Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update

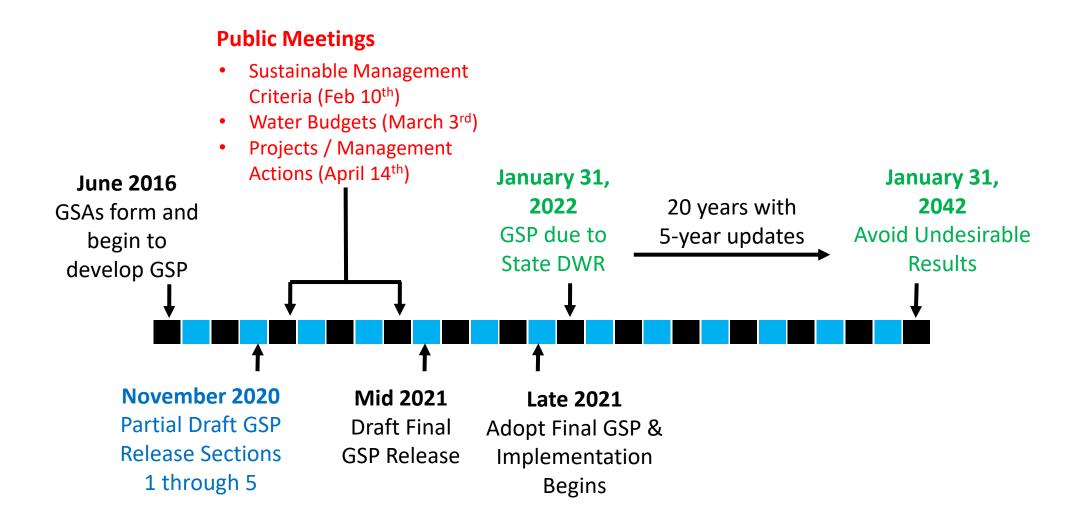
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Current Status

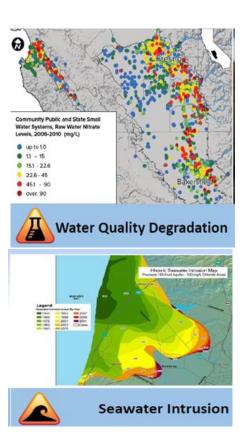
- Hydrogeologic Setting and Current Conditions released for review in early November – little comment received
- Model calibrated and projected conditions run
 - Brief SGA Board in April
- Good progress on developing approach to SMCs related to water levels
- Draft water quality-related SMCs
- Beginning development of GSA Implementation Agreement
 - Facilitated meeting scheduled for March 2

Timeline – GSP development and adoption



Lowering of GW Levels Reduction of GW Storage Depletion of Interconnected Streams Land Subsidence

Demonstrating Sustainability Under SGMA



Define **significant** and **unreasonable** undesirable results for six indicators (five in our case)

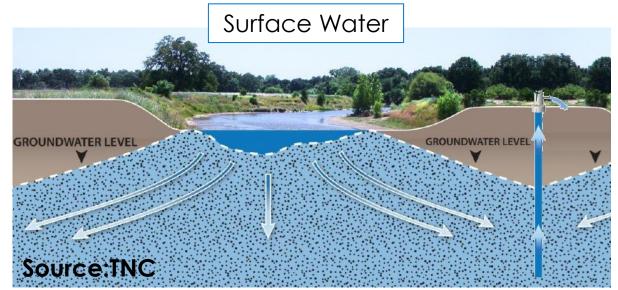
- In consideration of <u>beneficial</u> uses and users
- Establish criteria to track progress (measurable objectives and minimum thresholds)
- Develop a <u>representative</u> <u>monitoring network</u>

