

Public Workshop Agenda

Implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in Sonoma County

Petaluma Valley Basin

Nov. 9, 6-8 p.m.

Lucchesi Community Center
320 North McDowell Blvd.
Petaluma

Sonoma Valley Basin

Nov. 12, 6-8 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Building
126 First Street West
Sonoma

Santa Rosa Plain Basin

Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m.

Finley Community Center
2060 West College Ave.
Santa Rosa

Workshop Purpose

- Increase understanding about the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and local groundwater conditions
- Provide input on the approach to forming groundwater sustainability agencies

Agenda

6:00	Welcome
6:10	Workshop Overview
6:15	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Overview and Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is SGMA and what does it require? ▪ What are the conditions in this local groundwater basin?
6:45	Question and Answer Session
7:00	Local Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stakeholder Issue Assessment ▪ Opportunities for Public Involvement ▪ Forming Groundwater Sustainability Agencies
7:30	Discussion and Input
8:00	Close

SGMA in Brief

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) became California law in fall 2014 with the goal of providing local agencies with tools and resources to ensure long-term sustainable groundwater management. The State of California has designated three groundwater basins in Sonoma County as medium priority that must comply with SGMA requirements:

- Petaluma Valley Basin
- Santa Rosa Plain Basin
- Sonoma Valley Basin

SGMA requires local public agencies, or a combination of local agencies, overlying groundwater basins to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) by June 30, 2017. Local agencies with water supply, management, or land use authority are eligible to form GSAs. SGMA also requires the GSAs to develop Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) by 2022 and achieve sustainability by 2042.