

# APPENDIX E

## Tehama GSA – Fee Outreach

# Public Meetings

## Updates on Managing Groundwater in Tehama County

**December 3 | 6:00-7:30 PM:** Red Bluff Community Center, 1500 S Jackson St, Red Bluff, CA

**December 4 | 6:00-7:30 PM:** Rodgers Theater 1217 Solano St, Corning, CA



## TEHAMA COUNTY

FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District invites you to public meetings about recent updates for sustainable groundwater management in Tehama County.

### Both meetings will cover:

- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements and implementation -- the state law under which California operates.
- Updates on local groundwater conditions.
- Projects and management actions underway to help achieve long-term groundwater sustainability in Tehama County (i.e., increase groundwater supply, manage demand, and mitigate dry wells).
- An overview of past and future funding structures - including potential state grants and County fees.
- Ways to get involved and improve public engagement.

**Make the most of these informal opportunities to learn about groundwater management in Tehama County. Get involved! We value and encourage your feedback and recommendations.**

Register for one of the meetings below at this link:  
<https://bit.ly/tehamagroundwater>



**Wed, Dec 3 | 6:00-7:30pm**  
**Red Bluff or Online (listen-in only)**

**Thurs, Dec 4 | 6:00-7:30pm**  
**Corning or Online (listen-in only)**

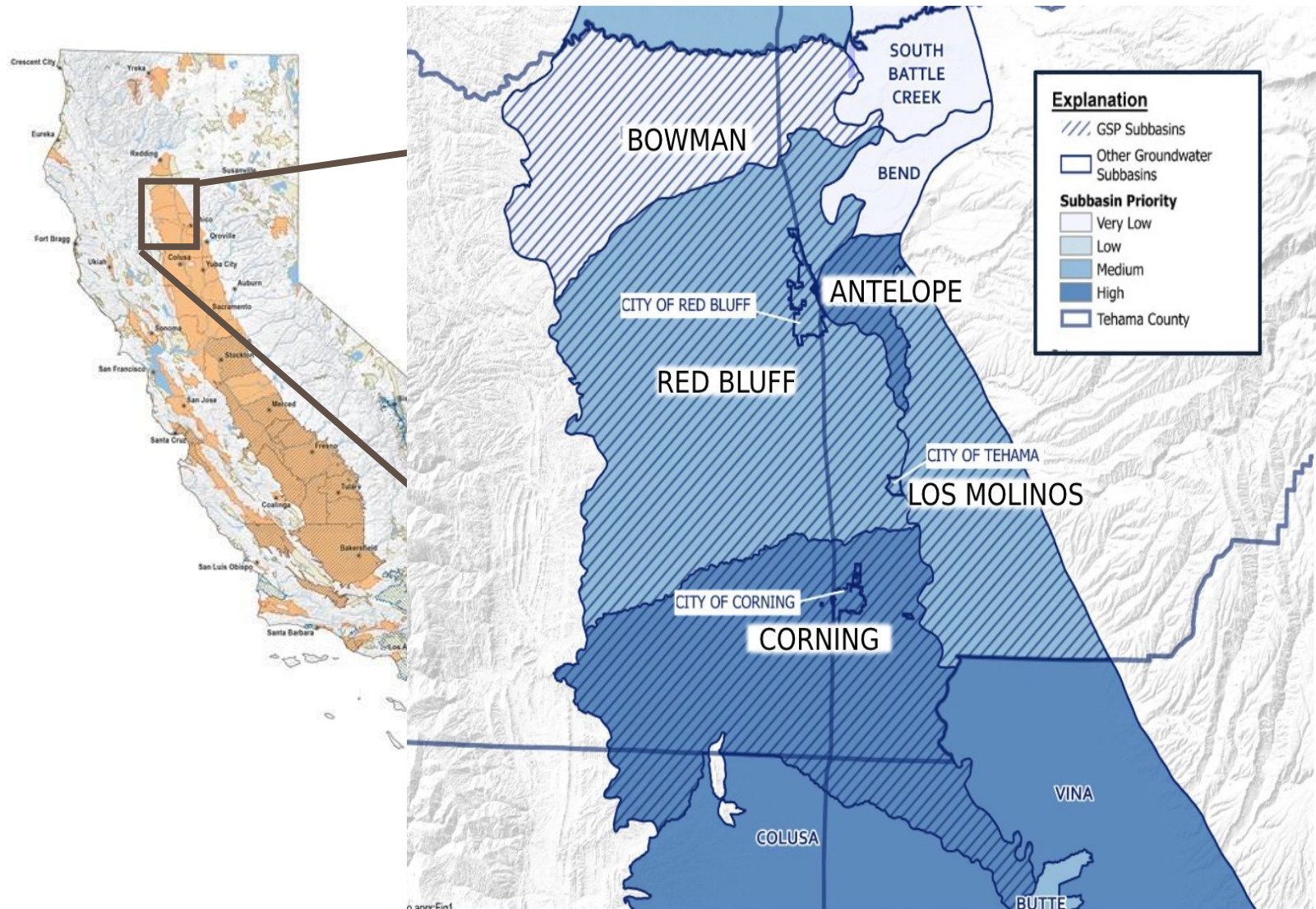
*Both meetings will cover the same information.*

*Si se necesita los servicios de traducción para asistir a los eventos, comuníquese con Adriana Langanica a [alanganica@tcpw.ca.gov](mailto:alanganica@tcpw.ca.gov) antes del 26 noviembre.*



# Subbasins in Tehama County

Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) have been developed for five subbasins: Bowman, Red Bluff, Antelope, Los Molinos, and Corning. The Corning Subbasin extends into Glenn County, and the District is coordinating with the Corning Sub-basin GSA on a single GSP for the subbasin.



## Want more information?

- Sign Up for the interested parties email list at [tehamagsa@tcpw.ca.gov](mailto:tehamagsa@tcpw.ca.gov)
- Attend Groundwater Commission and District Board meetings. Meeting details are posted on the website
- Learn more about Tehama County subbasins and SGMA ([TehamaCountyWater.org](http://TehamaCountyWater.org))
- For information on the Corning Subbasin and Corning Subbasin GSP ([CorningSubbasinGSP.org/](http://CorningSubbasinGSP.org/))



**TEHAMA COUNTY GROUNDWATER BASINS**  
**SGMA IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE PUBLIC MEETINGS**  
**DEC 3 RED BLUFF | DEC 4 CORNING**

**PUBLIC MEETINGS | 6:00-7:30 PM**

**Wednesday, December 3 | Red Bluff Community Center**

1500 S Jackson St, Red Bluff, CA 96080, USA

**Thursday, December 4 | Rodgers Theater in Corning**

1217 Solano St, Corning, CA 96021, USA

**MEETING OBJECTIVES**

- Educate the public on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements and implementation, current groundwater conditions, and overdraft estimates.
- Present the comprehensive projects and management actions underway to help achieve long-term groundwater sustainability in Tehama County (i.e., increase groundwater supply, manage demand, and mitigate dry wells).
- Share an overview of past and future funding structures - including potential state grants and County fees.
- Highlight opportunities to stay involved and improve public engagement going forward.

**AGENDA**

Start Time	Agenda Item
6:00 PM	<b>Open and Welcoming Remarks</b>
6:05 PM	<b>Meeting Orientation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introductions</li> <li>● Meeting objectives</li> <li>● Agenda review</li> </ul>
6:10 PM	<b>Where We Are: Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Implementation &amp; Groundwater Conditions Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SGMA basics &amp; State requirements</li> <li>● Role of Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Commission</li> <li>● Water Budget</li> </ul>
6:30 PM	<b>What We're Doing: Overview of Actions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increasing water supply</li> <li>● Managing demand for water</li> <li>● Mitigating dry wells</li> <li>● How you can help</li> </ul>
7:00 PM	<b>How We're Funding This: State Grants &amp; County Fees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Estimated costs</li> <li>● Funding approaches thus far</li> <li>● Upcoming fee structure options</li> </ul>

<b>7:20 PM</b>	<b>Next Steps &amp; Staying Involved</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Upcoming milestones</li> <li>● Outreach strategy</li> <li>● How to get involved</li> <li>● Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
<b>7:30 PM</b>	<i>Open time for further discussion and public input</i> <i>Staff and consultants will be available</i>
<b>8:00 PM</b>	<i>Adjourn</i>

## Groundwater and SGMA Resources

- [Understanding Groundwater video \(4 min\) by CA DWR](#)
- [SGMA 101 brochure by CA Farm Bureau Federation](#)
- [Real-time local groundwater information \(interactive online map\)](#)
- [Tehama County recharge projects Story Map](#)
- [Groundwater demand management factsheet](#)
- [Dry well resources for domestic well owners](#)
- [Volunteer domestic well monitoring program interest form](#)
- [Well Registration FAQs handout](#)
- [Additional resources from Groundwater Exchange](#)
- [Glossary of common terms](#)



These resources and more are available at <https://tehamacountywater.org/gsa/library/>

## Workshop Staff

Convener: Tehama County GSA

- Justin Jenson, Project Manager & Deputy Director of Public Works - Water
- Adriana Langarica, Engineering Tech
- Lena Sequeira, Administrative Assistant

Technical Consultant: Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE)

- Jacques DeBra
- Will Anderson

Facilitation Support: Consensus Building Institute (CBI)

- Sophie Carrillo-Mandel
- Deeqa Mohamed

**To be added to the GSA Interested Parties email list for workshop announcements, email: [tehamagsa@tcpw.ca.gov](mailto:tehamagsa@tcpw.ca.gov)**

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FOR THE FUTURE



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FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# Tehama County Sustainable Groundwater Management Updates

Public Meetings

December 3 & 4, 2025 (6:00 – 7:30 PM)

[TehamaCountyWater.org](https://TehamaCountyWater.org)

# Meeting Objectives

## COMMON TERMS

SGMA (“Sigma”): Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

GSA: Groundwater Sustainability Agency

GSP: Groundwater Sustainability Plan

- Educate the public on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements and implementation, current groundwater conditions, and overdraft estimates.
- Present the comprehensive projects and management actions underway to help achieve long-term groundwater sustainability.
- Share an overview of past and future funding structures - including potential State grants and County fees.
- Highlight opportunities to stay involved and improve public engagement going forward.
- Receive public input on how to balance management actions: supply augmentation vs demand management



# Meet The Project Team

**Convener:** Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District



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- Justin Jenson
- Adriana Langarica
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# AGENDA

**6:00pm** Open and Welcoming Remarks; Agenda Review

**6:10pm** Where We Are: GSP Implementation & Groundwater Conditions Updates

**6:30pm** What We're Doing: Overview of Actions

**7:00pm** How We're Funding This: State Grants & County Fees

**7:20pm** Next Steps & Staying Involved

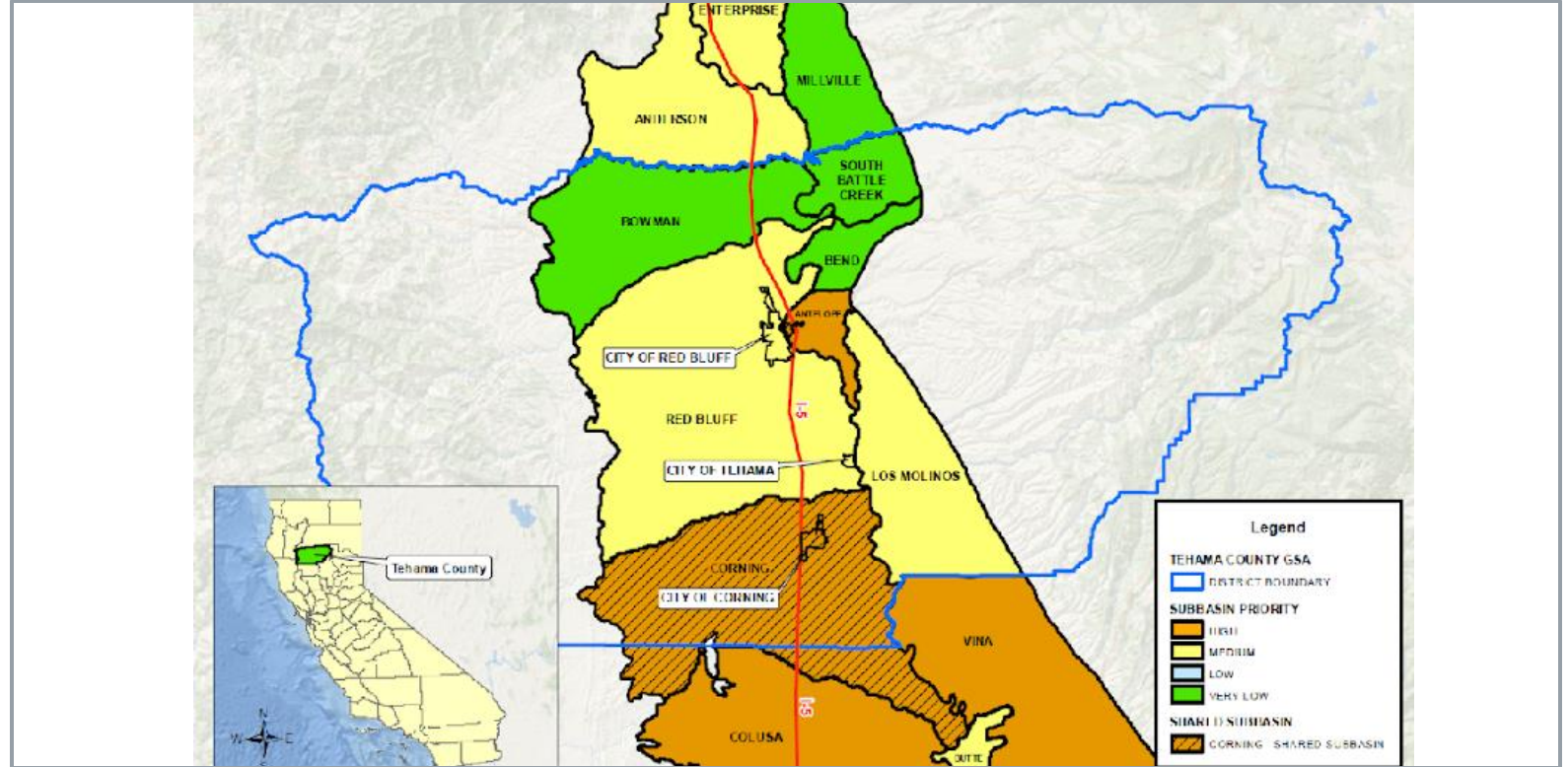
**7:30pm** *Open time for discussion and public input*



