

Facts About the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Management Plan

The Central Sacramento County Groundwater Basin stakeholders, in coordination with the Sacramento County Water Agency and the Water Forum Successor Effort (WFSE), have developed the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Management Plan (GMP).

The GMP represents a critical step in establishing a framework for maintaining a sustainable groundwater resource for the various users overlying the basin between the American and Cosumnes rivers in Sacramento County.

It includes specific goals, objectives, and an action plan that will provide a “road map” for the governance body to manage the basin in coordination with the various stakeholders.

This GMP, and the one created in the north county by the Sacramento Groundwater Authority, are the products of a consensus-based process, which included stakeholders from throughout the basin.

The GMP is envisioned as a living document that incorporates a number of innovations to ensure its long-term viability, including:

- A independent Board of Directors to manage the plan
- A “State of the Basin” report
- A monitoring program
- Open and transparent proceedings

How was the Groundwater Management Plan created?

Under the aegis of the Water Forum Successor Effort, the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum (CSCGF) was formed in February 2002 to provide recommendations on basin governance.

The CSCGF stakeholder interest groups included representatives in the following areas:

- Agricultural
- Agricultural/Residential Groundwater Users
- Business
- Environmental/Community Organizations
- Local Government/Public Agencies
- Water Purveyors

The total number of stakeholder representatives was 40 people. These representatives met monthly for approximately three years at which time a decision was made to create a Task Force, composed of CSCGF stakeholders, to develop a groundwater management plan for the Central Basin. The Task Force spent approximately one year developing the GMP for adoption by the full CSCGF.

In creating the GMP, stakeholders worked within the context of certain assumptions, including:

- Complying with all provisions of the Water Forum Agreement, including the negotiated sustainable yield
- Respecting existing and future rights of all groundwater users
- Not restricting groundwater pumping
- Not interfering with the authority of the city councils and Sacramento County Board of Supervisors to make land use decisions
- Seeking protection of privately owned wells

What is required in a GMP?

A GMP is an adaptive planning tool that assists groundwater users in maintaining a safe, sustainable, and high quality groundwater resource.

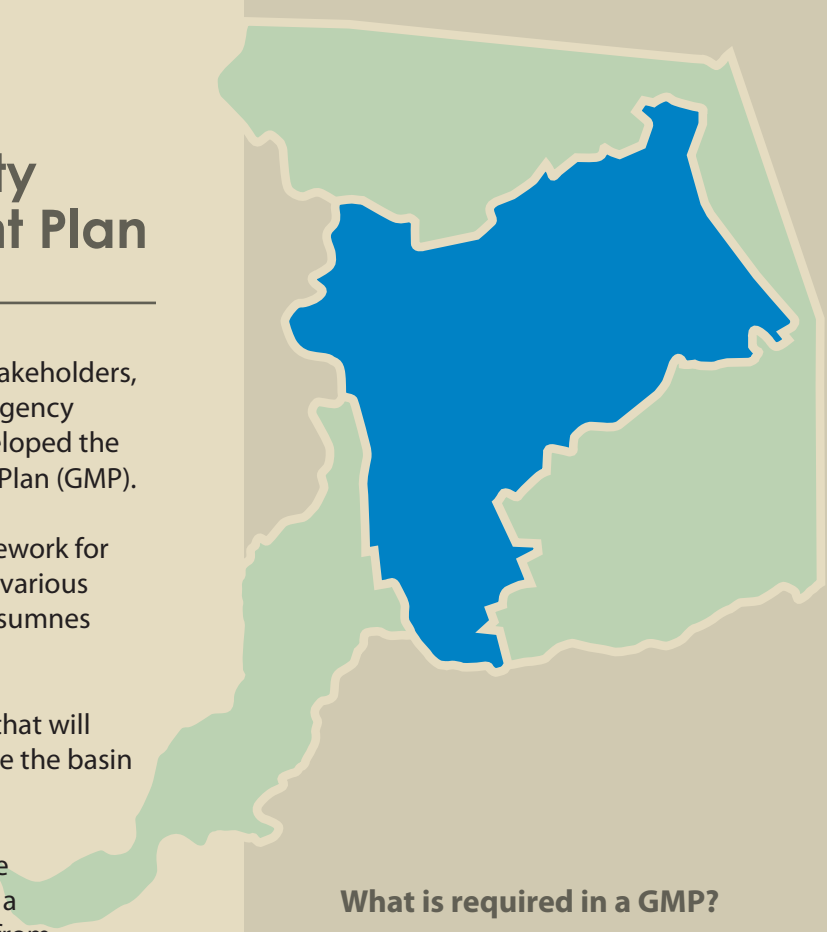
The GMP will help ensure a long-term reliable water supply for rural domestic, agricultural, urban, business/industrial, environmental, municipal park districts, and other uses in the region.

