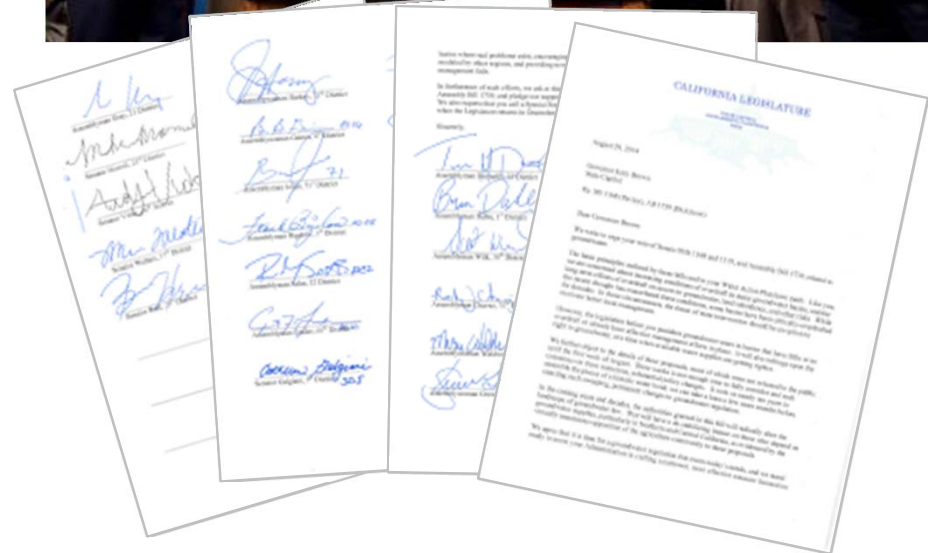
It Has Been a Big Year for California Water

- + Governor Outlines California Water Action Plan
- + Water Bond Headed to November 2014 Ballot
- + Comprehensive Groundwater Legislation Passed and Signed by the Governor
- + Key Steps toward Advancing Comprehensive Plan



The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014

- + “Once in a century” accomplishment
- + Most controversial issue in California water today
- + Sometimes leadership is hard, but we have to lead



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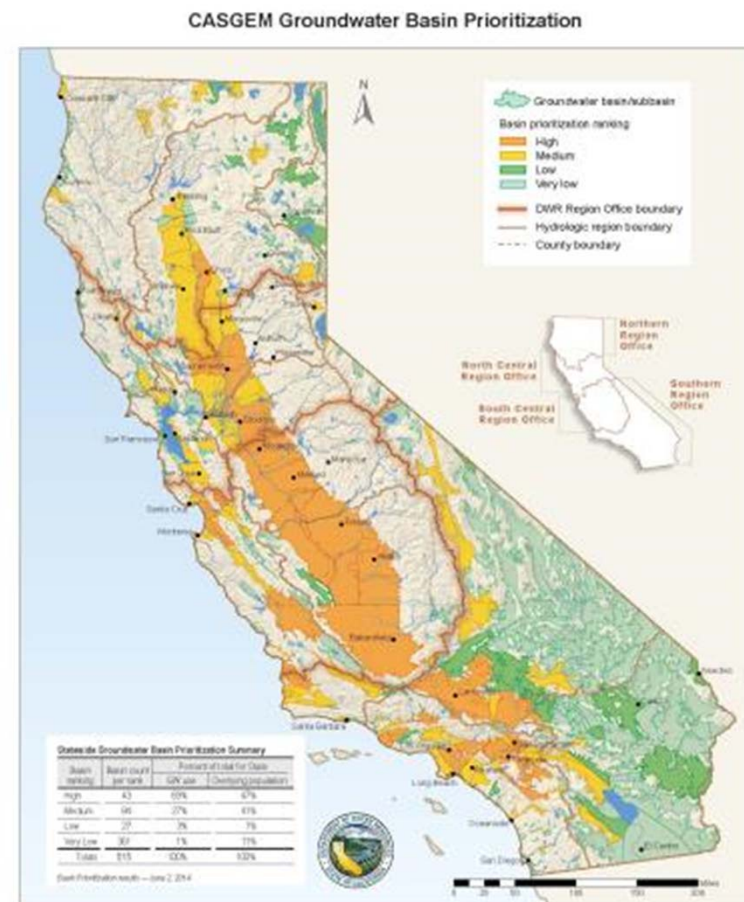
- + Three Bills
 - + AB 1739 (Dickinson)
 - + SB 1168 (Pavley)
 - + SB 1319 (Pavley)
- + Commits state to sustainable groundwater management
- + Promotes local control



Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

- + Requires GW sustainability plans in high- and medium-priority basins
- + Authorizes management tools for local agencies
- + Creates state “backstop”
- + Defines time frame for accomplishing goals

Highly consistent with ACWA's policy recommendations



New Local Management Tools

- + Requires creation of groundwater sustainability agencies
- + Empowers GSAs to:
 - + Register groundwater wells
 - + Measure extractions
 - + Require reports
 - + Manage extractions
 - + Assess fees
- + Exempts preparation of local groundwater sustainability plans from CEQA
- + Establishes “sustainability goal” over time to guide management



Time Frame for Success

Time	Action	
1/1/2017	Formation of GSAs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1/31/2020	Completion of GSPs in critically over drafted basins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1/31/2022	Completion of GSPs in all other basins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20-year implementation period	Implementation of GSPs under local management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Checking these boxes shields local managers
from state intervention

What if the Locals Don't "Check the Boxes"?

Probationary Basins

Undesirable Results, Based on "Significant and Unreasonable" Standard

- Lowering groundwater level
- Seawater intrusion
- Degraded water quality
- Land subsidence
- Depletions of interconnected surface water

Long-term overdraft
condition

Significant depletions of
interconnected surface
waters

The “Backstop” State Board Intervention

After	Cause of Intervention
June 30, 2017	No GSA
Jan. 31, 2020	In critically over drafted basins, no GSP or GSP is inadequate
Jan. 31, 2022	In other basins, no GSP or GSP is inadequate and basin is in long-term overdraft
Jan. 31, 2025	GSP is inadequate and significant depletions of interconnected surface waters

In all triggering events, intervention is the result of a failure by the locals to create a GSA and/or adopt and implement a GSP.

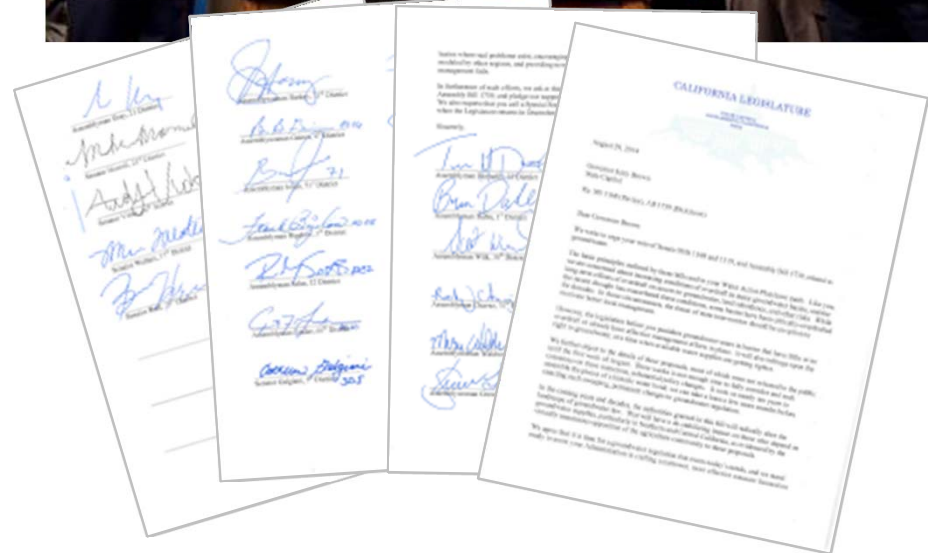
Water Board Interim Plans for Probationary Basins

- + Locals have 180 days to respond to “probationary status” determination
- + Water board may develop an interim plan
 - + IPs apply only to subarea in non-compliance
 - + No IPs for ‘interconnectedness’ until after 1/1/2025
 - + State fees to support water board activities limited to noncomplying subareas



"Never Let a Good Crisis Go to Waste"

- + SGMA will profoundly change the statewide debate
- + ACWA policy: SGMA must be part of a comprehensive program
- + What needs to happen to assure sustainable groundwater and healthy local economies?



We Have a Lot of Work to Do

A Partial List

- + Educate
- + Outreach to members/others
- + Follow-up legislation
- + Rulemaking
- + Creation of GSAs
- + Finalizing GSPs
- + Visioning statewide success