# Participation Protocols

*Today we are...*

- Aiming to hear from everyone – please be concise
- Working toward shared understanding – ask questions and listen to understand
- Capturing the public's thoughts
  - Use the mic
  - Submit written comment on cards provided
  - Email [tehamagsa@tcpw.ca.gov](mailto:tehamagsa@tcpw.ca.gov)



# Where We Are

GSP Implementation & Groundwater Conditions Updates

## SGMA Basics



The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) -- law was passed in 2014



Values Local Control  
Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)



Management plans = Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs)



GSPs submitted to the State by January 31, 2022



Sustainability must be achieved within 20 years  
(by 2042)

# What Is the Purpose of SGMA?

- Promote sustainable management of groundwater basins
- Enhance local management to protect our groundwater; State will step in if necessary
- Improve data collection and understanding of groundwater resources and management
- Avoid or minimize undesirable results to groundwater

## Undesirable Results



Lowering  
GW Levels



Reduction  
of Storage



Land  
Subsidence



Degraded  
Quality



Surface Water  
Depletion



Seawater  
Intrusion

# Tehama County GSA: Governance

## Guidance & Recommendations Groundwater Commission

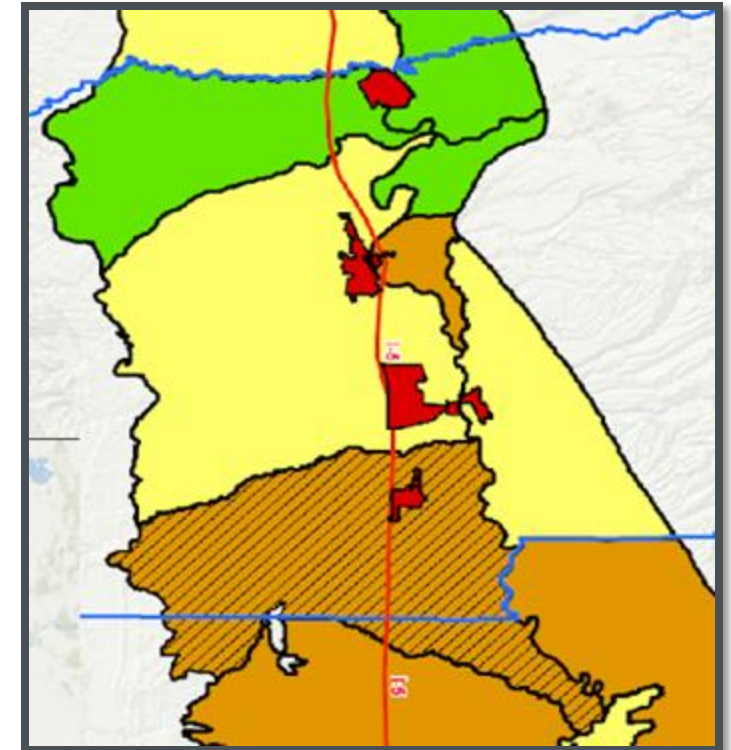
11 members representing cities, private pumpers, surface water and groundwater agencies, and County Supervisorial Districts

Meets 4th Wed. of the month at 8:30 am

## Final Decision-Making District Board of Directors

Comprised of 5 County Board of Supervisors:  
Hansen, Burroughs, Walker, Jones, *vacant*

Meets 3rd Monday of the month at 11am



Meeting Info: [TehamaCountyWater.org](http://TehamaCountyWater.org)

## Support District Staff & Consultants

District staff and consultants receive guidance and input from the Board, Commission, and stakeholders.

District Office and Hours: 1509 Schwab St,  
M-Th, 7:30a-4:30p

## Engagement Throughout Stakeholders and General Public

The GSA aims to raise awareness and engage stakeholders and the general public on GSP elements and SGMA implementation. Continued participation is essential to achieve sustainability.

# Corning Subbasin



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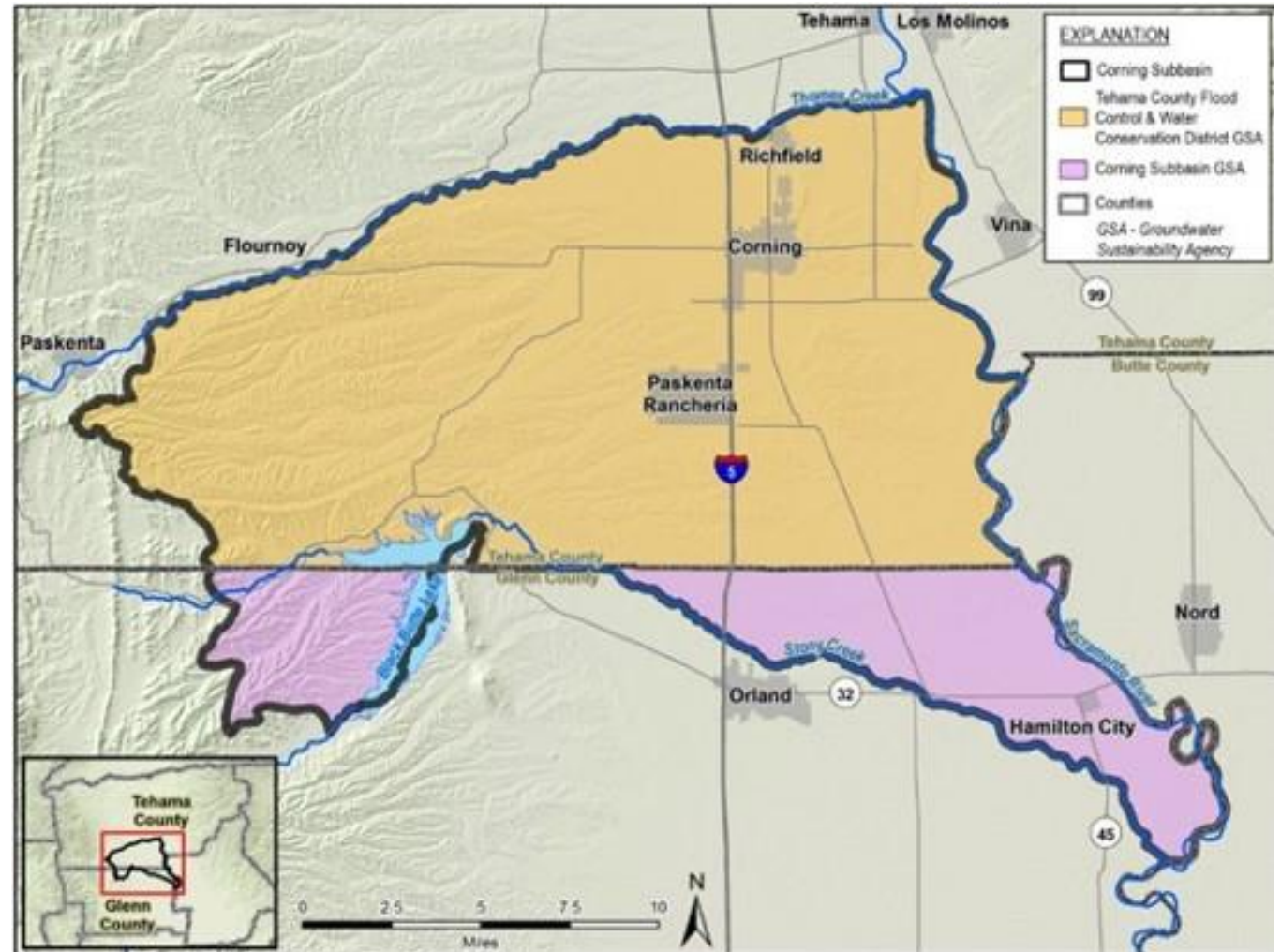
Co-managed by 2 GSAs

- Tehama County GSA
- Corning Sub-basin GSA
  - Glenn County
  - Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
  - Monroeville Water District

1 GSP developed

Corning Subbasin Advisory Board (CSAB) meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

[CorningSubbasinGSP.org](http://CorningSubbasinGSP.org)



# SGMA Implementation Timeline



- [GSPs on website](#)
- Mailing list for updates

TehamaCountyWater.org



Occurring throughout:

- Conduct Outreach & Engagement
- Measure Progress, Evaluate, and Modify

# PAST & ONGOING OUTREACH

- Newsletters
- Fact Sheets & Info Resources
- Public Meetings & Workshops
- Grant Updates Webpage
- Demand Management Survey
- Spanish-Language Radio & Surveys

[Grant Updates Webpage](#)

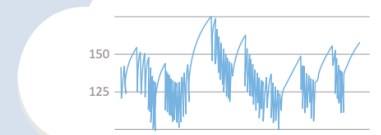


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## GROUNDWATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT

### Join the Antelope Subbasin GSA Community Domestic Monitoring Program

The Antelope Subbasin is establishing a monitoring program to track water levels in 25 volunteer wells over a five-year period. Thanks to grant funding, all monitoring equipment, installation, and data management are covered.



#### Why Do We Need This?

- Wells are at risk of being threatened by businesses and agriculture.
- State law requires groundwater management plans for all medium and large basins to achieve sustainable groundwater levels.
- Four Tehama County Subbasins: Corning, Red Bluff, Los Molinos, and Antelope.

Volunteers provide valuable information on groundwater level data to help manage groundwater sustainably and confidentially. Groundwater data is used to inform decisions on groundwater management.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation  
**Fall 2025 Newsletter** | Corning, Red Bluff, Los Molinos, and Antelope Subbasins



The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) awarded \$15 million to the Corning, Red Bluff, Los Molinos, and Antelope Subbasins for the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District GSA (TCFCWD) Sub-basin GSA (CSGSA). The funding supports implementation of the four Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) and advances critical projects and management actions toward long-term groundwater sustainability. **This newsletter provides updates from the GSAs and the technical consulting team led by Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers.** They work to complete the grant-funded projects during 2026.

#### Updates on Recharging Groundwater

Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) projects are gaining momentum across the region, with new permits, infrastructure, and landowner partnerships well underway. Here are the latest updates from the Corning, Red Bluff, and Los Molinos Subbasins:

**Corning:** Five-year recharge permit applications



# Groundwater Conditions

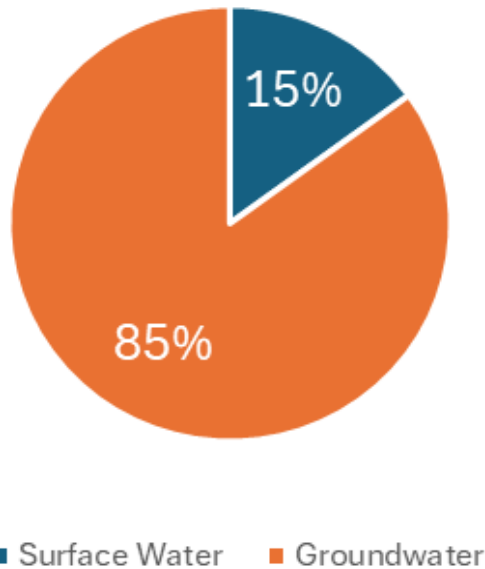
Dec. 2025 Public Workshops



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# Tehama County Water Portfolio – Average Year

Tehama County Water Portfolio - % Total



- Groundwater use increases during dry years.
- Surface water availability decreases during dry years.
- Tracking water conditions = water management tool.

## WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Groundwater Recharge

Using Available SW Supplies

Storm-Flood Water Capture

Demand Management

Monitoring/Assessment

- Monitoring/Assessment part of water management.
- More data can inform water management strategy.

# Tracking Groundwater Conditions

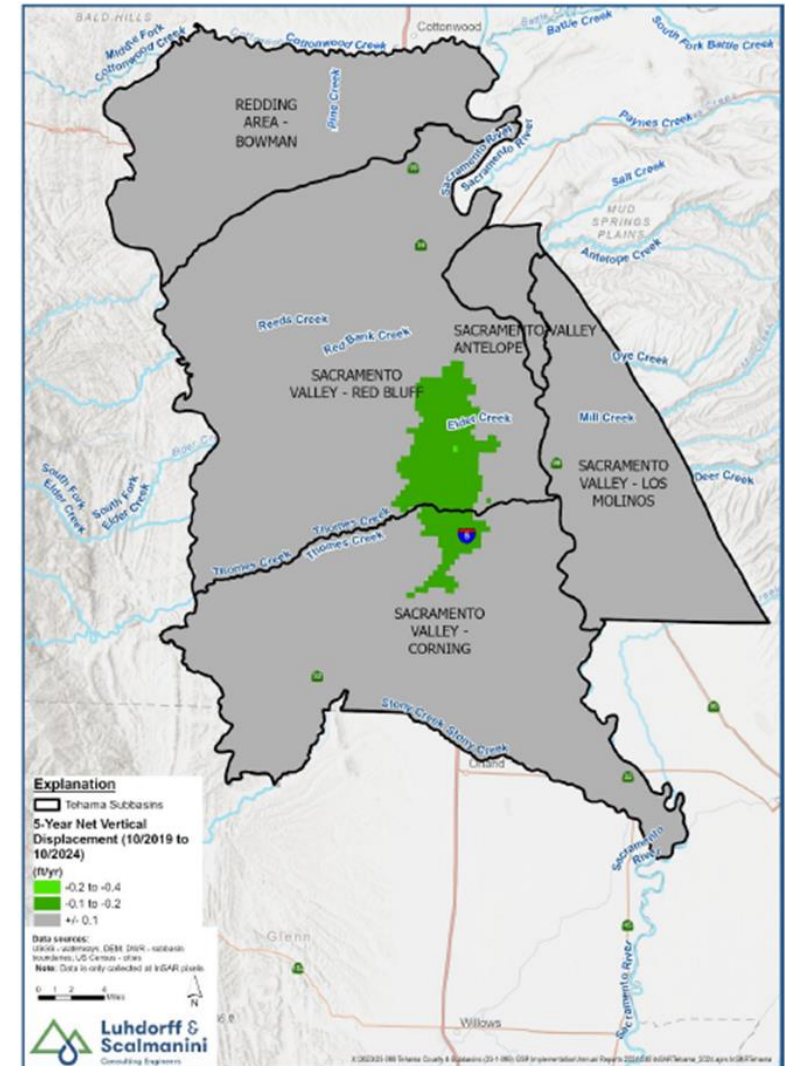
## Tehama Region Groundwater Concerns

- Groundwater Overdraft

Tehama Subbasin	Estimated Overdraft (afy)
Corning	20,000 – 30,000
Red Bluff	15,000 – 20,000
Overdraft varies with hydrologic conditions.	