The California Water Code requires that a GMP contain numerous technical provisions which are briefly summarized as follows:

- An inventory of water supplies and a description of water uses within a given region. This information is summarized in a water balance showing overall water demands and available water supplies.
- Basin Management Objectives (BMOs) that are designed to protect and enhance the groundwater basin.
- Monitoring and management programs that ensure the BMOs are being met.

BMOs protect and enhance the basin by addressing:

- Rate of yearly groundwater extraction
- Minimum elevations
- Land surface subsidence
- Surface water flows
- Water quality objectives/contamination



What is the current status of the CSCGF?

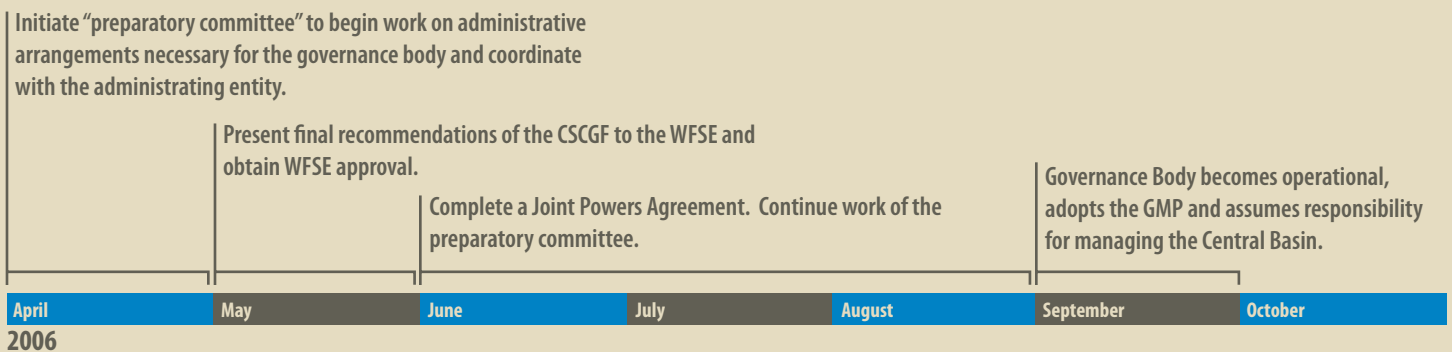
Following 13 months of careful review and analysis of technical data, representatives of each of the interest groups participating in the CSCGF completed work on the GMP in February 2006.

This GMP, together with the Groundwater Forum's recommendations on basin governance, will be forwarded to the Water Forum Successor Effort in the spring of 2006 for review and approval and submission to the appropriate public agencies.

Stakeholders in the Groundwater Forum are continuing to work on recommendations concerning basin governance. Having studied and discussed all of the available options, it appears at this time that they will recommend formulation of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) which creates an independent board of directors to manage the basin. This is similar to what has been done in the north area of the county, however this JPA will be adapted to circumstances in the Central Basin with the Sacramento County Water Agency acting as the administrating entity.

This option has proven to be successful in the North Basin. It allows for representation of stakeholder interests and is the most cost effective alternative.

Next Steps



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