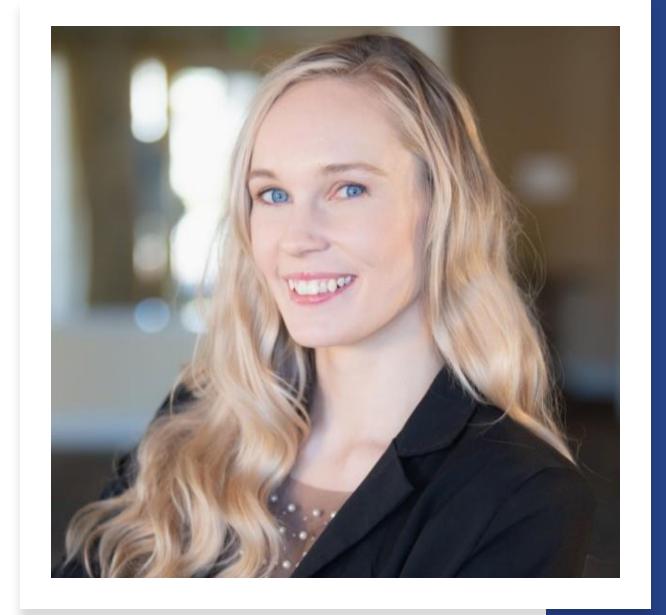
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# Kaweah Subbasin Mitigation Program

A Presentation to

My Job Depends on Water 2023 Grower Event





SGMA goes into effect

GSAs are formed

First GSP is submitted

Implementation commences

DWR sends 1<sup>st</sup> inadequate determination

GSAs submit Amended GSPs DWR sends 2<sup>nd</sup> inadequate determination







The GSAs are working to address DWR's comments to avoid SWRCB probation

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# Why is SWRCB probation undesirable?



Landowner required annual reporting of monthly extractions



Metering requirements (paid for by landowner)





Fees can be raised at any point by SWRCB

## Base Filing Fee

• \$300/well

## **Volumetric Fee**

- \$40/ac-ft
- \$55/ac-ft if SWRCB develops interim plan

## Late Fee

 25% each month applicable

## **DWR's recommendations:**

Refine Water Level Sustainable Management Criteria

Refine Subsidence Sustainable Management Criteria

Develop a Mitigation Program

# What does a Mitigation Plan do?

Outlines a process for impacted well owners to receive technical and/or financial assistance to mitigate

Impacts must be related to groundwater overdraft (post-GSP implementation) to qualify for assistance



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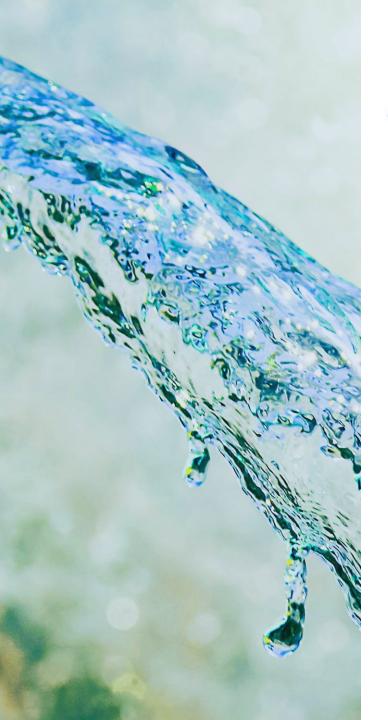
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Coordinated framework that lays out the minimum requirements of the GSA-specific Mitigation Plans

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GSA Performs Initial Stakeholder Outreach



Claimant Identifies Need for Mitigation by Filing a Claim Application with GSA



GSA Performs Pre-Qualification Review



**GSA** or Contractor Performs Technical Investigation



Mitigation Qualification Evaluated by GSA's Technical Advisory Commitee (TAC). The TAC Shall Recommend a Mitigation Measure to the GSA Board for Consideration.



Appropriate Mitigation Determined by **GSA** and Claimant



Mitigation and Indemnification Agreement Signed by Claimant and GSA



**GSA** Awards **Qualifying Claimant** with Agreed Upon Mitigation Support

# What is the process?



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Each GSA has developed a Mitigation Plan that identifies mitigation claims process, claim eligibility, and types of mitigation available.

# **Public Comment Period is Open!**







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