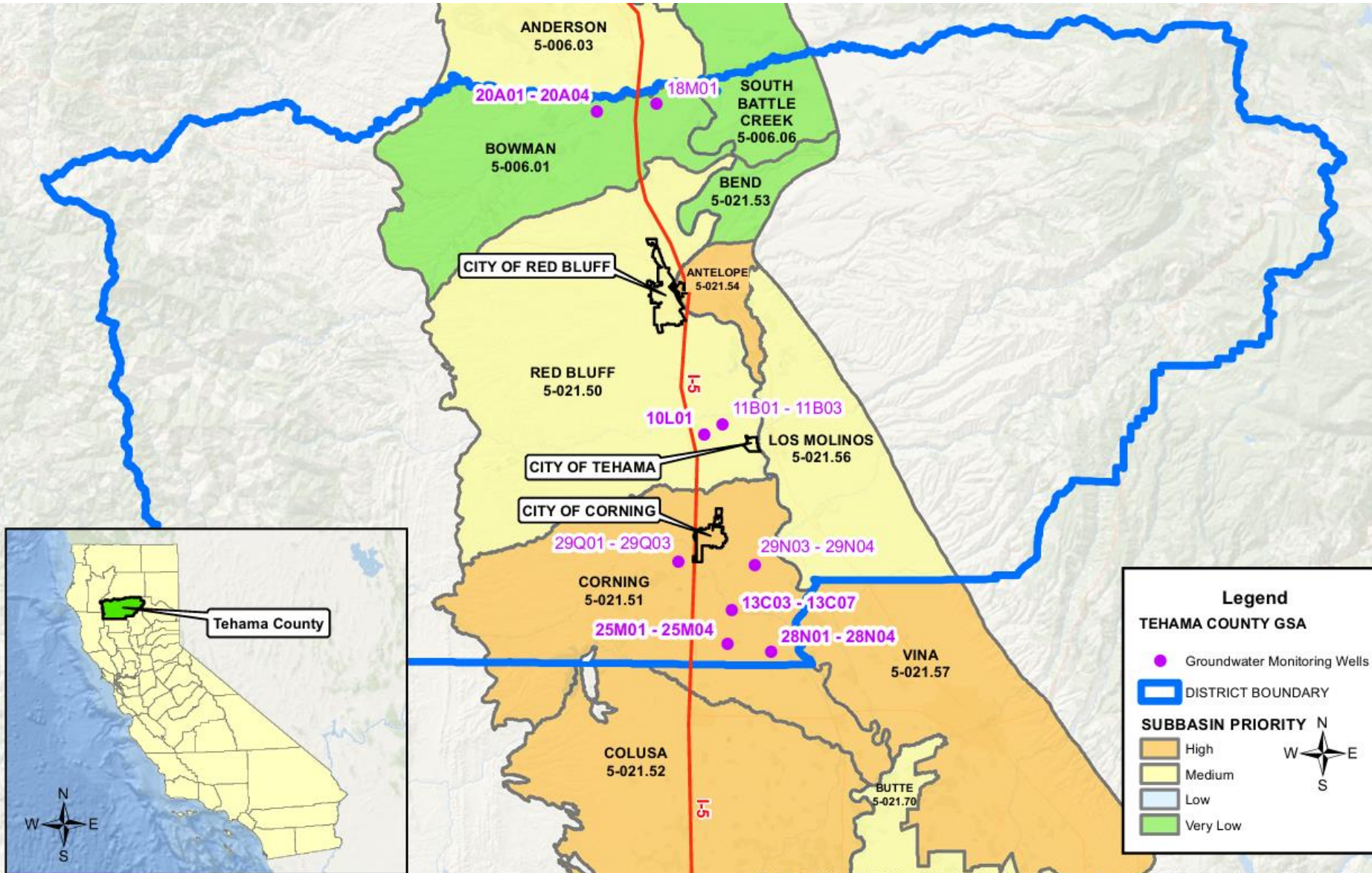
Monitoring helps us identify areas of risk and develop strategies to mitigate risk.

- Groundwater Subsidence – 5 Year Snapshot



# Tracking Groundwater Conditions Part of Water Management Strategy

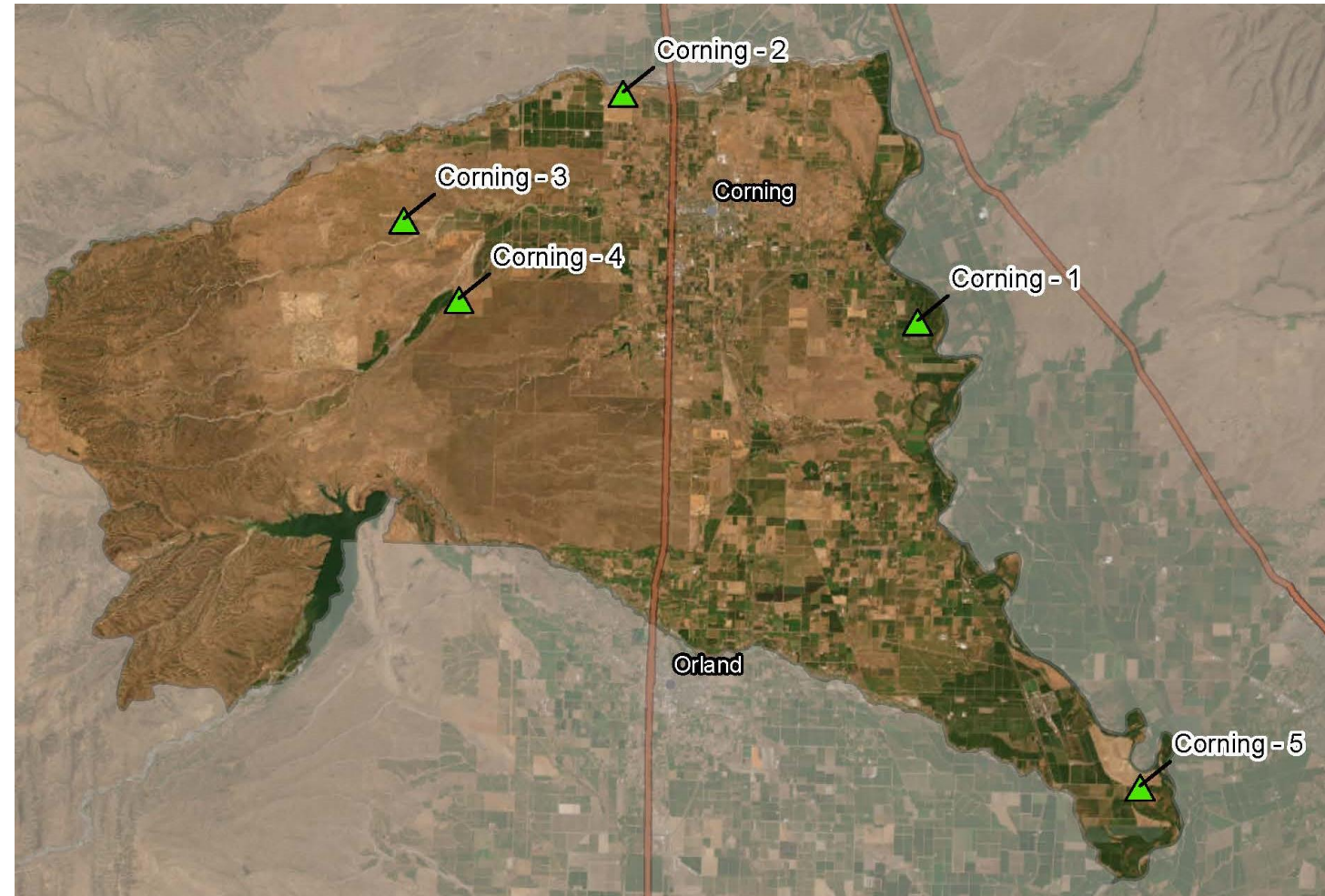
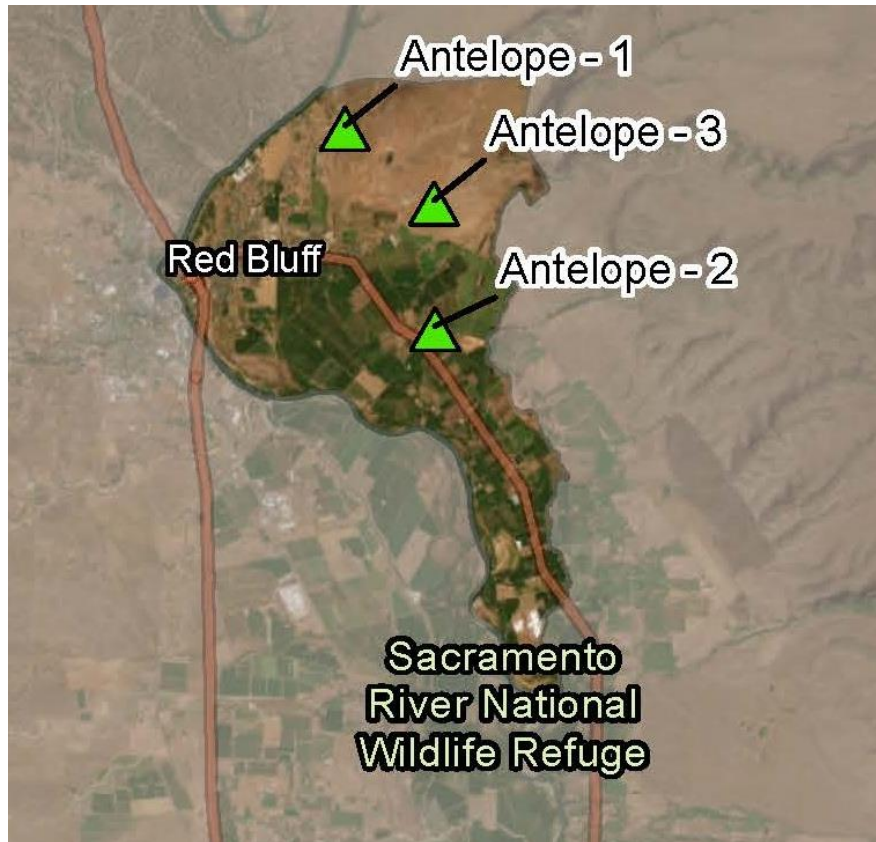
- Existing Monitoring Network Location Map.
- Additional monitoring wells added in 2025 using DWR grant funds.



# Tracking Groundwater Conditions

## Added Monitoring Wells in 2025 – Using DWR Grant Funds

- Additional Multi-Completion Monitoring Wells Added In the Antelope and Corning Subbasins.

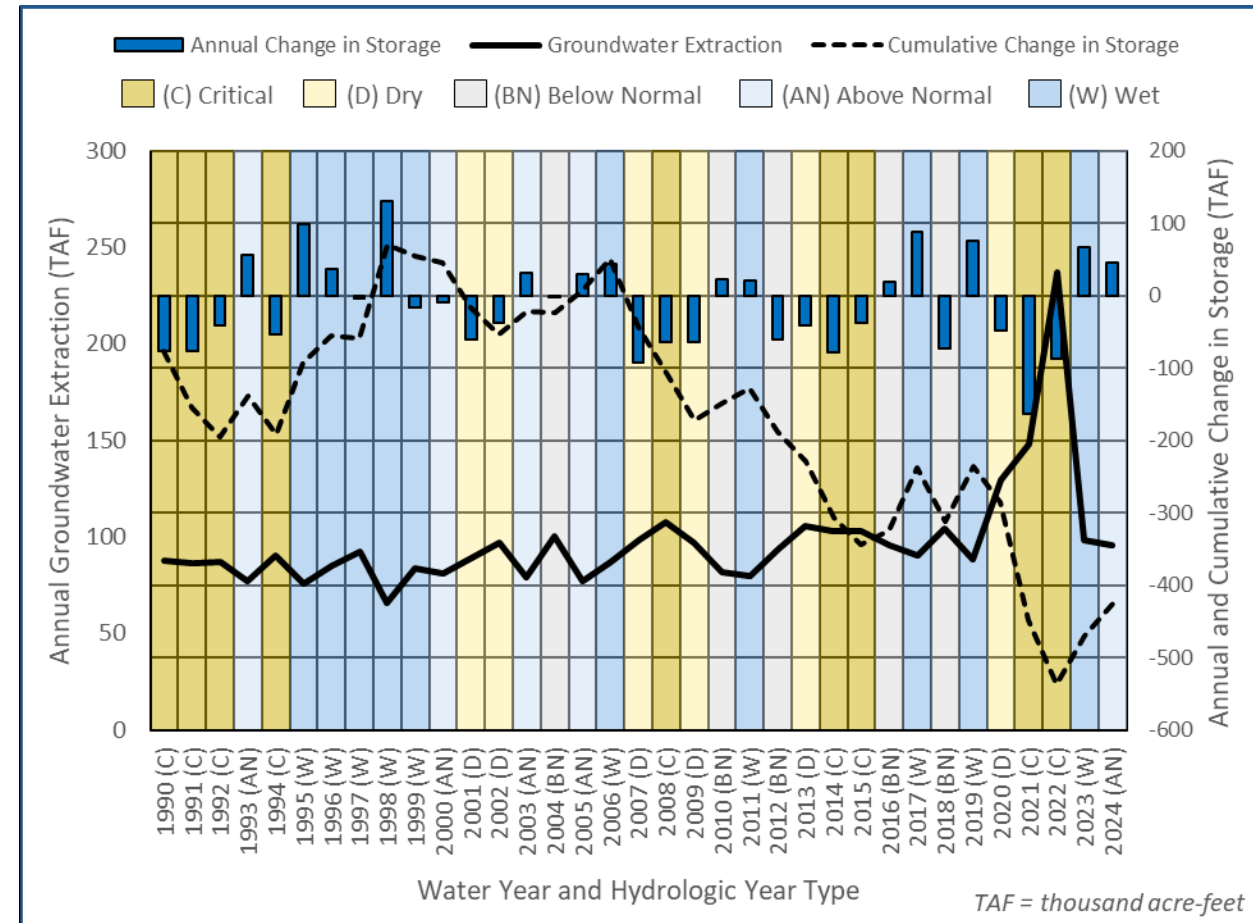
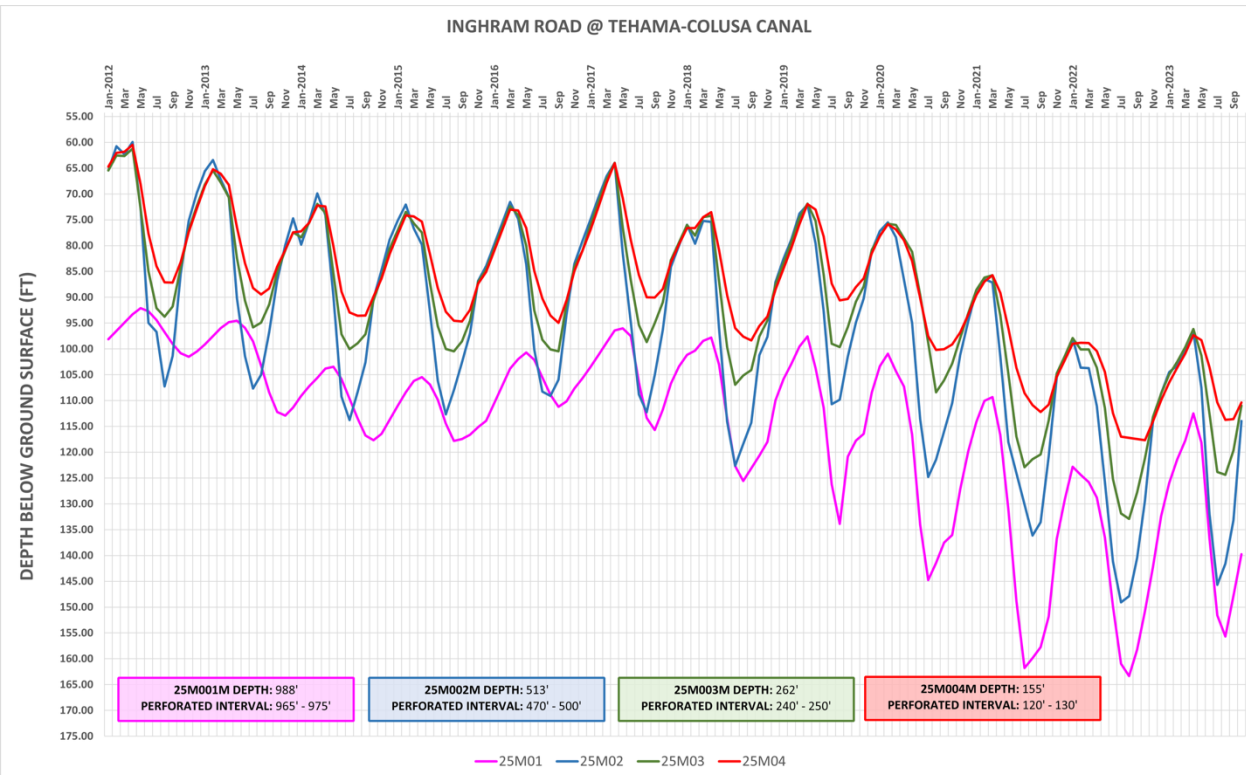


