
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Board Meeting and Opportunity to Comment Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Tulare Lake Subbasin Groundwater Minimal Impact Exclusion

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) will accept public comments on a draft resolution to adopt a minimal impact exclusion for the Tulare Lake Subbasin, a probationary subbasin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Board staff recommends that extractors in the Tulare Lake Subbasin who extract no more than 20 acre-feet of groundwater per year be excluded from requirements to report and pay fees to the State Water Board under SGMA.

The Board is seeking comments from the public to inform its decision. The deadline to submit written comments is 12:00 noon on March 30, 2026.

The Board may adopt, modify, or reject the proposed resolution at the April 7, 2026 regularly scheduled State Water Board meeting.

Participation Options

Review the Available Documents

[Draft Tulare Lake Subbasin Minimal Impact Exclusion Resolution](#)

Attend the Board Public Meeting

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1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
- Submit an online speaker card if you wish to provide a public comment at the Board meeting in person or remotely: bit.ly/speaker-card-form. The form accepts responses a few days prior to the Board meeting. The Board Clerk will provide instructions to join Zoom in advance of the meeting. For more information about participating remotely at a Board meeting, please visit bit.ly/providingcomments.
- For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the webcast remains available at either [State Water Board YouTube](#) or [CalEPA webcasts](#) (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.

Submit Written Comments

Written comments on the Draft Tulare Lake Subbasin Minimal Impact Exclusion Resolution must be received by **12:00 noon on March 30, 2026**. Comments received after this time and date may not be considered.

Please email your written comments in PDF format to sgma@waterboards.ca.gov and include "Comments – Minimal Impact Exclusion" the subject line. You may also mail, or hand deliver your written comments to the following address:

State Water Resources Control Board
Attention: Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 (by mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

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- Visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance on 10th Street.
- Please allow 5 to 10 minutes to receive security clearance.

Background

The State Water Board designated the Tulare Lake Subbasin as probationary under SGMA on April 16, 2024. Pumpers in the Tulare Lake Subbasin are required to report their groundwater extractions by May 1, 2026 and pay fees to the Board, except for pumpers who are granted an exclusion from reporting and fees. Pumpers who extract two acre-feet or less per year for domestic purposes only are considered “de minimis” pumpers and do not have to report and pay fees.

Pursuant to Water Code section 10735.2, subdivision (c)(1), the Board may grant reporting and fee exclusions to a class or category of extractions if those extractions are likely to have a minimal impact on basin withdrawals. The Board will consider applying a minimal impact exclusion and the appropriate threshold for such an exclusion in the Tulare Lake Subbasin. Board staff recommends that extractors in the Tulare Lake Subbasin who extract no more than 20 acre-feet of groundwater per year be excluded from the reporting and fee requirements. If the Board adopts the staff recommendation the minimal impact exclusion would exclude approximately 44% of groundwater pumpers who together account for less than 1% of total water use in the subbasin from the requirement to report and pay fees to the State Water Board.

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Contact Information

- Program contact: sgma@waterboards.ca.gov or 916-322-6508
- Website: www.waterboards.ca.gov/sgma

February 27, 2026

Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board