



12/18/2024

California County Café - Office Hours

- Specializing in Drought Resilience



Welcome and Setting Intention

Office Hours - An opportunity for an informal conversation about the issues and questions that are on your mind.

- ✓ Join the conversation - share your questions, experience and learn from other perspectives and experiences.
- ✓ Make a connection - use the chat to connect with other participants.
- ✓ County focused - While all are invited to join, this gathering will focus on supporting county staff.





Your Questions

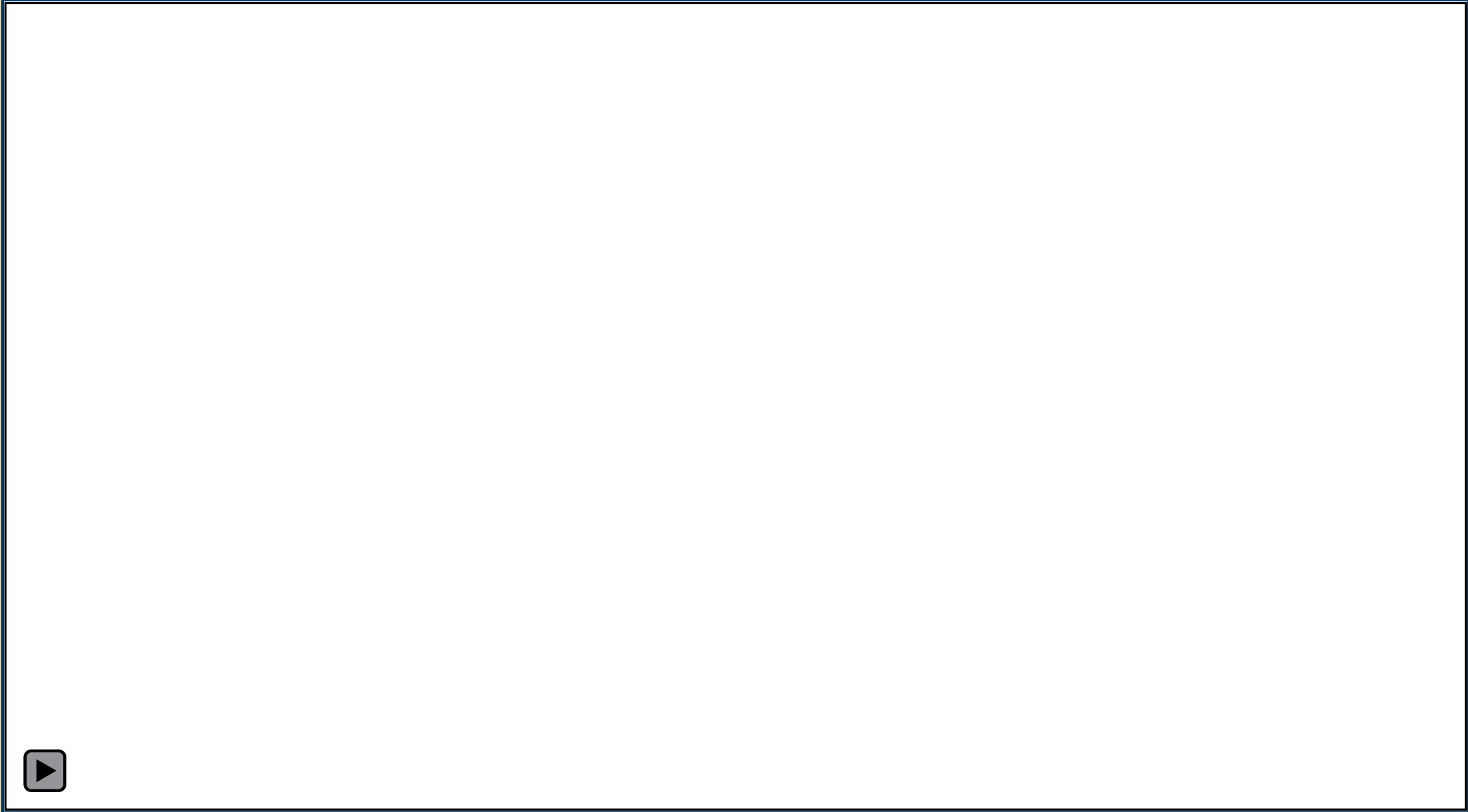
Orit Kalman - Facilitator



The Survey Says:

What questions do you have?

- How far along are other counties in their Drought Resilience Plan development?



<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/SB-552/County-Drought-Resilience-Planning-Assistance-Program>



The Survey Says:

What questions do you have?