# Tracking Groundwater Conditions

## Examples: Monitoring Data Available

- Individual Well Hydrograph Example

- Changes In Groundwater Storage Example.



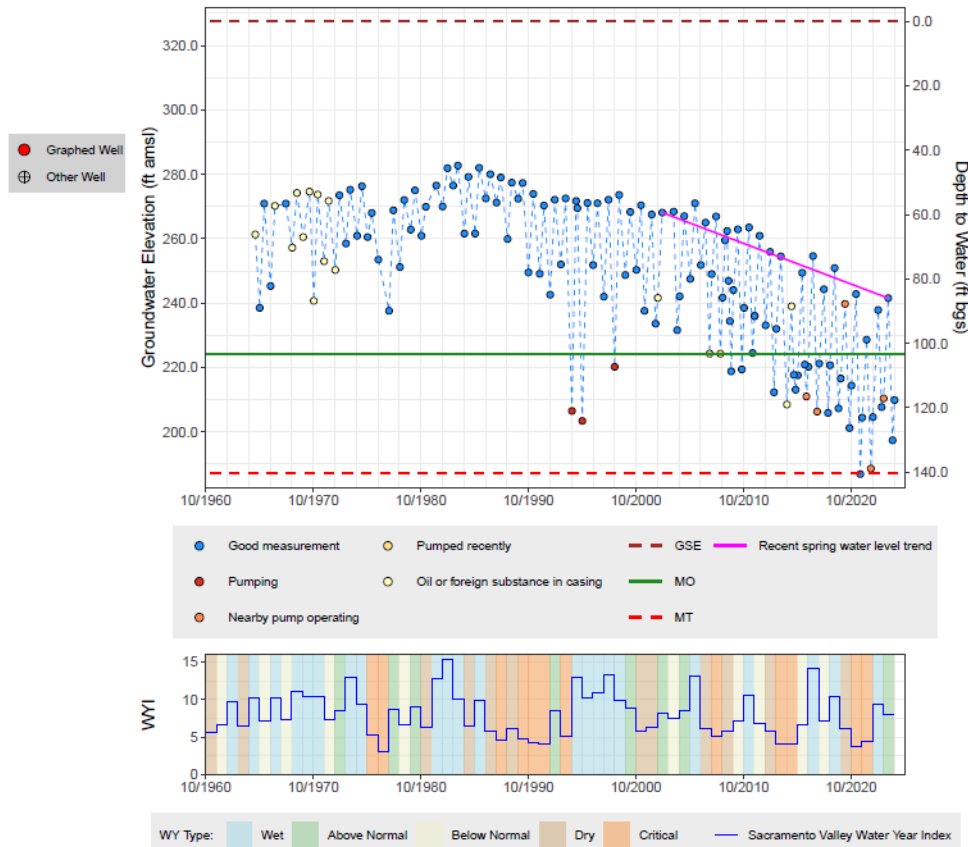
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## Examples of Groundwater Overdraft

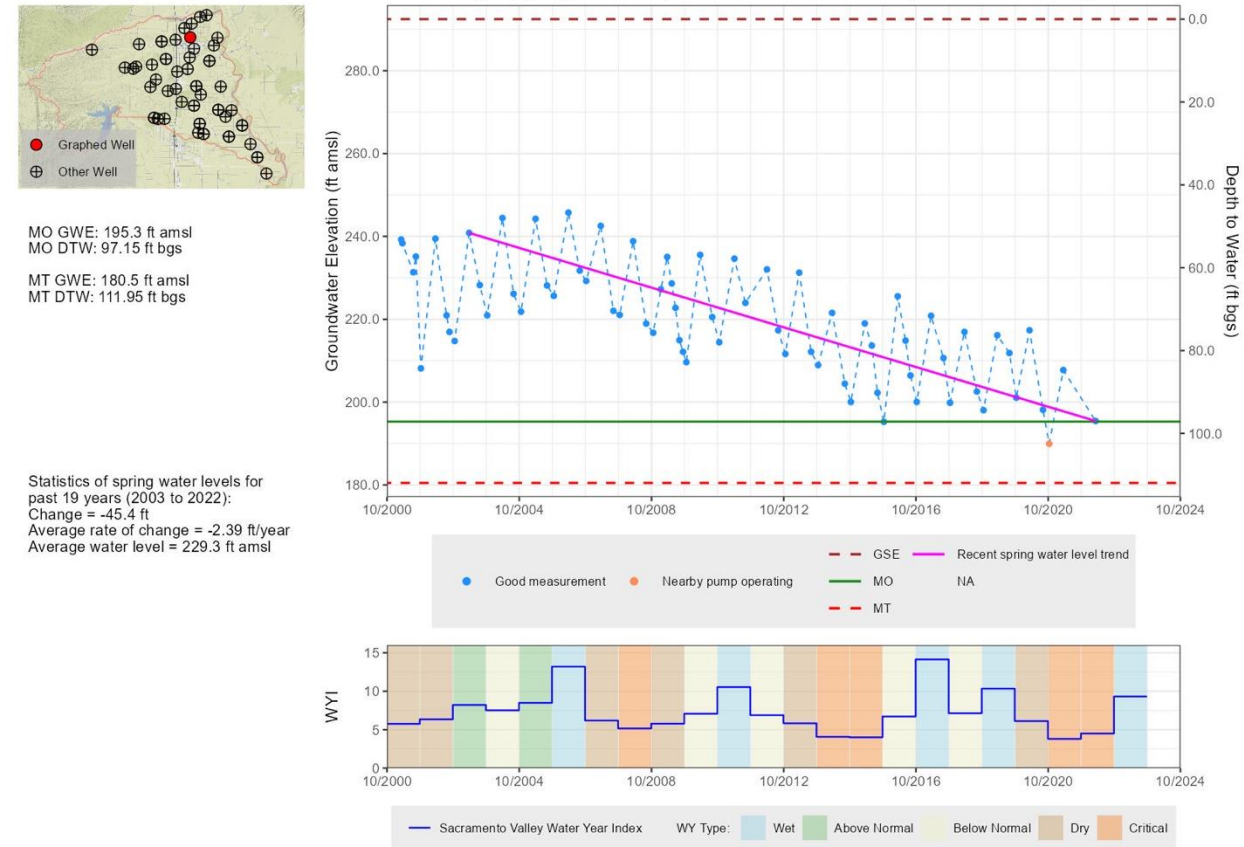
- Example of Overdraft in the Red Bluff Subbasin.

- Example of Overdraft in the Corning Subbasin.

**Red Bluff Subbasin – State Well Number (SWN) 25N03W19N001M (RB-5U)**  
Upper Aquifer Well Depth: 370 ft. Perforation top & bottom: 135 – 358 ft bgs



**Corning Subbasin - State Well Number (SWN) 24N03W14B001M**  
Upper Aquifer (Shallow Zone) Well Depth: 140 ft. Perforation top & bottom: 130 - 140 ft bgs



Groundwater monitoring data link: [Groundwater Level Monitoring - Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation](https://www.lscce.org/groundwater-level-monitoring)

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# GW Levels WY2024 – Red Bluff Subbasin

**Table 5-2. Measurable Objectives, Minimum Thresholds, and Seasonal Groundwater Elevations of Representative Monitoring Site Wells**

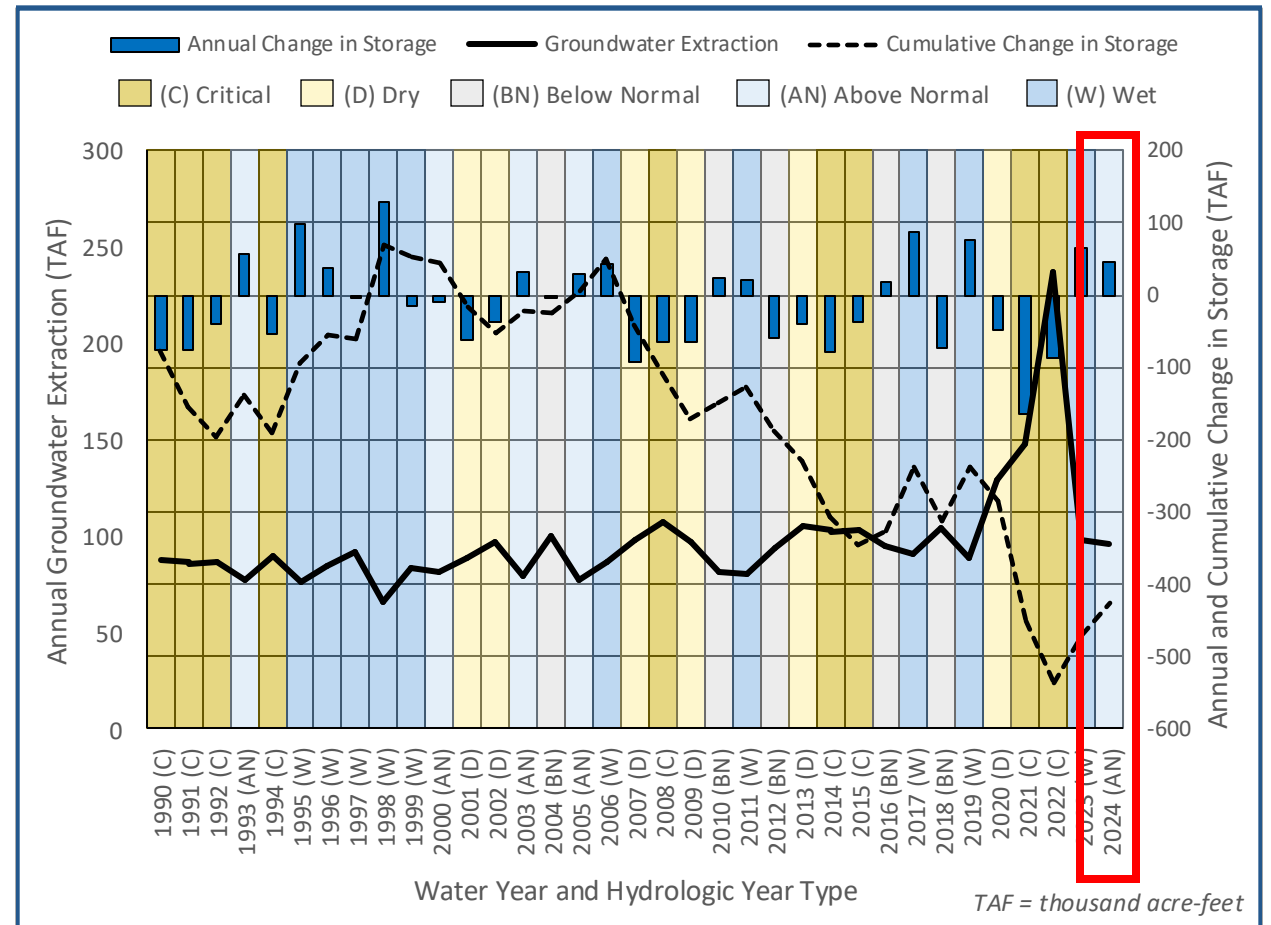
Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) ID	Groundwater Elevation (feet above mean sea level)				Spring 2024 vs. MO	Fall 2024 vs. MO	Spring 2024 vs. Spring 2023 (seasonal high)	Fall 2024 vs. Fall 2023 (seasonal low)
	2024 Measurements		MO	MT				
	Spring (Seasonal High)	Fall (Seasonal Low)						
<b>Upper Aquifer</b>								
RB-1U	435.83	424.93	432.4	394	3.43	-7.47	12.1	-1.4
RB-2U	244.14	--	241.5	221	2.64	--	0.5	--
RB-3U	263.96	--	257.1	255	6.86	--	10.3	--
RB-4U	224.85	195.55	203	169	21.85	-7.45	--	0.26
RB-5U	241.54	209.87	224.2	187	17.34	-14.33	3.7	-0.52
RB-6U	--	402.9	401.3	396	--	1.6	--	--
RB-7U	--	--	329.1	328	--	--	--	--
RB-9U	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Lower Aquifer</b>								
RB-8L	219.86	197.38	202	166	17.86	-4.62	4.92	0.05
RB-10L	424.85	420.74	--	--	--	--	-1.51	-4.71

- 4 of the 5 wells with fall measurements fell below MO in Fall 2024
- No wells fell below the MT in spring or fall 2024
- 3 wells had higher elevations in fall 2023 than fall 2024 (RB-1U, RB-5U, and RB-10L)

# Groundwater Storage in WY2024 – Red Bluff Subbasin

**Table 4-1. Change in Groundwater Storage**

Water Year & Type	Groundwater Extraction (af)	Annual Groundwater Storage Change (af)	Cumulative Groundwater Storage Change (af)
2010 (BN)	95,400	19,000	-323,400
2017 (W)	90,600	88,000	-237,400
2018 (BN)	104,200	-74,000	-311,400
2019 (W)	88,300	75,000	-236,400
2020 (D)	129,300	-49,000	-285,400
2021 (C)	148,100	-164,000	-449,400
2022 (C)	237,300	-87,000	-536,400
2023 (W)	98,000	66,000	-470,400
<b>2024 (AN)</b>	<b>95,800</b>	<b>44,800</b>	<b>-425,600</b>
Historic Averages (2000-2023)			
2000-2023 (23 years)	97,094	-13,835	
W (9 years)	84,680	54,010	
AN (4 years)	78,475	26,875	
BN (5 years)	95,060	-18,600	
D (6 years)	102,617	-57,667	
C (9 years)	116,611	-75,444	



- Total (upper and lower aquifer) change in storage: 44,800 AF
- Cumulative storage reductions during multiple-year drought conditions.

