



Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Update

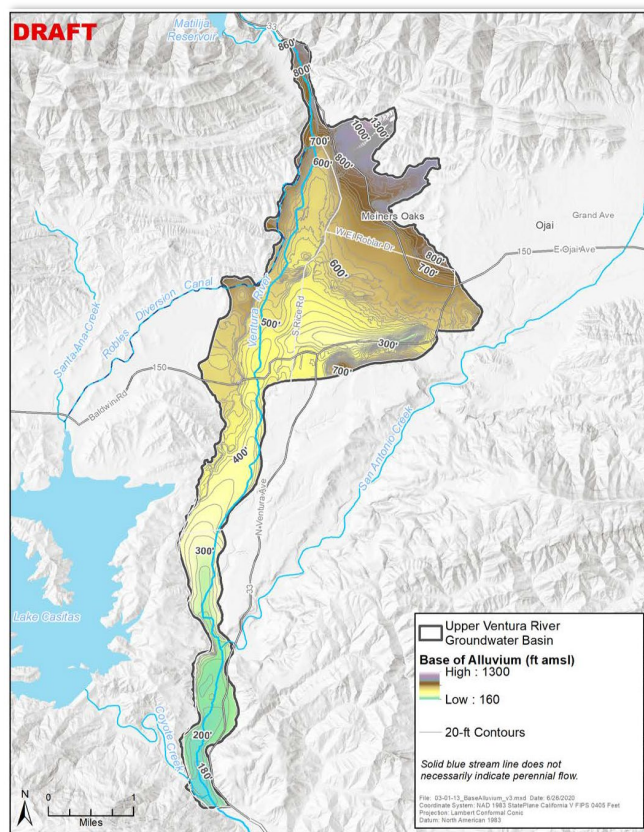
Your Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development team has been hard at work on developing the GSP for the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin (UVRB). The GSP will describe the groundwater basin, goals for sustainable management of the basin groundwater resources, and an implementation plan to achieve those goals by no later than 2042. A significant portion of the GSP development costs are covered by a Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Planning Grant from the State. Please see our GSP Template for more information concerning the required elements of the GSP link: https://uvrgroundwater.org/uvrga_gsp_template_approved_041120_post/.

The GSP must be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources on or before January of 2022, otherwise the State Water Resources Control Board will take over management of the Basin. Thus the GSP presents an opportunity for locals to decide what sustainability for the UVRB looks like and how to achieve it. For more information about our overall GSP planning process please see our GSP development schedule at: <https://uvrgroundwater.org/sgma-overview/>.

The GSP development team has been focused on developing the portions of the GSP that describe the physical characteristics of the basin (hydrogeologic conceptual model [HCM]) and the groundwater conditions. These GSP sections will also describe that groundwater and surface water interaction and identify potential groundwater dependent ecosystems that will be considered in the plan along with the other beneficial users of water.

The preliminary draft HCM and groundwater conditions sections of the GSP will be posted on the UVRGA website soon.

URVGA welcomes your comments and questions on the preliminary draft HCM and groundwater conditions sections of the GSP! Please use our new online comment form at <https://uvrgroundwater.org/sgma-overview/> to submit your comments or questions.



GSP Public Workshop July 20, 2020 Starting at 4 PM

UVRGA will host an on-line public workshop webinar on July 20, 2020 starting at 4 PM.

The webinar will provide an overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, describe what must be included in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), and describe our process and schedule for developing the GSP.

This will be an opportunity to ask questions and provide early feedback on the GSP development process. Your active participation is highly encouraged!

Register for the Webinar
Online At:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8701454066440700943>

For further details visit :
<https://uvrgroundwater.org/>

Get Involved!

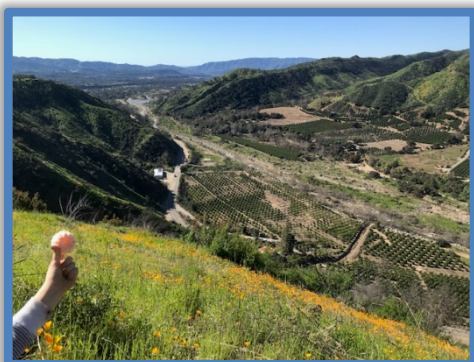
At the core of SGMA is the idea that locals should make groundwater management decisions, not the State. Your input is critical for ensuring the Upper Ventura River GSP reflects local values. Contact our Agency Administrator Summer Ward sward@uvrgroundwater.org to be added to our interested parties list!



