

Public Workshop

GSP Periodic Evaluation

**Thursday
February 26, 2026
1 p.m.**

This workshop will present information about the periodic evaluation of the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. This workshop is a key opportunity ask questions and provide feedback periodic evaluation of the GSP for your groundwater basin.

Your active participation is highly encouraged!

For more information about the meeting, please visit:

<https://uvrgroundwater.org/public-meetings/>

Groundwater Sustainability Plan Periodic Evaluation

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are required to perform a periodic evaluation of their Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) at least once every five years. The first periodic evaluation of the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin GSP must be submitted to the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) by January 2027. The periodic evaluation process is underway and UVRGA is seeking your input.

The GSP periodic evaluation is intended to address the following:

- Describe new information that has been obtained since the GSP was adopted.
- Describe the status of each GSP section, including any changes and whether they impact basin management.
- Explain how GSP corrective actions provided by DWR have been addressed.
- Explain whether and how actions taken by UVRGA have informed changes to basin management.
- Describe whether there is a need to change any part of the GSP that would lead to a GSP Amendment.

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 that management of the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin reflects local values.

If you haven't already, please join our interested parties list at:

<https://uvrgroundwater.org/join-interested-parties-list/>

UVRGA is seeking your input during the GSP periodic evaluation process. A draft period evaluation document will be issued in fall of 2026 for public comment. The UVRGA Board of Directors are expected to adopt the periodic evaluation document no later than early January 2027. Please join us at our first workshop on February 26, 2026. Comments may be submitted at any time during the process using UVRGA online comment submission form available on the UVRGA website at: <https://uvrgroundwater.org/sgma-overview/> (scroll to bottom of page for form). Feel free to contact us with any questions at bbondy@uvrgroundwater.org.



Visual Streamflow Monitoring of Ventura River at Santa Ana Blvd. October 2024

Upcoming UVRGA Board Meetings

The UVRGA Board of Directors scheduled its 2026 Regular Board meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM. The next scheduled regular meeting is February 12, 2026. Special meetings are also scheduled on as-needed basis. The UVRGA Board meets at the Ventura River Water District located at 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, CA 93023.

For the latest updates concerning Board meetings, please visit:
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Ventura River at Camino Cielo April 2025

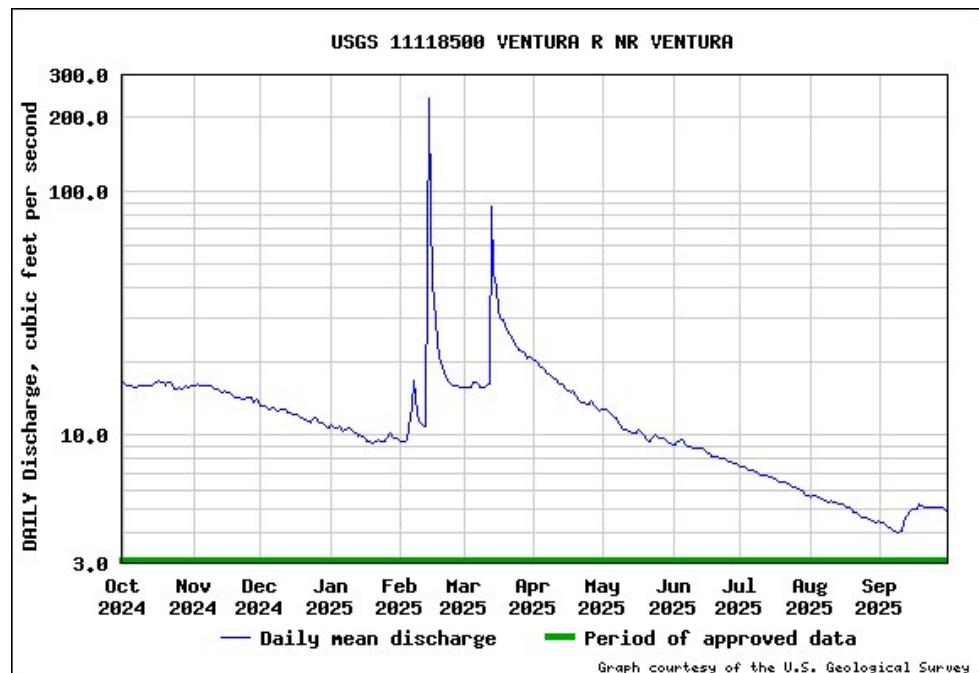
Water Year 2024/2025 Hydrology Highlights

Did you know that hydrologists use a different calendar than the rest of us? It is called the water year, which runs from October 1 through September 30. The purpose of the water year is to prevent the wet season, which can start as early as October or November, from being split across multiple years. The water year provides for improved water accounting and statistical analysis of the relationship between precipitation and streamflow.

UVRGA operates several field monitoring programs each water year. These include groundwater level monitoring in seventeen wells located throughout the basin, streamflow monitoring at three locations on the Ventura River, visual monitoring of Ventura River streamflow, periodic aquatic habitat mapping, fish stranding and mortality surveys, habitat suitability surveys, snorkel surveys, water quality monitoring, and aerial and ground photography in the two aquatic groundwater dependent ecosystem areas identified in the GSP. The data are used to inform GSP implementation.

Water Year 2024/2025 was drier than average, with 9.19 inches of rainfall measured at Ventura River Water District, as compared with the base period average of 22.15 inches. The wet season began dry and remained so until February and March when 5.50 and 2.22 inches of the rainfall were received, respectively.

Water Year 2024/2025 followed two consecutive wet years, Water Years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024, which received 47.41 and 30.37 inches of precipitation, respectively. Given the antecedent wet conditions, Water Year 2024/2025 began with higher than normal streamflow, but limited rainfall resulted in declining flows from late March the remainder of the water year.



**Water Year 2024/2025 Ventura River Discharge at Foster Park
(Note streamflow (y-axis) is a logarithmic scale)**

UVRGA's annual monitoring data summaries are available on our website at <https://uvrgroundwater.org/library/>.