



Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development

The California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) requires local agencies to form groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) in numerous groundwater basins across the state of California, including the Mound Basin, which spans from downtown Ventura to approximately Kimball Road between the foothills on the north and the Oxnard Basin on the south. In June of 2017, the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MBGSA) was formed and began working on staffing the agency and studies, which will help inform development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The GSP, which is required under SGMA, will be designed to maintain or achieve sustainable groundwater conditions within 20 years. Following adoption, the GSP will be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources on or before January of 2022 for review.

GSP Public Workshop

MBGSA plans to schedule its first public workshop this Spring. The workshop will focus on the basin setting and a preliminary discussion of sustainable basin management considerations.

Please stay tuned for the workshop details!

The agency has five board members: one elected Director from United Water Conservation District (UWCD); two appointed managers from City of Ventura Water and County of Ventura; and two public members representing agricultural and environmental interests. The agency secured a \$758,000 grant from the Department of Water Resources. The grant will pay for a considerable portion of the GSP costs, the remainder coming from a pumping fee.

Development of the GSP began in late 2019. The MBGSA Board of Directors has approved contracts with three entities that will team to prepare the GSP. The GSP development team is led by Bryan Bondy, Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc. who also serves as the Agency's Executive Director. UWCD's technical staff will prepare the primary technical components of the GSP, leveraging UWCD's prior studies, groundwater modeling, and groundwater monitoring program. Mr. Bondy and UWCD are assisted by Intera, Inc. Mr. Bondy and Intera will focus on developing the sustainable management criteria and projects and management actions.



MBGSA encourages your participation in the GSP development process and welcomes your comments. The MBGSA Board of Directors typically meets every 3rd Thursday at 1 pm, typically at the Ventura City Hall. Past meeting agendas can be found on the agency website <https://www.moundbasingsa.org/>, which also contains a schedule for preparing the GSP, and contact information. Future meeting agendas will be posted prior to each meeting.

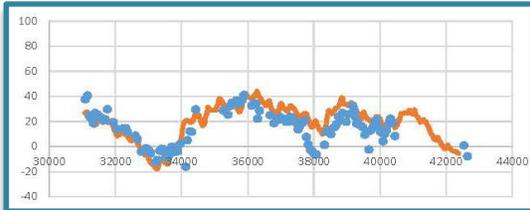
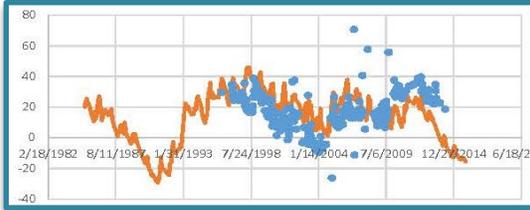
MBGSA Member Agencies

MBGSA was formed under a Joint Powers Authority agreement between:



MBGSA Needs Your Data!

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires GSAs use the “best available data and information” when developing GSPs. MBGSA is going to great lengths to ensure it meets or exceeds this standard. The Agency is compiling data from numerous sources, including the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, California Department of Water Resources, California Division of Drinking Water, California State Water Resources Control Board, United States Geological Survey, and the MBGSA Member Agencies. However, we realize that you may have data not available from these sources. Of interest are data regarding groundwater levels, groundwater quality, surface water flow, and surface water quality. MBGSA Board members urge you to share any data as soon as possible. Substantial data are already being studied to prepare the hydrogeologic conceptual model and groundwater conditions sections of the GSP that will be presented at a workshop this coming spring, but your data may make the GSP better! Please contact Executive Director Bryan Bondy with any data at bryan@moundbasingsa.org.



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Board Meetings

Regular Board Meetings are scheduled monthly on the third Thursday. Please visit our website for more information.

To receive Board meeting agendas via e-mail, please contact the Clerk of the Board Kris Sofley at kriss@unitedwater.org

Get Involved!

At the core of SGMA is the idea that locals should make groundwater management decisions, not the State. Your input is critical for ensuring the Mound Basin GSP reflects local values. Get added to our interested parties list by contacting the Clerk of the Board Kris Sofley at kriss@unitedwater.org

