

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)



January 15, 2020

California Water Commission

Board Backstop Basics

- Board only steps in when local efforts fail.
- Temporarily protects the basin until locals come up-to-speed.
- Backstop is triggered by SGMA deadlines.





TRIGGERING the BACKSTOP

2017 2020 No GSA that intends to develop a plan for the entire basin basin, or **DWR** fails plan

Critical overdraft No plan adopted for the entire

No plan for the entire basin or **DWR** fails plan and long-term overdraft

2022

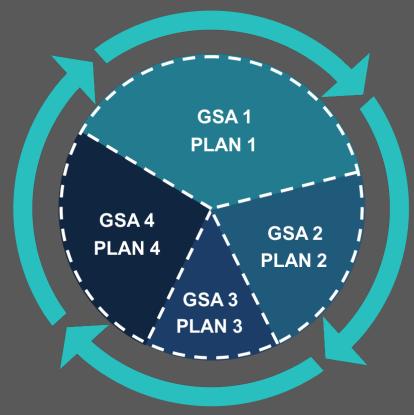
DWR fails plan & significant surface water

depletions

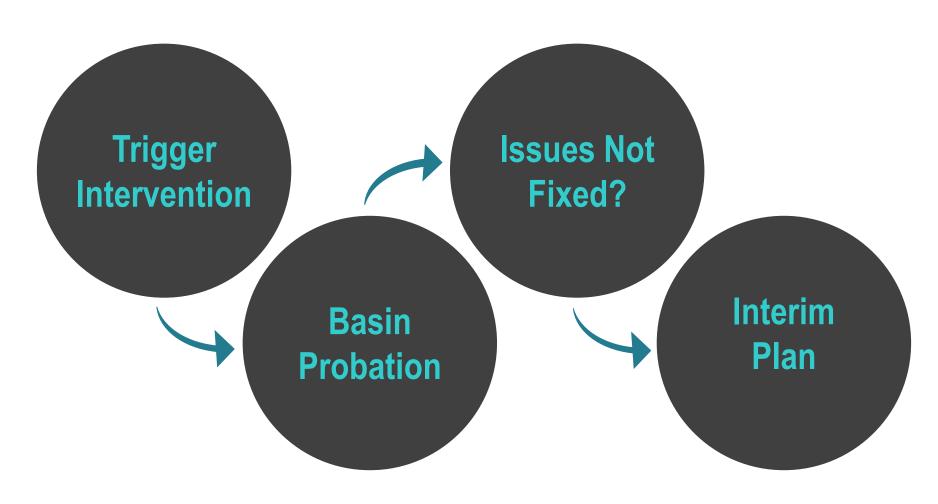
2025

AVOIDING the BACKSTOP





Backstop



Probationary BASIN groundwater BASIN

- State Water Board makes decisions
- Opportunity to fix issues
- Board gathers data
- May require meters





ExtractionREPORTS

Reports are submitted annually.

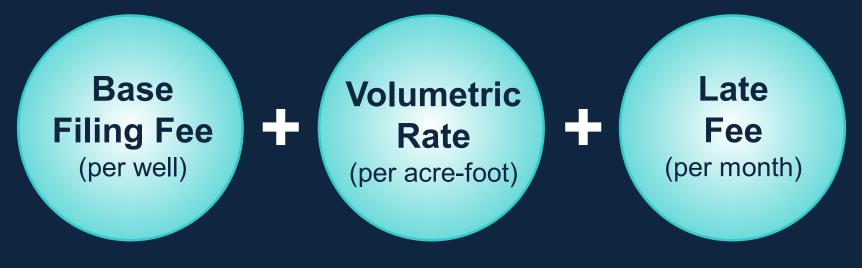
Reports require...

- well location & capacity
- monthly extraction volumes
- place & purpose of use

Reports must be filed electronically.

Fees required with each report.

FEES beginning in Water Year 2018



\$300

Unmanaged

⁵25

Probation

\$40°

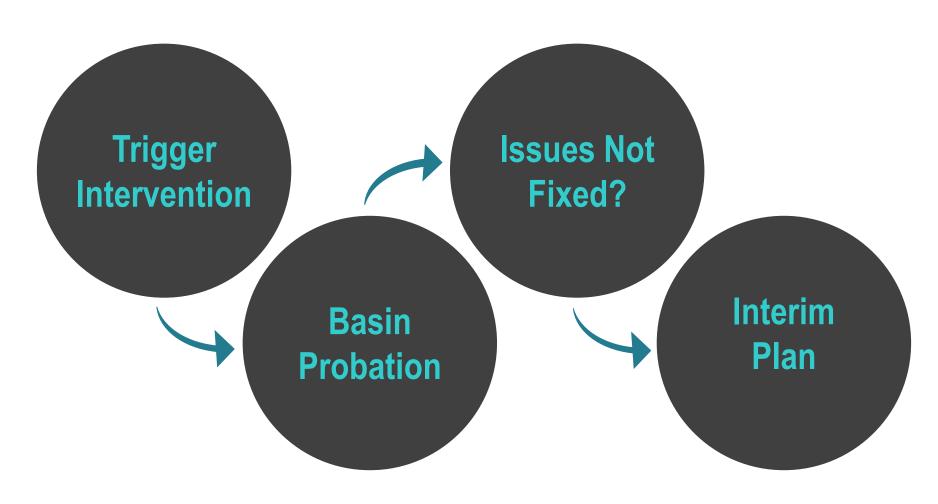
Interim Plan

\$55°

25%

*special studies extra

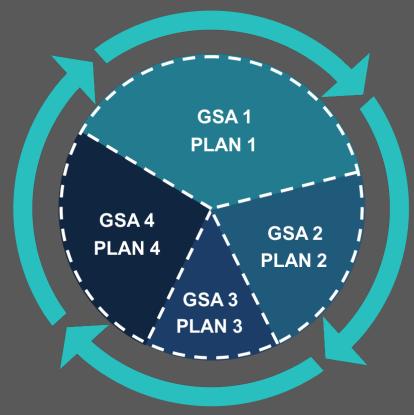
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NO Plan

90 Days

180 Days

Probation

Public notice of hearing and contact cities and counties

Local Agencies

Remedy deficiencies resulting in probation



Water Board

Develops Interim Plan

Board - DWR coordination

INADEQUATE Plan

180 Days
90 Days
1 Year

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SGMAFact Sheets

- Probationary designation and groundwater regulation
- Stakeholder inclusion
- State and regional boards basics
- Funding opportunities for GSAs
- Purpose of use for underground storage projects
- Water Quality FAQ
- More coming...

Groundwater management in California is best accomplished locally.

Former Governor Jerry Brown

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