Come to a Public Workshop in November to
Share Your Input on Groundwater in the Tulare Lake Basin

These workshops are opportunities to get more information and provide comments.

Drinking Water

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Groundwater in the Tulare Lake basin is being pumped out faster than it is recharged by rain and other water sources, which is putting water for drinking and irrigation in jeopardy. California's Sustainable Groundwater Water Management Act (SGMA) requires local agencies to develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans that protect and manage groundwater resources for all uses and users.

The Tulare Lake basin plan was found to be inadequate; it is not doing enough to protect groundwater resources locally. SGMA now requires that the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) determine if the Tulare Lake basin should be designated as "probationary." In a probationary basin, groundwater pumpers must collect and report pumping data and pay fees to the Board while local agencies work to improve their plan. The Board will hold a public hearing to consider designating the basin as probationary on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

Workshop details

The public is invited to attend one or both of two public workshops in November. Both workshops will have the same content and are an opportunity to learn about local groundwater issues and give input on groundwater management in the Tulare Lake basin. The workshops are informational only. Spanish translation will be available for both the virtual and in person workshops.

VIRTUAL: Friday, November 3, 2023, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Zoom link: bit.ly/SGMA-Workshop-Tulare

IN PERSON: Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Hanford Civic Auditorium
400 N. Douty Street
Hanford, CA 93230

Submit written comments

December 11, 2023 at noon is the deadline to submit comments on the Tulare Lake basin probationary hearing Draft Staff Report. Submit written comments via email, fax, mail comments or hand delivery using instructions in the notice: bit.ly/tulare-lake-notice

More information

Please contact the State Water Resources Control Board for assistance with accommodations at 916.322.6508 or SGMA@waterboards.ca.gov or on the web at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sgma

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