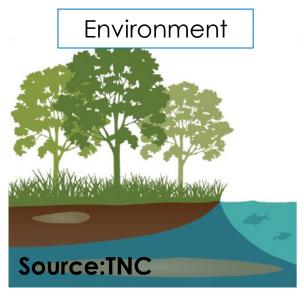
Beneficial Uses and Users



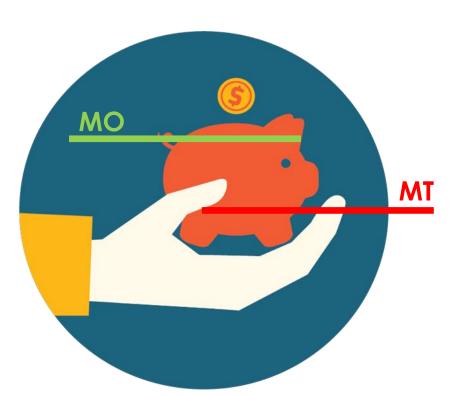








Measurable Objectives and Minimum Thresholds



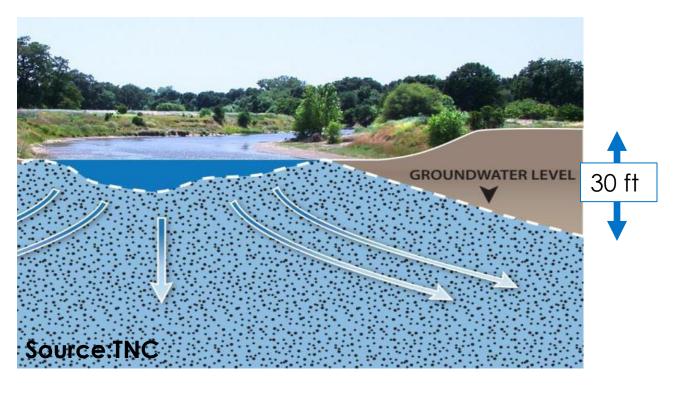
Measurable Objective (MO) = levels that reflect desired conditions...that enable GSA to achieve sustainability

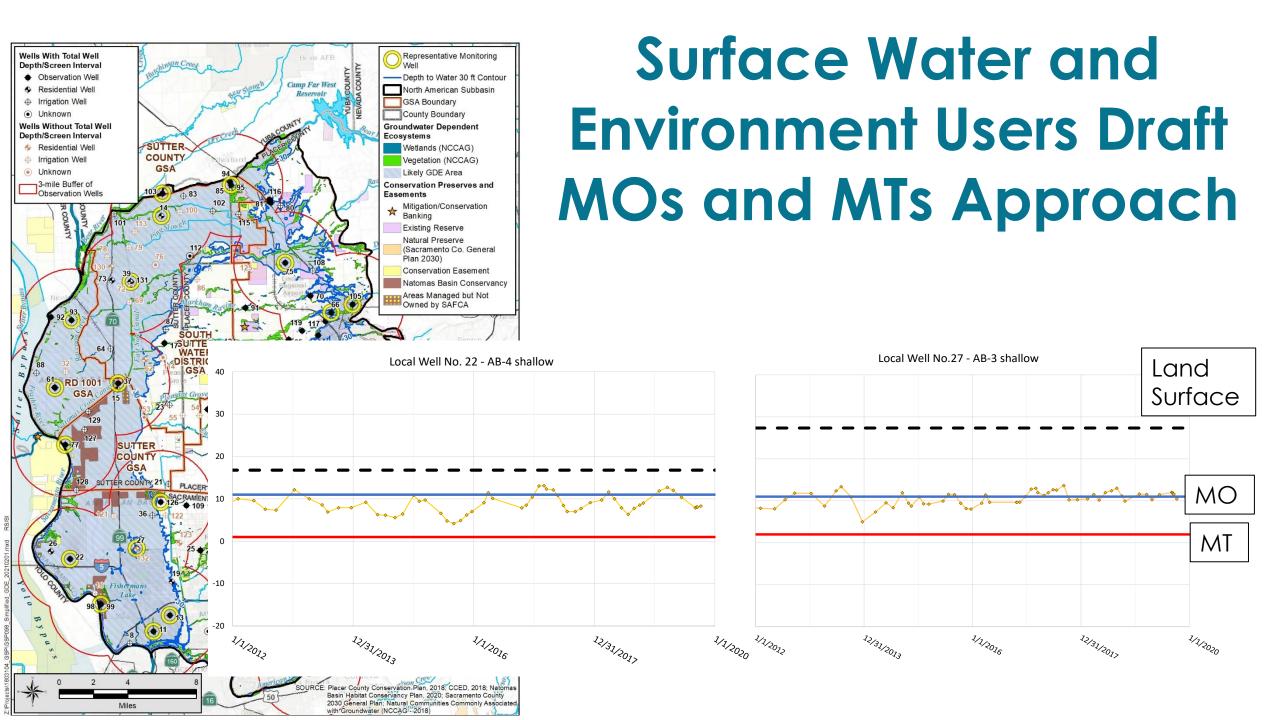
Minimum Threshold (MT) = levels at a site that when exceeded, either individually or at a combination of sites, may cause undesirable results