- Are you differentiating between short-term actions to address water shortage due to drought versus due to disaster?
- What are the public comment opportunities in Task Force meetings and plan development?
- Follow up questions on short-term actions presentations from the November Café Gathering?
 - Sabrina Synder (Yolo)
 - Brendan McGovern (Napa)
 - Denise England (Tulare)





FAQ

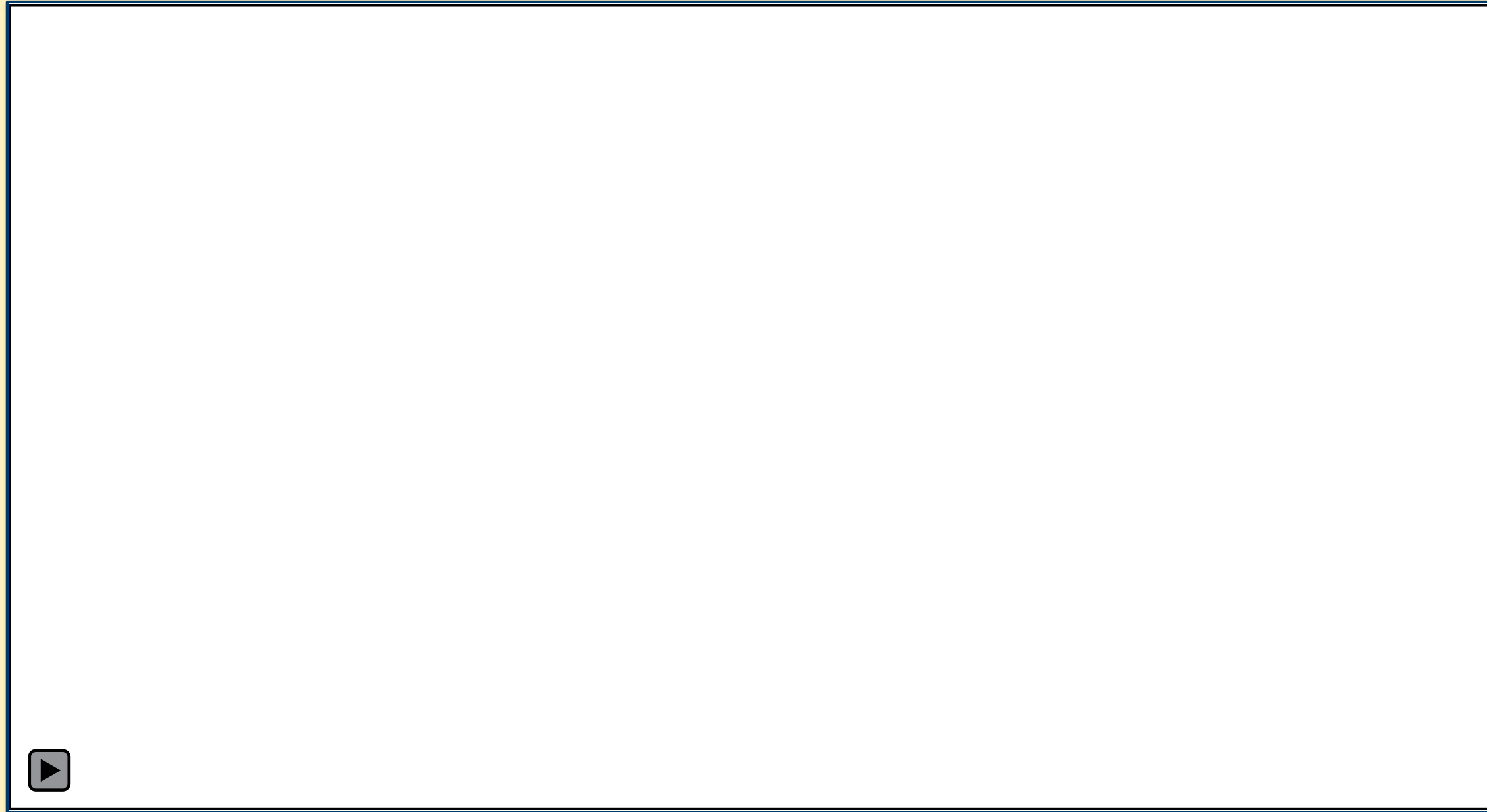
Sarah Ko and Zoe Kanavas

1. Water Shortage Vulnerability Tool Update
2. SGMA/GSA/GSP Explainer & Coordination



New Update Available:

Water Shortage Vulnerability Tool



<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ae1b4e3e41004f07b4901a7a3fa50637/>



FAQ: What is/are SGMA, GSAs, and GSPs?

What is the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act?

Passed in 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) created **local public agencies** to address long-term groundwater sustainability.

What is a Groundwater Sustainability Agency?

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) prepare Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) that lay out the path basins will take to **achieve groundwater sustainability within 20 years**. GSAs were created in high priority basins and may cover one or more counties. GSAs **measure groundwater conditions** through monitoring networks. Monitoring data is maintained in a local data management system and submitted to DWR.