# Groundwater Conditions – Staying Updated!



# What We're Doing Overview of Actions: Supply and Demand

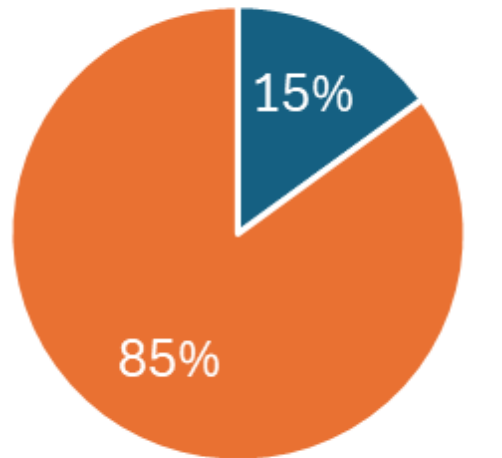
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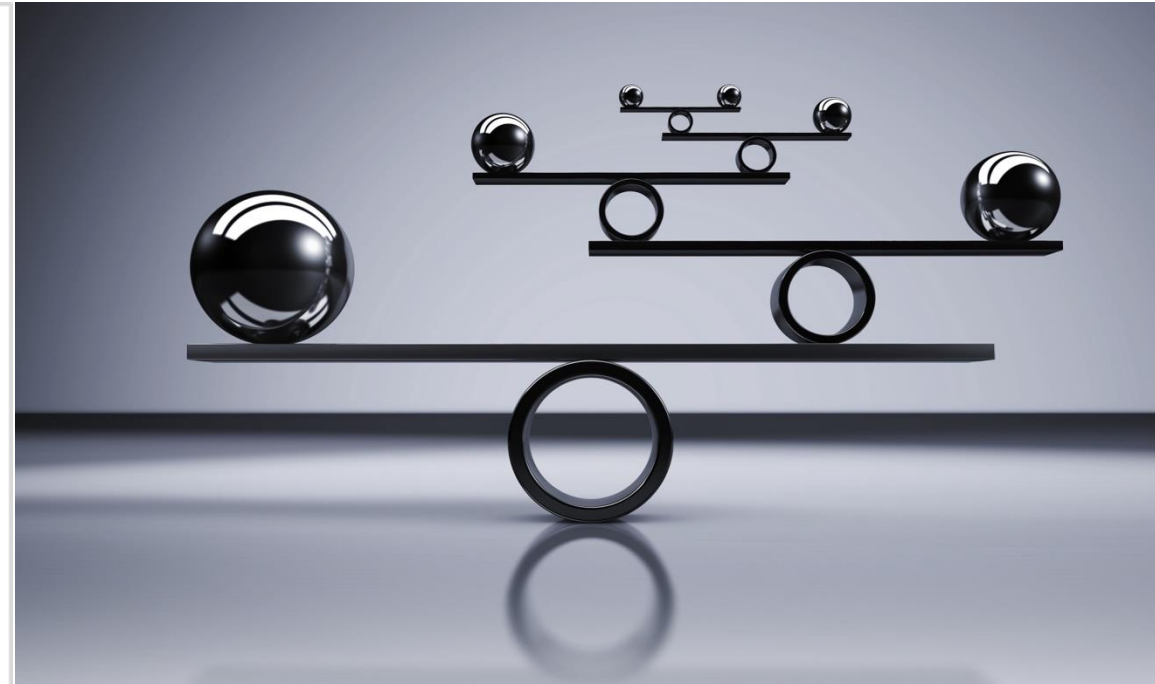
# Tehama GSA Water Portfolio Management

Tehama County Water Portfolio - % Total



■ Surface Water ■ Groundwater

- Groundwater use increases during dry years.
- Surface water availability decreases during dry years.
- Tracking water conditions = water management tool.



- Increasing supplies – e.g. recharge, flood, sw use.
- Reducing demands – through efficiency measures & potential use restrictions.
- Goal = balance supplies and demands.
- Final Supply/Demand mix to be determined.

# Tehama GSA Water Management Approach

## WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Groundwater Recharge

Using Available SW Supplies

Storm-Flood Water Capture

Demand Management

Monitoring/Assessment

- Have tools in the toolbox.
- Apply the tools as needed.
- Allow flexibility for changing conditions.

### Water Management Strategies: Increasing Supplies

- GW Recharge
- Using Available SW
- Flood-Storm Water Capture
- Monitoring/Assessment

### Water Management Strategies: Reducing Demands

- Demand Management
- Monitoring/Assessment

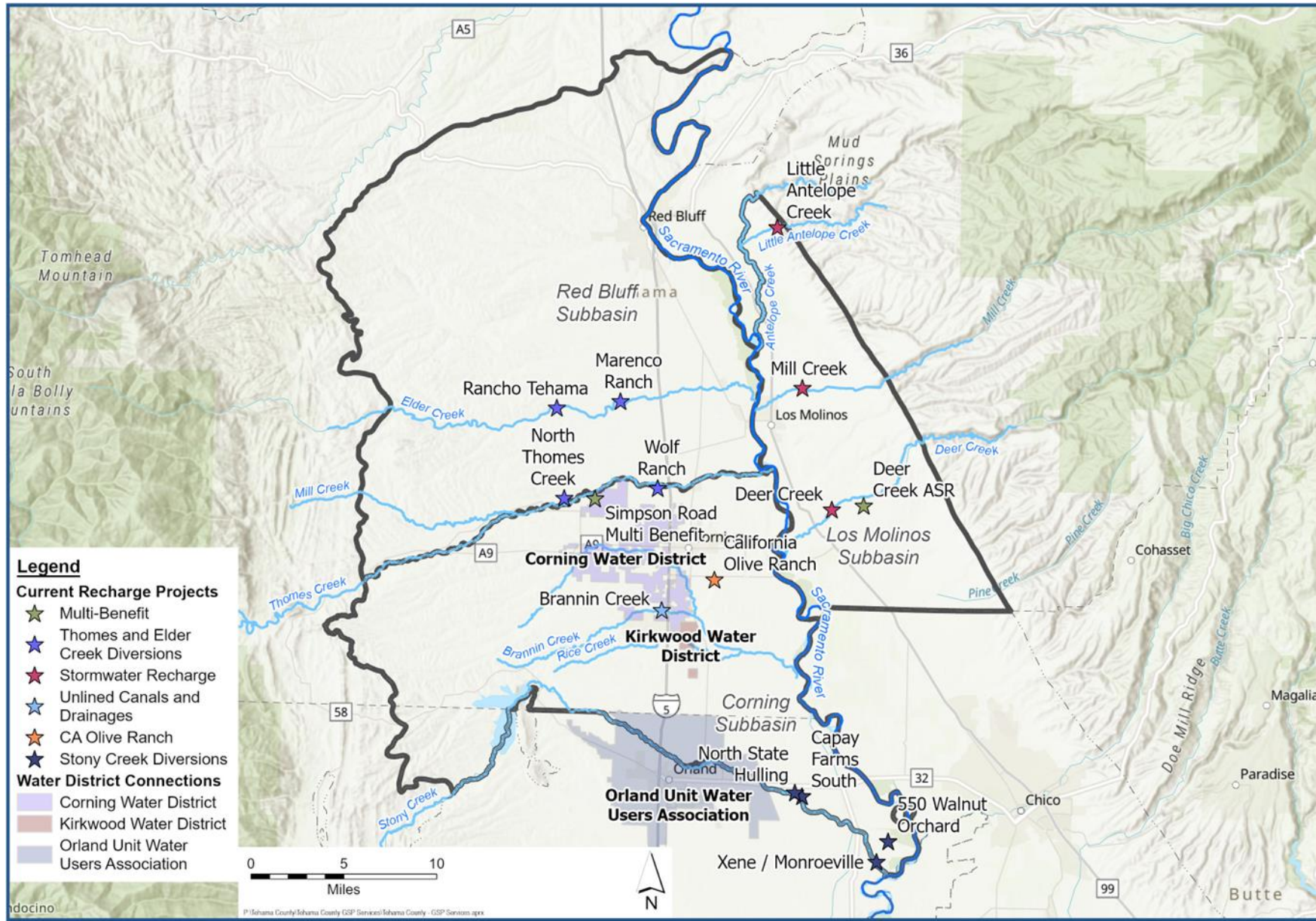
### The Trade-off:

As water supply mix increases, demand management decreases.

As water supply mix decreases, demand management increases.

# Tehama GSA Water Portfolio Management

## Additional Water Supply Evaluation – Project Map



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# Supply-Recharge Projects

Can have high capital costs.

Can have high operational costs.

May require permits and/or environmental compliance.

May require landowner agreements.

Requires landowner cooperation.

New supplies can be cost prohibitive.

Not always the best solution.



# Red Bluff Subbasin Recharge Potential Benefit Summary - Work in Progress

Subbasin	Project	Estimated Annual Recharge
Red Bluff	Multi-Benefit RCD Project	375
Red Bluff	Elder Creek Recharge- Rancho Tehama	220
Red Bluff	Elder Creek Recharge- Marengo Ranch	220
Red Bluff	Thomes Creek Recharge- North Thomes Creek	158
Red Bluff	Stormwater Recharge Assessments	1,000
Red Bluff	Proberta WD	2,500
Red Bluff	Thomes Creek WD	4,175
<b>Red Bluff</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,648</b>

## Average (2015-2024)

- Change in Storage: - **11,820 AFY**
- Groundwater Extraction: - **120,00 AFY**

# Corning Subbasin Recharge Potential Benefit Summary - Work in Progress

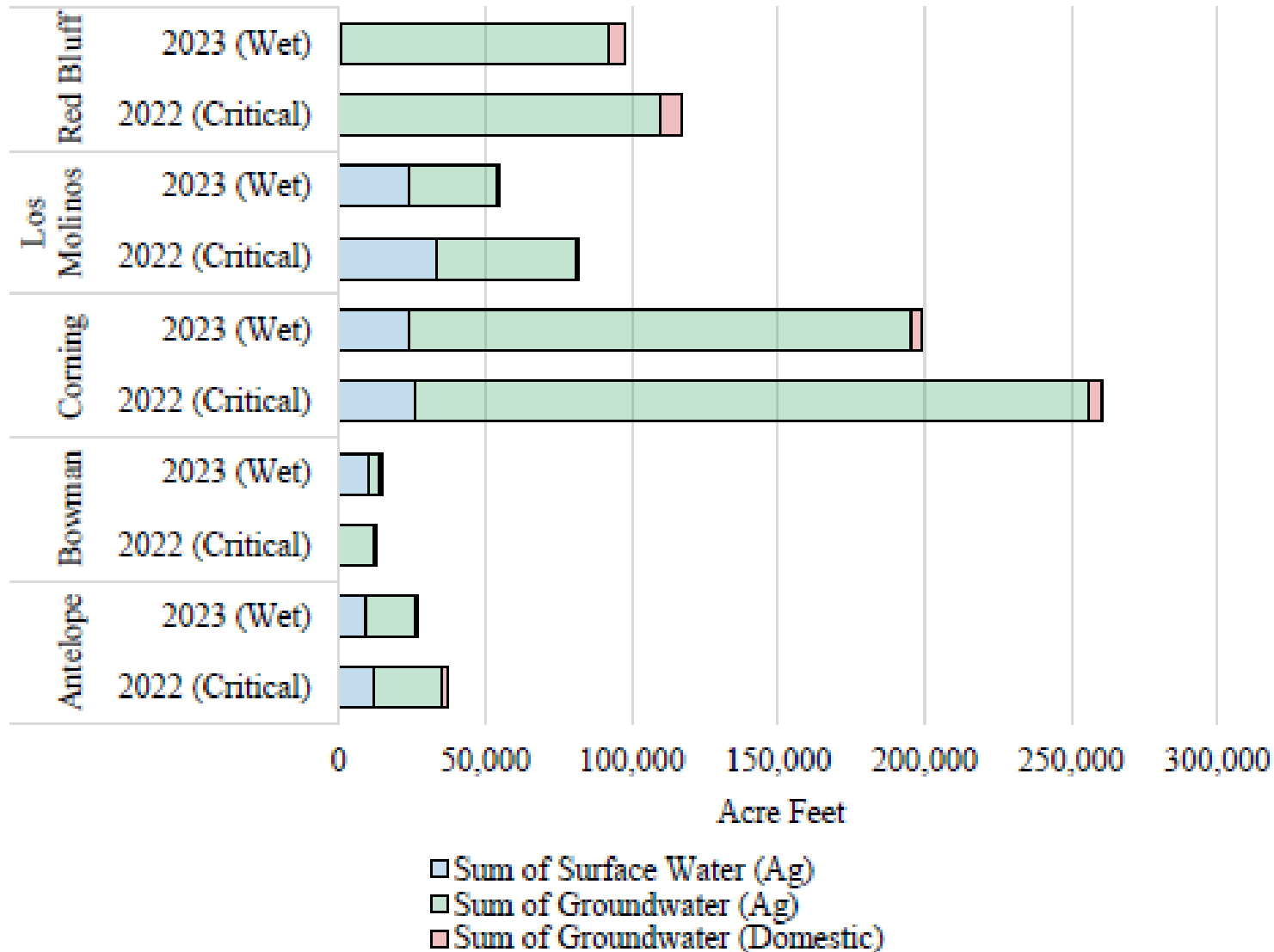
Subbasin	Project	Estimated Annual Recharge
Corning	Simpson Road Multi-Benefit Project	1,360
Corning	Thomes Creek Recharge- Wolf Ranch	160
Corning	Brannin Creek Project	500
Corning	California Olive Ranch	1,142
Corning	Stony Creek Recharge- North State Hulling	300
Corning	Stony Creek Recharge- Capay Farms South	600
Corning	Stony Creek Recharge- Prune Orchard	90
Corning	Surface Water Connections- Corning Water District	1,520
Corning	Surface Water Connections- Kirkwood Water District	832
Corning	Surface Water Connections- Orland Unit Water Users	284
<b>Corning</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,788</b>