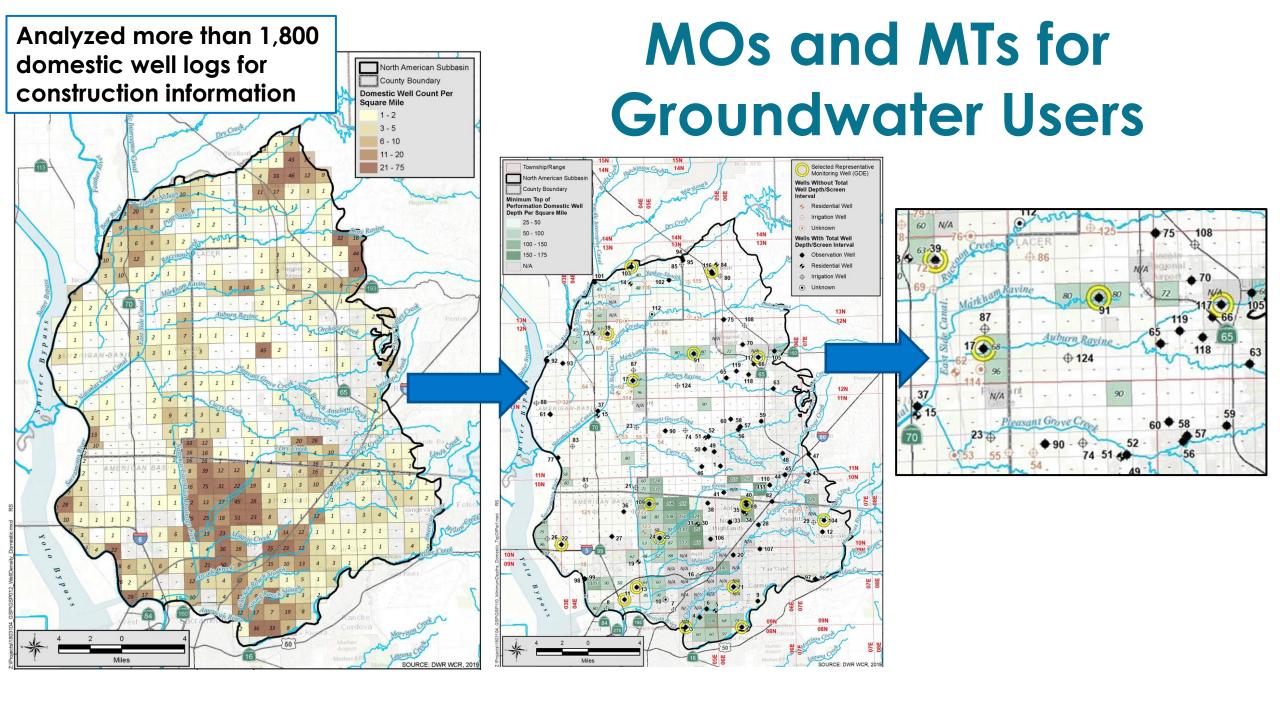
North American Subbasin GSA Boundary Camp Far West County Boundary **Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems** Wetlands (NCCAG) Vegetation (NCCAG) Likely GDE Area **Conservation Preserves and Easements** Mitigation/Conservation Banking Existing Reserve Natural Preserve (Sacramento Co. General Plan 2030) Conservation Easement Natomas Basin Conservancy Areas Managed but Not Owned by SAFCA **RD 1001** PLACER GSA Depth to Groundwater greater than 30 meet GROUNDWATER **AUTHORITY GSA** SOURCE: Placer County Conservation Plan, 2018; CCED, 2018; Natom Basin Habitat Conservancy Plan, 2020; Sacramento County 2030 General Plan; Natural Communities Commonly Associated with Groundwater (NCCAG-2018)

Depth to Water 30 ft Contour

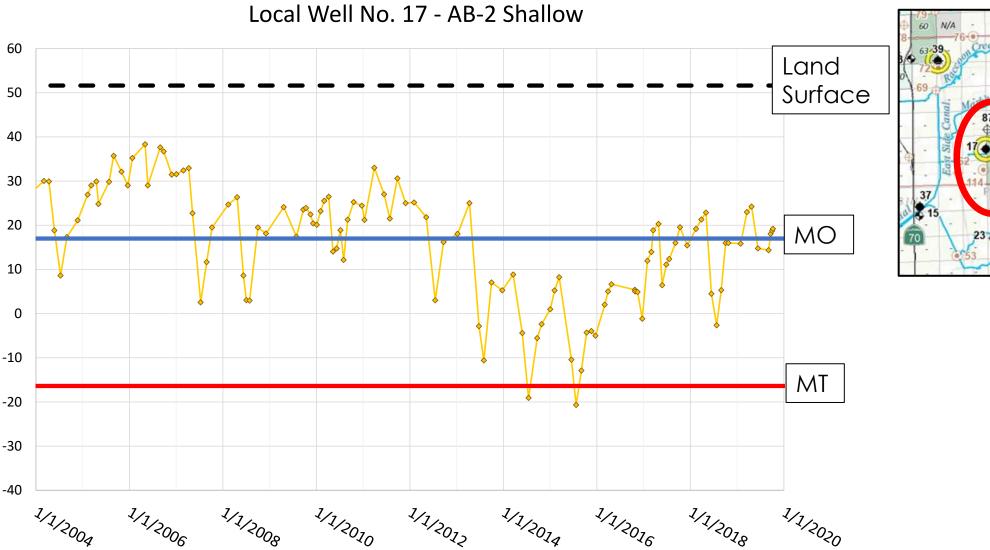
Addressing Surface Water and Environment Users MOs and MTs

