



Best Management Practices

Chapter 7 of the **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act** (SGMA), in Water Code Section 10729(d), states that, *“By January 1, 2017, the department shall publish on its internet Web site best management practices for the sustainable management of groundwater.”* Prior to the completion of a best management practices (BMPs) document, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) was required to adopt regulations for evaluating groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs), the implementation of GSPs, and coordination agreements by June 1, 2016 (**GSP Regulations**). The GSP Regulations were adopted in May 2016.

The GSP Regulations address BMPs in Section 352.2 (Monitoring Protocols) and Section 352.4 (Data and Reporting Standards). Other than BMPs addressing monitoring protocols and monitoring sites, SGMA and the GSP Regulations provide no direction or limitation with respect to what type of BMPs or additional guidance should be developed to assist groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) with making sustainable groundwater management decisions. During the summer of 2016 DWR solicited public opinion regarding the initial development of BMPs by initiating an on-line survey. The BMP update given to the California Water Commission on August 17, 2016, is available [here](#).

The Draft BMPs will be available for public review and comment on this website after October 28, 2016 (anticipated). Please note that the BMPs do not serve as a substitute for the GSP Regulations or the statutory provisions of SGMA. The BMP public meeting announcement is available [here](#).

Required BMP Public Meetings

DWR is required to develop the BMPs through a public process – the following is the anticipated schedule for the required BMP public meetings. **More information to come soon.**

Events	Schedule*
Release of Draft BMPs for public review and comment	October 28, 2016
Public meetings to discuss Draft BMP: 2:00 PM, Willows City Hall, City Council Chambers, 201 North Lassen Street, Willows, CA 95988	November 14, 2016
Presentation of Draft BMPs to California Water Commission. This includes a public webcast via the CWC website .	November 15, 2016
Public meetings to discuss Draft BMP: 4:00 PM, Clovis Veterans Memorial Building, Veterans Room, 808 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612	November 16, 2016
Public meetings to discuss Draft BMP: 1:00 PM, Delhi Community Center, Ballroom, 505 East Central Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92707	November 17, 2016
Final BMPs Released	December 2016

*All dates are subject to change.

More Information

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