### Average (2015-2024)

- **Change in Storage: - 20,000 AFY**
- **Groundwater Extraction: -230,00 AFY**

# Yehama GSA Water Portfolio Management Demand Management Evaluation


Figure 4. Total Water Use by Subbasin, Acre Feet (2022-2023)



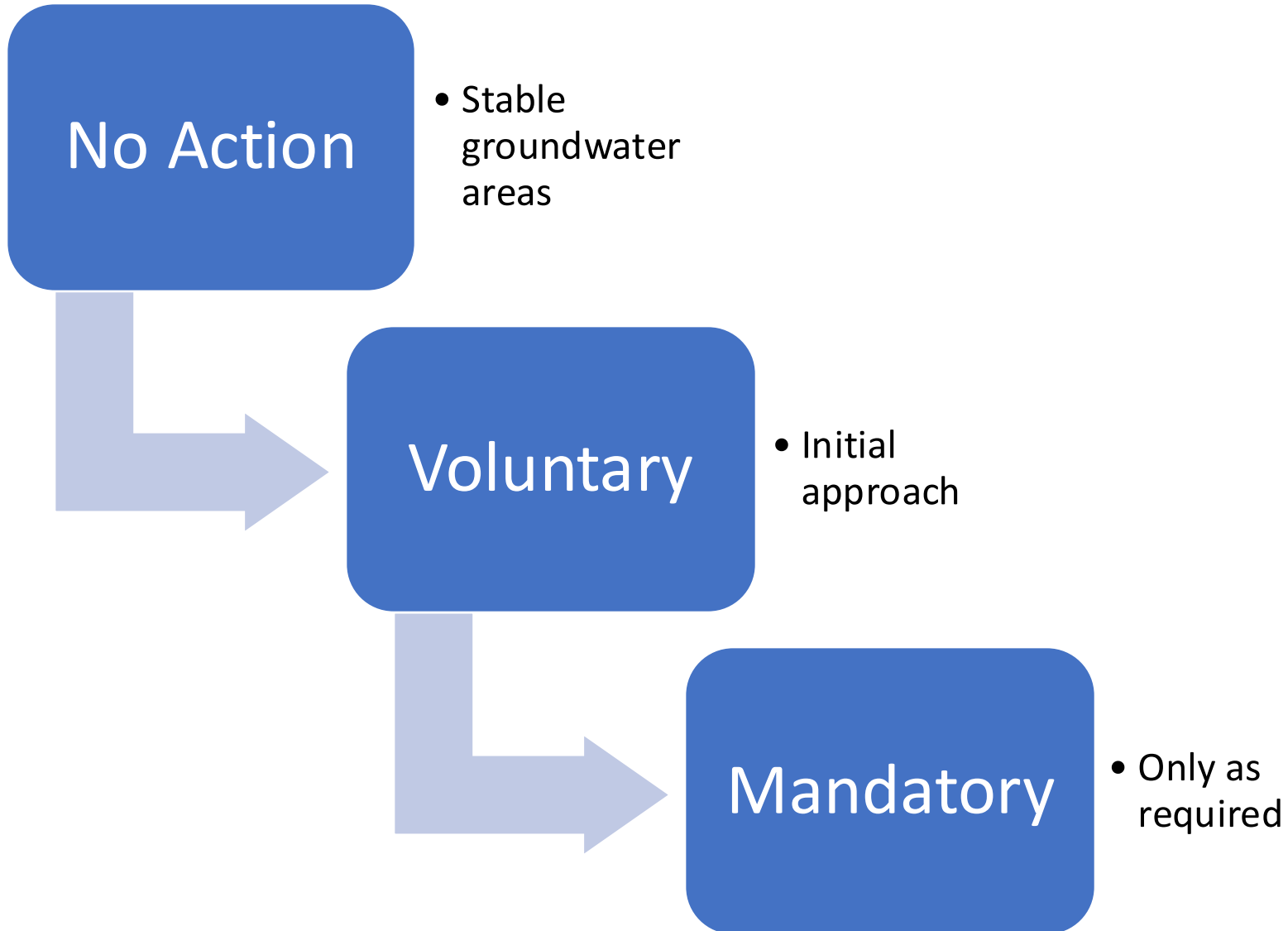
# Tehama GSA Water Portfolio Management Demand Management Evaluation

**Table 2. Summary of Tehama County Subbasin Projects and Management Actions (PMAs)**

Subbasin	Data Improvement	Recharge	In-Lieu	Conservation Education	Non-Beneficial ET	Demand Management
Bowman	Well registration	Various recharge projects		Workshops and materials		Best practices, conservation, incentive programs
Red Bluff	Well registration	6 sites targeted; 535 AFY yield		Workshops and materials	Invasive plant removal	Fees, land use restrictions, following incentives
Antelope	Well registration	Various recharge projects	Utilize SW supplies	Workshops and materials		Best practices, conservation, incentive programs
Los Molinos	Well registration	Various recharge projects		Workshops and materials		Best practices, conservation, incentive programs
Coming	Well registration	12 sites targeted; 1,749 AFY yield	CA Olive Ranch; Utilize SW supplies	Workshops and materials	Invasive plant removal	Fees, land use restrictions, following incentives

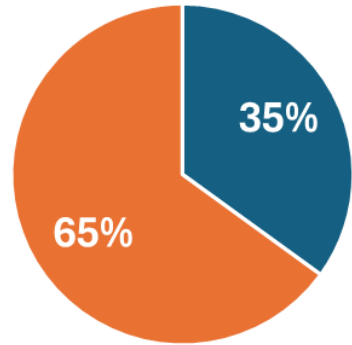


# Lenaha GSA Water Portfolio Management Demand Management Evaluation - Approach



# Scenarios For Meeting Groundwater Sustainability Requires A Mix of Supply and Demand Actions

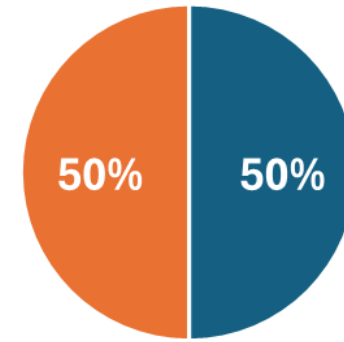
**Scenario 1 - More Demand Management**



■ Groundwater Recharge ■ Demand Management

GSA Ad-hoc Committees are working on evaluating scenarios to achieve groundwater sustainability.

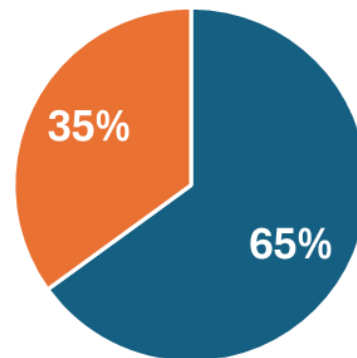
**Scenario 2 - Balanced Approach**



■ Groundwater Recharge ■ Demand Management

Demand management reduces water use at the parcel level.

**Scenario 3 - More Groundwater Recharge**



■ Groundwater Recharge ■ Demand Management

Groundwater recharge replenishes groundwater availability.

# Fine Tuning Recharge vs. Demand Management Solution

Estimated Annual GW Overdraft Range (2025)		
	Corning	Red Bluff
Estimated GW Overdraft	20,000-30,000	15,000-20,000
<b>Recharge Options</b>		
Use SW Sources	1,650	1,650
Recharge-Storm/Flood	7,500	7,500
Unlined Canals/Drainages	750	750
CA Olive Ranch	1,140	
Thomes/Elder Creek Div.	3,050	
Other Recharge Options		
<b>Recharge Sub-total</b>	<b>14,090</b>	<b>9,900</b>
Demand Management	5,910	5,100
Recharge + Demand Mgmt.	20,000	15,000
<b>Overdraft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Overdraft conditions may vary due to changing hydrologic conditions.



Must be cost-effective in selecting optimal mix of recharge and demand management actions that achieve groundwater sustainability goals.

# Achieving Groundwater Sustainability – With Flexibility

Striking a balance between increasing supplies and reducing demands in a cost-effective manner.

## Schedule:

2026 – Programs Begin

2042 – SGMA Deadline



## Costs:

Both supply and demand cost \$.

Total solution cost = \$millions

State Intervention > local costs.

Working together to establish local solutions to maintain local control.

# What You Can Do

*These slides will be posted on [tehamacountywater.org](https://tehamacountywater.org) where the links can be accessed*

Topic	What you can do
<b>Well Registration</b> <a href="#">More Info</a>	Register your well so the County has accurate information and fees are correctly assessed <a href="#">Link to well registration form</a>
<b>Water District Connection</b>	If you're within a water district and not connected, get connected! <i>Email us at <a href="mailto:TehamaGSA@tcpw.ca.gov">TehamaGSA@tcpw.ca.gov</a></i>
<b>Volunteer Monitoring Program</b> More Info: <a href="#">Antelope subbasin</a>   <a href="#">Corning Subbasin</a>	Volunteer your well to monitor groundwater levels, and gain insight into your own well operations <a href="#">Link to learn more or sign up</a>
<b>Landowner Recharge</b> <a href="#">More info about groundwater recharge</a> <a href="#">More info about recharge projects in Tehama County</a>	Tehama GSA is always looking for ideas for recharge projects and landowners who want to help. <a href="#">Link to submit recharge ideas</a>

# What We're Doing Overview of Actions: Mitigating Dry Wells

Dec. 2025 Public Workshops



**Luhdorff &  
Scalmanini**  
Consulting Engineers

# Mitigating Dry Wells – Dry Well Mitigation Program

[On The Tehama GSA Website \(https://tehamacountywater.org/sgmp-round2grant/\)](https://tehamacountywater.org/sgmp-round2grant/):

## **Dry Well Reporting**

Residents with dry wells are encouraged to file a dry well report with Department of Water Resources at <https://mydrywell.water.ca.gov/report/>. Once the report is filed, Tehama County Environmental Health is notified. Reports may be filed directly with Environmental Health by calling (530) 527-8020.

## **Water Available to Residents With Dry Domestic Wells**

Water is available at [Mill Creek Park](#) and [Ridgeway Park](#) for Tehama County Residents with dry domestic wells. This water is for personal use. Bring your own hose and water containers to fill from the water spigot.

[Water Location Flyer](#)

# Mitigating Dry Wells – Dry Well Mitigation Program

On The Tehama GSA Website (<https://tehamacountywater.org/sgmp-round2grant/>):

**Table 4.1. Tehama County - Drought Tracking Measures**

Drought Stage	Rainfall Totals	Groundwater Declines	Dry Wells Reported (DWR + County)	Sac. Valley Water Year Index	CVP Water Supply Cutbacks	Drought Response Actions
1	Normal, Above Avg.	0 wells below MTs	< 5 per month	Wet, Above Normal	0 - 25%	Long-term Resiliency Actions
2	Up to 30% below Avg.	10% wells below MTs	5-10 per month	Below Normal, Dry	25 - 50%	Moderate Drought
3	> 30% below Avg.	> 25% wells below MTs	> 10 per month	Dry, Critically Dry	> 50%	Severe Drought

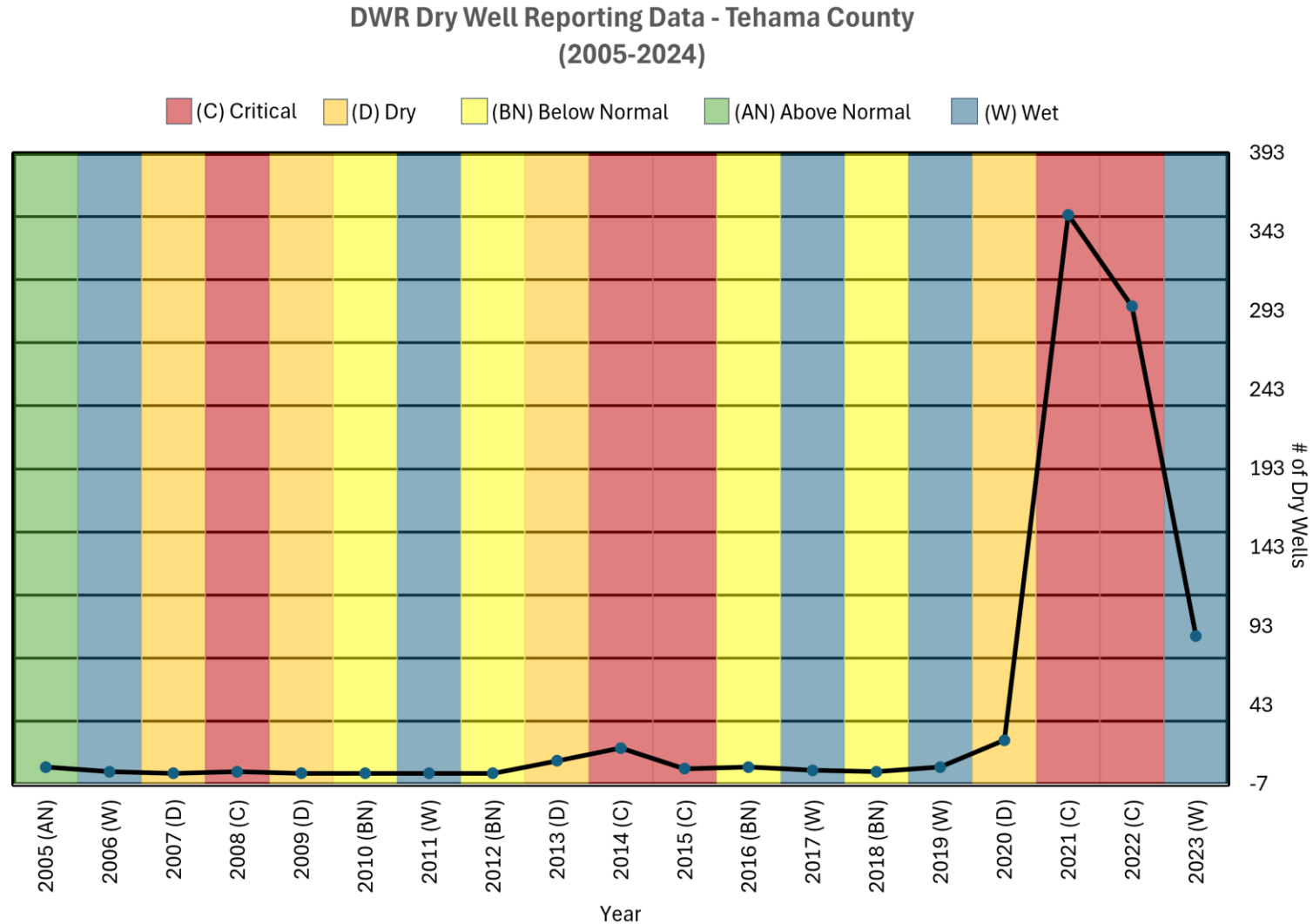
Source: Tehama County Drought Resiliency Plan (FY24/25) – Approved June 2025.