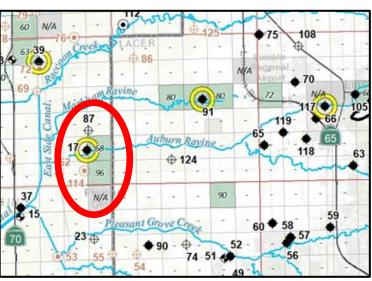






Example Draft MO and MT for Domestic Well Users





Representative Monitoring Wells With Total Well Depth/Screen Interval COUNTY Wells Without Total We Irrigation Well County Boundary SUTTER WATER PLACER GSA COUNTY 128 SUTTER COUNTY 21 PLACER COUNTY Compiled Groundwater Level North American Subbasin Sutter, Placer and Sacramento Counties Representative Monitoring Wells North American Subbasin

Current Draft Representative Water Level Wells

- Good coverage more than 40 wells
- More than six wells per hundred square miles
- Will continue to refine through time

Water Quality MOs and MTs

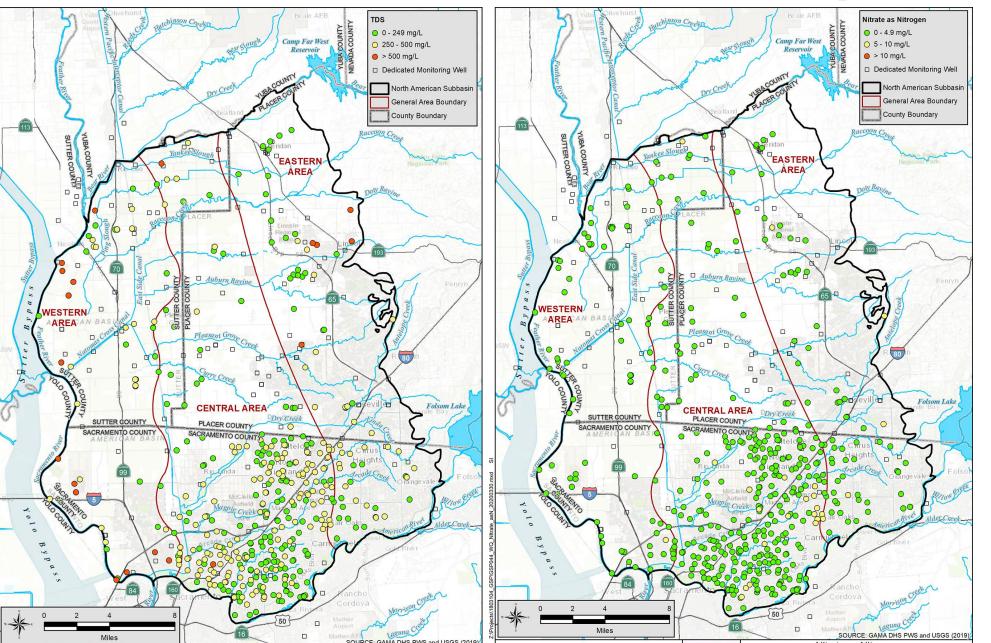


Set for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and Nitrate

Measurable Objective (MO) = Average of current concentrations

Minimum Threshold (MT) = Drinking Water Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

Current Water Quality Conditions



PWS Well SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Water Quality Approach

- Use public water supply and Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program wells that already analyze for TDS and nitrate
- Use <u>sentry wells</u> near areas high TDS

250 - 500 mg/L Wells With Total Wel Depth/Screen Interva Groundwater Flow

Sentry Wells

- Locate wells downgradient of high TDS concentrations or in areas where sparse public supply wells
- Prefer wells with pumps quick and easy to sample
- Use monitoring wells otherwise cost is higher due to labor time to sample

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Hydrologic Conditions