Board Meetings

Regular Board Meetings are scheduled monthly on the second Thursday. Please visit our website for more information.

To receive Board meeting agendas via e-mail, please contact the Agency Administrator Summer Ward at sward@uvrgroundwater.org



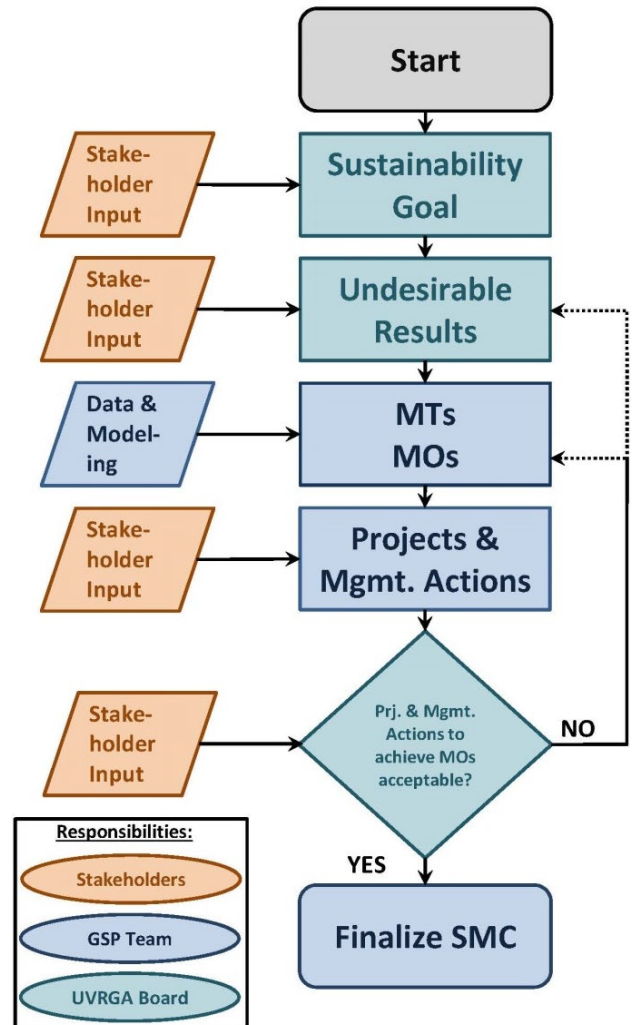
Sustainable Management Criteria

GSA's must develop Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) for each of the six applicable sustainability indicators. SMC are the most important GSP component

Sustainability Indicators	Lowering GW Levels	Reduction of Storage	Seawater Intrusion	Degraded Quality	Land Subsidence	Surface Water Depletion

because they define certain conditions in the basin that will be desirable to avoid and

certain conditions that are desirable to achieve. There are four components to the SMC: Sustainability Goal; Undesirable Results (URs); Minimum Thresholds (MTs); and Measureable Objectives (MOs). The sustainability goal is a policy statement designed to communicate the GSA's mission for the basin and reflects important local economic, social, and environmental values. Undesirable results are significant and unreasonable effects related to any applicable sustainability indicator. UVRGA must determine what conditions will be considered significant and unreasonable with your input and in the context of its sustainability goal. The MTs and MOs are quantitative metrics, such as groundwater levels, that can be measured in the basin to determine if URs are being avoided and the plan goal is being met. UVRGA's SMC development process is depicted in the flowchart. As you can see, your input is vital to the process!



It is important to remember that sustainability will be achieved through adaptive management over a 20 year period. New data obtained from actions to address data gaps and from monitoring actions will lead to improved understanding of the basin, which will form the basis for refinement of the SMC and plan implementation actions over time. Thus, the forthcoming GSP, should be viewed as a flexible roadmap for a 20 year journey to sustainable management for the Upper Ventura River Basin.

DRAFT SUSTAINABILITY GOAL AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

Please visit <https://uvrgroundwater.org/> to review UVRGA's draft sustainability goal. The UVRGA Board is scheduled to consider adopting the sustainability goal at its August 13, 2020 meeting. Your input on the goal is valued and will help make it better reflect the local values in the basin. Comments on the goal are best received by July 31 Please send to our Agency Administrator Summer Ward at: sward@uvrgroundwater.org.