# Mitigating Dry Wells – Dry Well Mitigation Program

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## Causes of Dry Wells:

Low water levels during drought conditions.  
Low water levels in over drafted locations.

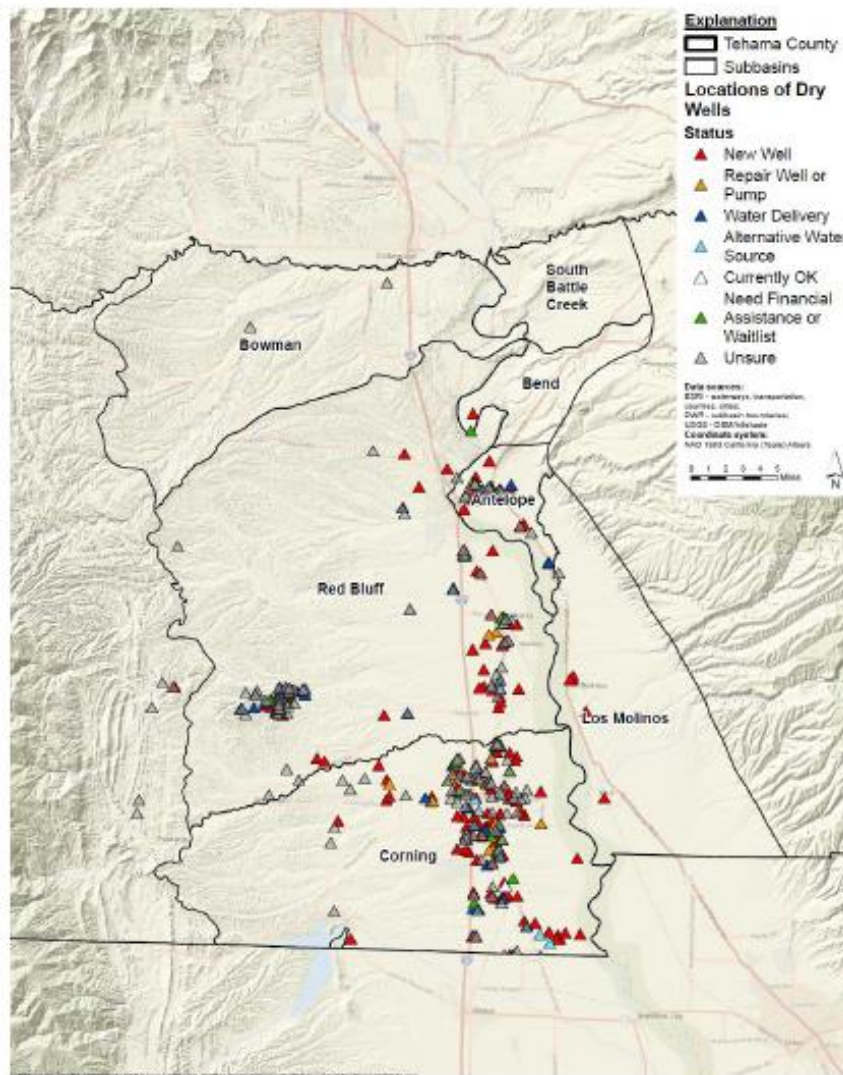


# Mitigating Dry Wells – Dry Well Mitigation Program

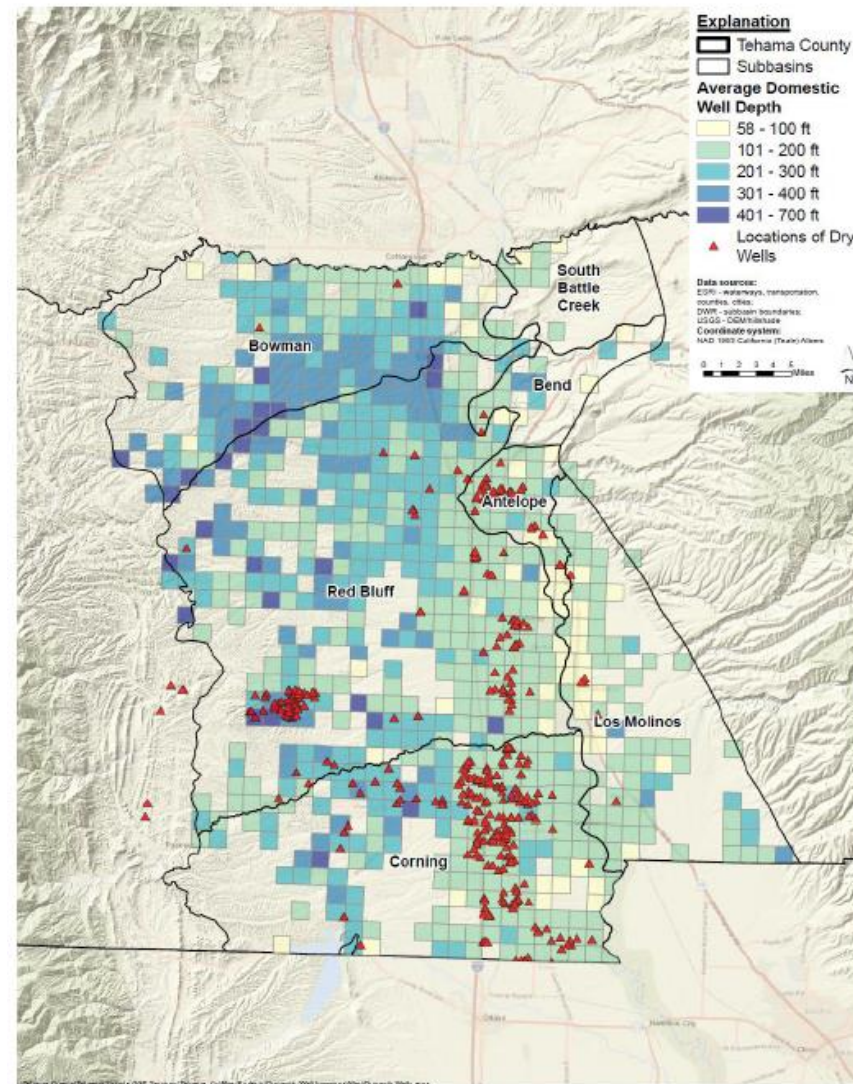
On The Tehama GSA Website (<https://tehamacountywater.org/sgmp-round2grant/>):

Did you know?  
9,500 domestic wells  
in Tehama County!

Dry Well Map – From County Well Inventory Database



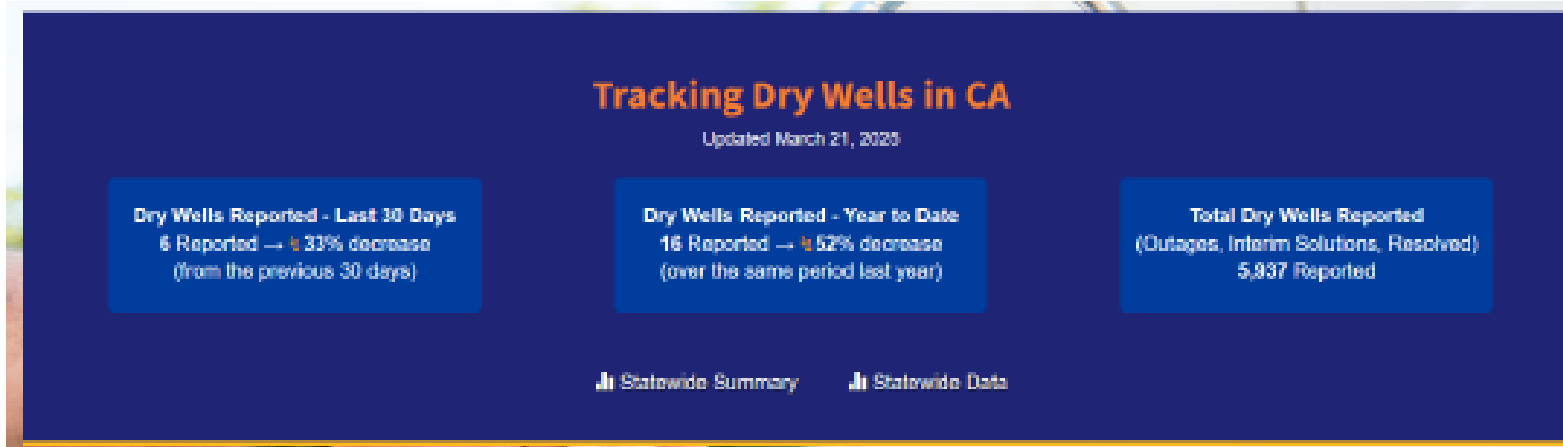
Average Domestic Well Depths with Dry Well Locations



# Mitigating Dry Wells – Dry Well Mitigation Program

On The Tehama GSA Website (<https://tehamacountywater.org/sgmp-round2grant/>):

DWR Dry Well Reporting Website – can be reviewed with Tehama County data.



## How is this information going to be used?

Information added to this site is intended to inform state and local agencies on drought impacts on household and certain agricultural water supplies. Collection of data is not to be construed as application for local, state or federal assistance. Individuals interested in assistance should visit the State's [Drought Assistance web page](#). Information submitted through this site, except well owner name, contact information and personal address, will be visible to the public.

## Data Collection Entails:

- Contact information for a household experiencing a dry well, in order to connect with local and state assistance providers
- Water shortage issue and location
- Well log data (optional)
- Reporting agency or local government information

When monitoring dry wells reported data, the County should confirm the reason for the dry well reported.

Not all dry wells reported with water supply interruptions are due to declining water levels and may be related to mechanical and/or physical well problems.

# Mitigating Dry Wells – Dry Well Mitigation Program

[On The Tehama GSA Website \(https://tehamacountywater.org/sgmp-round2grant/\)](https://tehamacountywater.org/sgmp-round2grant/):

## **Bottom Line:**

The Tehama GSA will develop, approve and implement a Well Mitigation Program by January 2026 as required per SGMA requirements.

The Program will provide some funding assistance to mitigate dry well conditions. Stay tuned.

# Mitigating Dry Wells – Domestic Well Monitoring Program

On The Tehama GSA Website (<https://tehamacountywater.org/sgmp-round2grant/>):

## Why Groundwater Monitoring Matters



### Science-Based Decision Making

→ Local data can result in solutions tailored to real, local conditions



### Safe, Reliable Water Access

→ Spot problems early and keep wells running



### Long-Term Groundwater Sustainability

→ Track trends and protect future supply



### Stronger Community Drought Resilience

→ Prepare, respond, recover from shortages faster - together

# Mitigating Dry Wells – Domestic Well Monitoring Program

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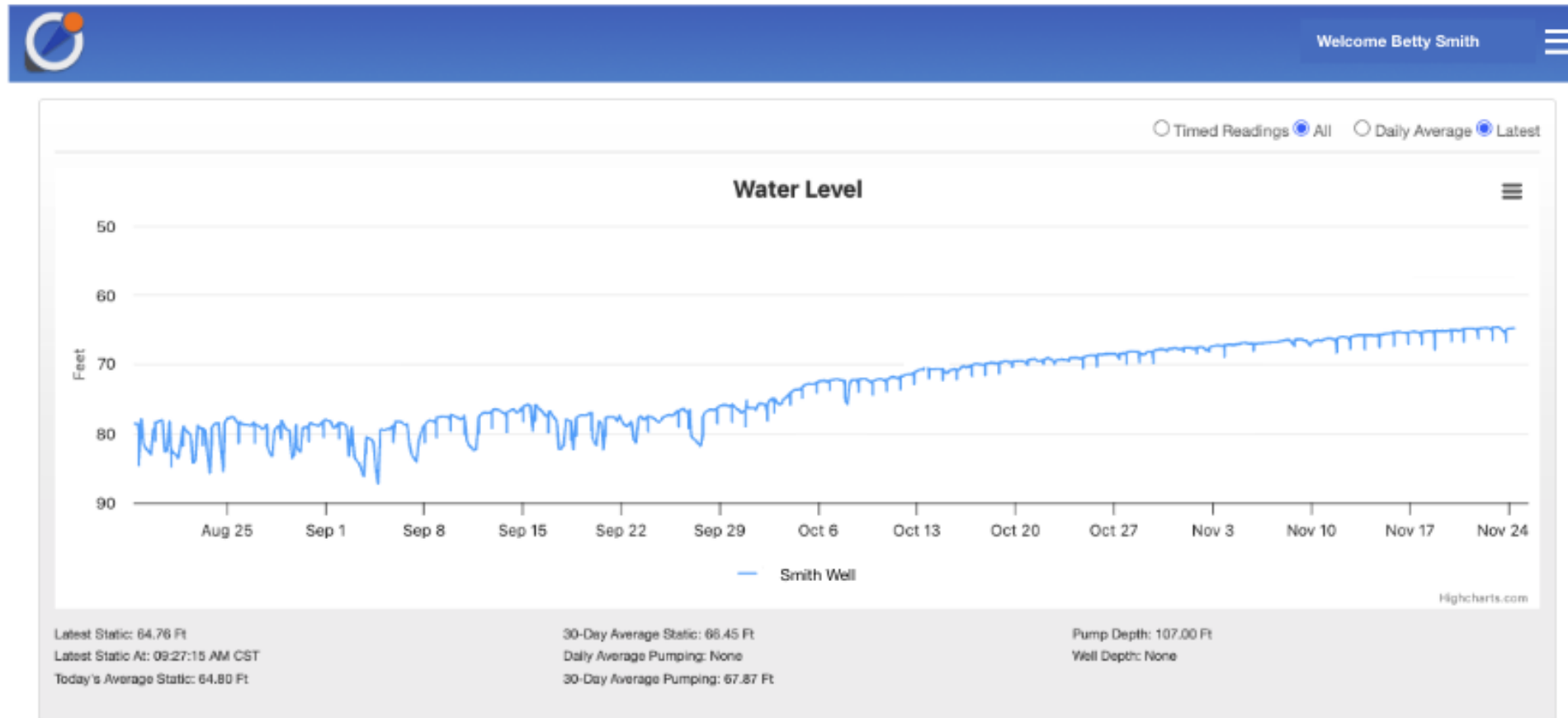
## Tehama GSA Program Highlights:

