



How to Comment on Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Emergency Regulations California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Local agencies and interested parties will have the opportunity to provide comment to DWR regarding the Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Emergency Regulations before the regulations are adopted. DWR will be holding three required public meetings and a webinar in March 2016. The Draft GSP Emergency Regulations were posted online February 18, 2016, which initiated the formal public review and comment period, which ends April 1, 2016.

By June 1, 2016, DWR is required to adopt emergency regulations for evaluating and implementing GSPs to achieve the legislative intent of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. GSP Emergency Regulations will identify the elements specified in Water Code Sections 10727.2, 10727.4, and 10727.6, as well as other information that will assist groundwater sustainability agencies and local public agencies in planning for basin-wide sustainability. The emergency regulations adoption process is described at http://www.oal.ca.gov/emergency_regulation_process.htm.

Draft documents are available to review at:

Department of Water Resources
901 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

and at:

Department of Water Resources
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California 95814

and electronically on DWR's GSP website at:

<http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsp.cfm>.

How to make effective comments:

All comments received on the Draft GSP Emergency Regulations will be posted and considered. The most effective comments are those that follow these guidelines:

- Comments should be concise and focus directly on the Draft GSP Emergency Regulations.
- Comments should identify the specific part of the Draft GSP Emergency Regulations at issue and should include supporting evidence and facts.
- The commenter should provide complete references and/or citations, particularly when referring to websites (that is, provide a specific URL address rather than simply citing "DWR website" for example).

The public review and comment period is from February 18, 2016, through **April 1, 2016**.

Comments must be received electronically or postmarked on or before **April 1, 2016**.

HOW TO COMMENT:



At a Public Meeting – Via Comment Card

Email to

SGMPS@water.ca.gov

Subject: Draft GSP Emergency Regulations Public Comment

Mail to

California Department of Water Resources
Attn: Lauren Bisnett, Public Affairs Office
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, California 94236

Only comments submitted via the methods listed above are considered formal comments.

Statements made to DWR project team members are not considered formal comments. **All comments received on the Draft GSP Emergency Regulations will be posted and considered.** No final decisions have been made with regards to Draft GSP Emergency Regulations; decisions will only occur after the formal public review and comment period ends.

Timeline for Adopting GSP Emergency Regulations

- Release of Draft GSP Emergency Regulations – **February 18, 2016**
- Public Meetings to receive comments on the draft GSP emergency regulations are scheduled between **March 21 and 25, 2016**. Information on the specific dates, times, and locations are located on DWR's website.
- Deadline for public comment – **April 1, 2016**
- Proposed presentation of GSP Emergency Regulations to California Water Commission for consideration and potential adoption – **Spring 2016**