
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Board Meeting and Opportunity to Comment Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Consideration of a Proposed Resolution Denying Requests for Exclusion from Probationary Reporting and Fees to Eight Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the Tule Subbasin

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) is seeking comments from the public on the Review of Requests for Exclusion from Probationary Reporting and Fees for the Tule groundwater subbasin, a probationary subbasin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The report outlines staff's assessment of requests from eight groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) to be considered for exclusions from probationary reporting and fee requirements and recommends that the Board not grant any of the exclusion requests.

The State Water Board will consider the exclusion requests and the staff recommendation at its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on April 21, 2026. Additional information on the exclusion recommendations is provided below. The Board may take action consistent with the staff recommendation or take other action regarding the reporting and fee requirement in the Tule Subbasin.

The Board will also hear updates from staff on possible next steps for interim plan development for the basin.

Participation Options

Review the Available Documents

Review the available documents through the links below. Physical copies of the documents may be mailed to you upon request by contacting staff as described below.

Tule Subbasin Exclusion Report (covering Lower Tule River Irrigation District, Pixley Irrigation District, Porterville Irrigation District, Saucelito Irrigation District, Terra Bella Irrigation District, Tri-County Water Authority, Tea Pot Dome Water District, and Vandalia Irrigation District GSAs):

- [Full Report](#)

Draft Resolution Denying Requests for Exclusion from Probationary Reporting and Fees to Eight GSAs in the Tule Subbasin

- [Draft Resolution](#)

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
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- For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the webcast remains available at either youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport or video.calepa.ca.gov (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.

Submit Written Comments

Written comments on the Tule Subbasin Exclusion Reports must be received by **12:00pm (noon) on April 20, 2026**. Comments received after this time and date may not be considered.

Please email your written comments in PDF format to SGMA-Tule@waterboards.ca.gov and include “**Comments – Tule Subbasin**” 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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- Please allow 5 to 10 minutes to receive security clearance.

Background

The State Water Board designated the Tule subbasin as probationary under SGMA on September 17, 2024. Most groundwater pumpers in the Tule subbasin are required to report their groundwater extractions by May 1, 2026, and pay fees to the Board.

After the probationary designation, eight Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Tule subbasin requested to be considered for exclusions from reporting and fees. Board staff evaluated these requests and does not recommend exclusions for any of the eight GSAs.

Board staff will provide an overview of the GSAs' requests for exclusions, staff's proposed recommendations regarding the requests to the Board, and possible next steps for developing an interim plan for the subbasin. The Board may take action based on the staff recommendation or may take other action regarding the reporting and fee requirement in the Tule Subbasin at the Board meeting. If the Board grants an exclusion for a GSA, groundwater pumpers within that GSA's boundaries would not need to report extractions and pay fees to the State Water Board for groundwater extractions.

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Contact Information

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

Date March 19, 2026



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board