- Active Programs in the Antelope and Corning Subbasins.
- Voluntary Program – Free equipment installation using available grant funds.
- Well owner has access to their own well data (collected every 4 hours).
- Data anonymity: no one else will have access to your personal information.
- You can share well data with neighbors to address high risk areas.
- Data provides early alert for dry well and/or water supply reliability issues.

# Mitigating Dry Wells – Domestic Well Monitoring Program

On The Tehama GSA Website (<https://tehamacountywater.org/sgmp-round2grant/>):

## Tehama GSA Program – Example of Well Dashboard Data:



# Mitigating Dry Wells – Domestic Well Monitoring Program

On The Tehama GSA Website (<https://tehamacountywater.org/sgmp-round2grant/>):

Tehama GSA Program Highlights:

How It Works:



In the Antelope Subbasin contact: The Tehama GSA at 530-690-0700

In the Corning Subbasin contact: Evan Davis ([edavis@lsce.com](mailto:edavis@lsce.com))

# Mitigating Dry Wells – Dry Well Reporting

On The Tehama GSA Website (<https://tehamacountywater.org/sgmp-round2grant/>):

DWR Dry Well Reporting Website:

<https://mydrywell.water.ca.gov/report/>



Dry Well  
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## Dry Well Report Form

Getting Started

\* Who do you represent?

\* Contact Info

\* Water Problem Info

\* Location Info

Well Info

\* Current Status

Submittal

### General Information and Instructions

How is this information going to be used?

- This information is intended to inform state, county and local agencies on drought impacts on household water supplies and should not be construed as an application for local, state or federal assistance. Individuals interested in assistance can access available local and state resources on the [Resources page](#). Information submitted through this application can be viewed by the public and/or provided to local agencies.

Form Components:

- Contact Information (Who is having the problem?)
- Water Problem Information (What is the problem?)
- Water Problem Location (Where is the problem?)
- Available Financial Resources (Information to share, if interested.)
- Well Log Data (If known)
- Agency/Local Government Information (Required for Agency users only)

*Note: Dry well reports should be verified. A dry well scenario can occur due to well infrastructure, power, and/or mechanical failures.*





# SGMA FUNDING STRUCTURE

# Fee Development Process



# Tehama GSA Budget

EXHIBIT "A"					
FIVE YEAR TEHAMA GSA BUDGET					
(Option: combine Operating/SGMA Costs...)		Add 3% Inflation	Add 3% Inflation	Add 3% Inflation	Add 3% Inflation
Category	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
OPERATING EXPENSES	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29	FY29/30	FY30/31
Legal Services					
General Legal Support	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
<b>Total Legal Services</b>	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
Technical Services					
Fee Process	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Special Studies/Consultant Support	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Total Technical Services</b>	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000
Administrative Services					
Administration and Management (0.75 FTE)	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
Administrative Support (0.5 FTE)	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000
District Overhead	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000
Audits	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Outreach Materials/Printing & Copying	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Postage	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Website Development/Maintenance	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Financial Services/Bookkeeping	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
<b>Total Administrative Services</b>	\$289,000.00	\$289,000.00	\$289,000.00	\$289,000.00	\$289,000.00
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES SUBTOTAL</b>	\$381,000.00	\$381,000.00	\$381,000.00	\$381,000.00	\$381,000.00
Operating Expenses Reserve (10%)	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	\$419,000	\$419,000	\$419,000	\$419,000	\$419,000
<b>SGMA COMPLIANCE EXPENSES</b>					
GSP Annual Monitoring/Reporting	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
GSA Sub-basin Coordination	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
GSP Periodic Evaluation/Amendments (@ 5 Yrs.)	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Monitoring/Data Management	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
GSP Implementation Grant Funding Application	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>SGMA COMPLIANCE EXPENSES SUBTOTAL</b>	\$690,000	\$690,000	\$690,000	\$690,000	\$690,000
SGMA Compliance Expenses Reserve (10%)	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$69,000
<b>TOTAL SGMA COMPLIANCE EXPENSES</b>	\$759,000	\$759,000	\$759,000	\$759,000	\$759,000
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	\$1,178,000	\$1,200,770	\$1,223,540	\$1,246,310	\$1,269,080

# Projects & Management Actions Costs

FIVE YEAR TEHAMA GSA BUDGET - PMA Program Costs					
Category	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
PMA EXPENSES	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29	FY29/30	FY30/31
<b>Demand Management Program</b>					
Admin. Process	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Voluntary Incentive Program	\$433,333	\$433,333	\$433,333	\$433,333	\$433,333
<b>Total DM Program Costs</b>	<b>\$468,333</b>	<b>\$468,333</b>	<b>\$468,333</b>	<b>\$468,333</b>	<b>\$468,333</b>
<b>Demand Management Cost Basis</b>					
Total Annual Overdraft (C, LM, RB)	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Incentive Cost/Ac-Ft	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Annual Adjustment Factor (2042)	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%
Annual Adjustment Factor (50%)	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Total Voluntary Incentive Costs	\$433,333	\$433,333	\$433,333	\$433,333	\$433,333
<b>Well Mitigation Program</b>					
Admin. Process	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Well Replacement Costs	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>Total WM Program Costs</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>Well Mitigation Cost Basis</b>					
Avg. Cost/Domestic Well Replaced	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
# Wells Replaced/Year	1	1	1	1	1
Total Annual Well Mitigation Costs	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>TOTAL MA EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$528,333.33</b>	<b>\$528,333.33</b>	<b>\$528,333.33</b>	<b>\$528,333.33</b>	<b>\$528,333.33</b>
<b>Total PA Costs/Water Purchases</b>	<b>FY26/27</b>	<b>FY27/28</b>	<b>FY28/29</b>	<b>FY29/30</b>	<b>FY30/31</b>
Total Annual Overdraft (C, LM, RB)	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Project Cost/Ac-Ft	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Annual Adjustment Factor (2042)	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%
Annual Adjustment Factor (50%)	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>\$866,667</b>	<b>\$866,667</b>	<b>\$866,667</b>	<b>\$866,667</b>	<b>\$866,667</b>
<b>TOTAL PMA COSTS</b>	<b>\$1,395,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,421,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,447,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,473,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,499,000.00</b>

# Admin. Cost Breakdown

- **Per acre-foot (use-based)** – People pay based on how much groundwater they use.
- **Per parcel (county-wide)** - A small charge spread across all parcels, because everyone benefits from groundwater security.

The FCWCD Board is considering the two highlighted options: by acre-foot OR by parcel

## In the Basin

\$1,178,000 / 720,000 AC = \$1.64/Acre

\$1,178,000 / 22,000 Wells = \$53.55/Well (Including Connections)

\$1,178,000 / 25,000 Parcels = \$47.12/Parcel

**\$1,178,000 / 317,000 AF = \$3.72/Acre-Foot**

### Irrigated Vs Non-Irrigated (94%/6%)

\$1,178,000 / 133,800 = \$8.85/Irrigated Acre

\$.12/Non-Irrigated Acre

### Ag Well Vs Other Well (94%/6%)

\$553.16/Ag Well

\$3.53/Other Well

## County Wide

\$1,178,000 / 1,300,000 Non-Fed AC = \$0.91/Non-Federal Acre

**\$1,178,000 / 44,000 Parcels = \$26.78/Parcel**

\$1,178,000 / 24,000 Wells = \$49.08/Well

# PMA Cost Breakdown

## In Basin only

\$1,395,000/106,250 Irr-AC \$13.13/Irrigated Acres

**\$1,395,000/ 317,000AC = \$4.42/Acre-foot**

\$1,395,000/2,000 Wells = \$697.50/AG&Commercial Well

- **Per acre-foot (use-based)** – People pay based on how much groundwater they use.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Admin Costs
  - In the basin: **\$3.72/Acre-Foot**
  - OR countywide: **\$26.78/Parcel**
- Projects and Management Actions Costs
  - In the basin: **\$4.42/Acre-foot**



# Groundwater Demand Management Factsheet & Survey

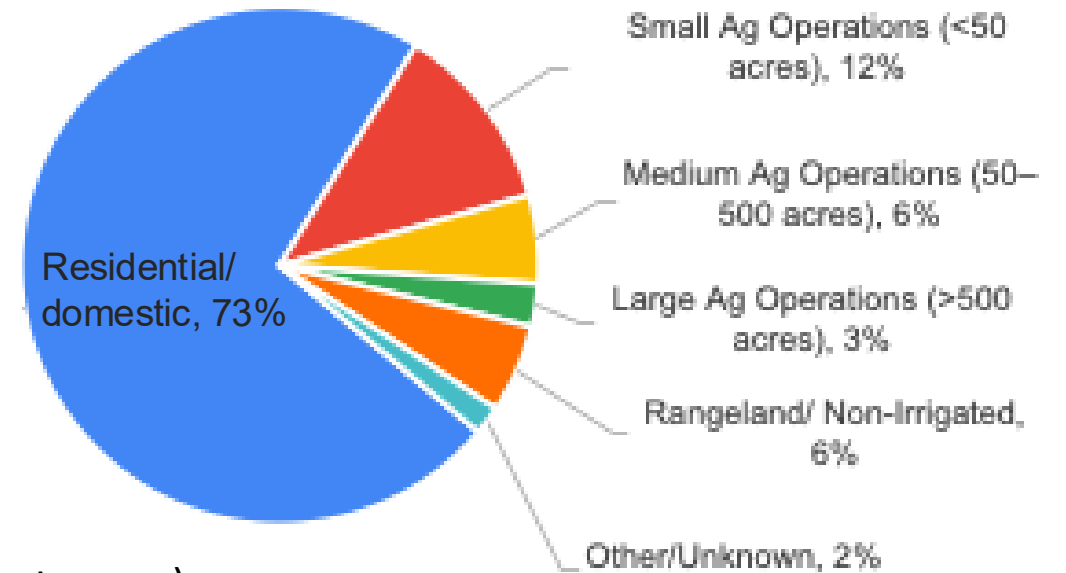
Feedback on potential **demand management approaches** and **fee structures**

**July – Oct 2025 (110 verified responses)**

- Mostly **Red Bluff (44%)** and **Corning (19%)**
- Primarily **residential**; but also many **mixed use**

## Top Themes

- Value groundwater sustainability, but **most focused on costs and fairness**
- Those who **pump more should pay more**, and those who **conserve or have small uses should be protected/rewarded**.
- **Prefer tailored and focused** (usage-based fees and management zones) over simplicity
- **Basin priorities differ** (Red Bluff and Corning: water security | Bowman and Antelope: cost protection | Los Molinos: fairness assurance)
- Value **local control over State intervention**, but trust is conditional on transparency, fairness, and clear evidence that money and actions are well-justified



[Link to Factsheet and Survey](#)

# WHAT'S NEXT FOR FEE STRUCTURES

## Recently Completed:

- Estimated Funds Required From Current Data. Presented 8/2025
- Created List of Assumed Volume by Use Type. Presented 9/2025
- Created \$/Volume Estimates. Presented 10/2025

## Upcoming:

- **Independent Legal Review** of Data and Fee Study. Present 2/2026
- Begin the Process of **Public Hearings/Any Required Voting** 3/2026
- Have **Completed Fee Amounts** for 2027 Tax Roll 7/2026

# What's Next and Staying Involved

## Upcoming Tehama County Meetings

- **Dec 10** - Groundwater Commission  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at 8:30a in Board Chambers Room, 727 Oak St., Red Bluff*
- **Dec 15** - Flood Control Board of Directors  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 10a in Board Chambers Room, 727 Oak St., Red Bluff*
- **Late Jan** – Landowner Recharge Workshop

## Other Meetings

- **Dec 11** - Corning Subbasin Advisory Board (CSAB)
- **Jan 28** - North Sacramento River Interbasin Coordination Webinar
- **Jan TBD** - Corning Sub-basin GSA (Glenn County) Public Meeting
- **Late Jan** – Landowners workshop for recharge

## Connect with us

- Join the Interested Parties email list at <https://tehamacountywater.org/gsa/> or by emailing [TehamaGSA@tcpw.ca.gov](mailto:TehamaGSA@tcpw.ca.gov)
- Follow Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District on Facebook
- District Staff office hours:  
Mon-Thur, 7:30a-4:30p  
1509 Schwab Street, Red Bluff

# Thank You!

- Stick around for more discussion
- Contact us: (530) 690-0700 or [TehamaGSA@tcpw.ca.gov](mailto:TehamaGSA@tcpw.ca.gov)

## Reminders:

- Presentation slides & a recording of this meeting will be posted to [tehamacountywater.org/meetings/](http://tehamacountywater.org/meetings/)

# Q&A