To find the GSAs in your county, use the [GSA Map Viewer](#).



FAQ:

Why and how to coordinate with GSAs?

[Refer to this document](#) to align DRPs and GSPs.

Why to Coordinate

Drought resilience for domestic wells and many state small water systems **depends on groundwater basin health.**

GSAs **monitor** and carry out projects to improve groundwater basin health.

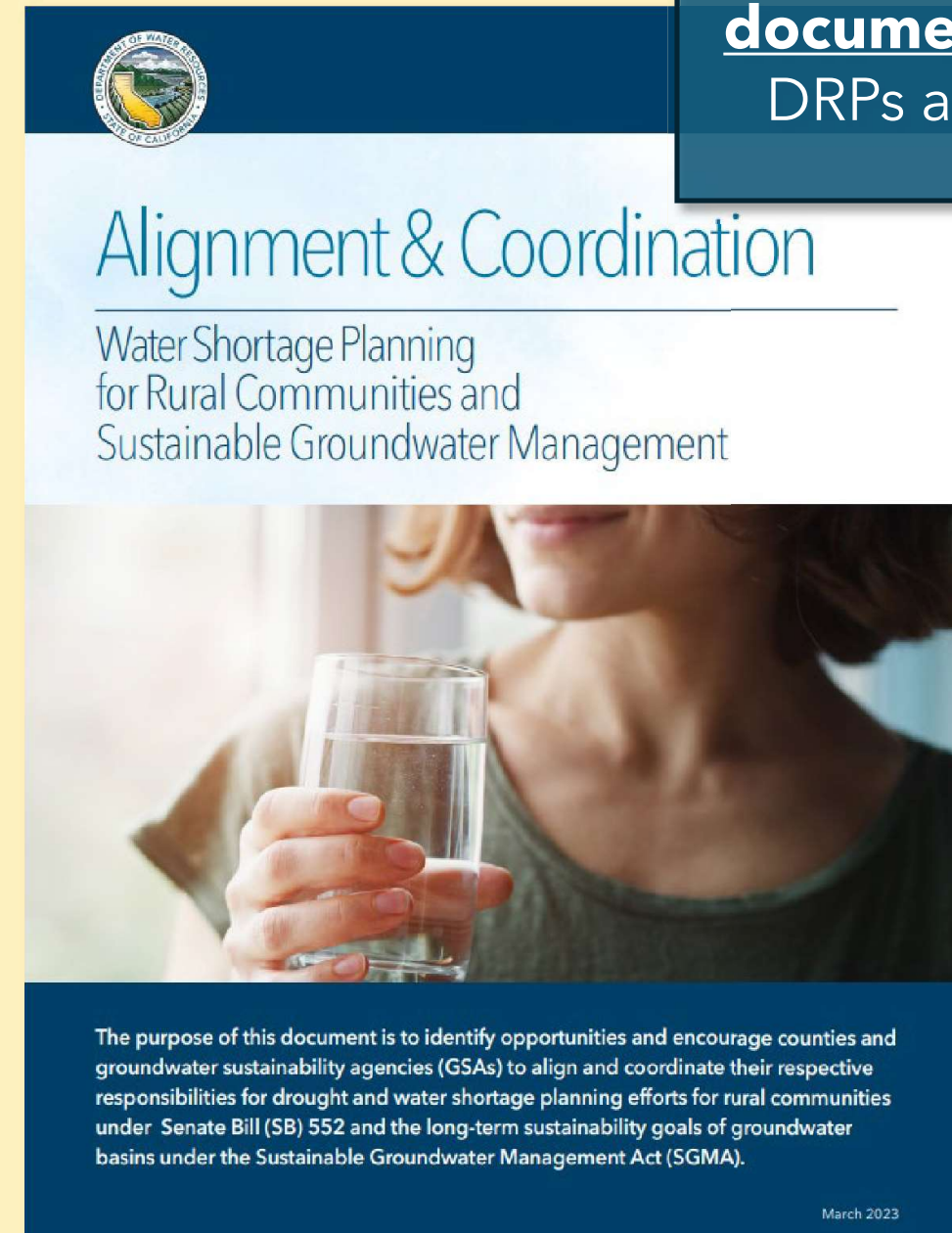
County Drought Resilience Plans **assess drought risk** and **identify strategies** to mitigate risk.

How to Coordinate

Regular communication

between the GSA and Drought TF to discuss:

- Spatial **coverage.**
- **Data** collection and management.
- Uniquely collected, **pertinent information** (i.e., groundwater trends, reported outages)
- **Common goals and projects** identified in the respective plans.





Closing - Thank you!

Next steps - we will follow up with an email to counties for future gatherings, invitation to share in upcoming gathering.

