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Hi, this is a user friendly webpage and has information on the inSAR subsidence along with other groundwater conditions. [California's Groundwater Live](#)

The inSAR data is a big improvement compared to point measurements in that it is measured monthly and statewide basis on a fairly fine scale. We have this data going back to 2015 and it is published every quarter. It picks up changes in land elevation changes (subsidence or uplift) accurately to the 0.1 ft. If you have any other questions about this feel free to reach out directly. My email is Chelsea.Spier@water.ca.gov

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Here are a couple other resources - the link to the Subsidence BMP and the webpage: DWR Releases Final Subsidence BMP and Educational Resource Webpage

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DWR Updates:

Update on Proposition 4 SGM & Watershed Resilience

For the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program:

- Draft Guidelines to administer a grant 2025 legislative directive of \$3.5 million for small GSAs and \$6.5 million as non-grant funds applied to direct Technical Assistance will be released for public comment soon.
 - General Public Comment Follow-up Workshop, September 22, 2026, 10am-11am, Register here: <https://stantec.zoom.us/meeting/register/sGYXxQn5S6C3NMyl64sSlw>

- comment period is through 9/30/26
- Draft Guidelines and PSP for the full Proposition 4 solicitation (over \$300 million) are expected soon. Concept proposals are then expected to open in early 2027, with full applications planned to be accepted in summer 2027. Registration for the public comment workshops will be available at a later time. Workshops will be held:
 - Tribal Public Comment Workshop, October 20, 2026, 2-4pm
 - General Public Comment Workshop, November 5, 2026, 2-3:30pm

Watershed Resilience

Based on public input, there will be two solicitations under the Proposition 4 Watershed Resilience Program, and both will contain implementation project funding as follows:

- Conservation Implementation (~\$60 million for projects) - Capital projects with a water conservation benefit. Projects don't need to be listed in a Watershed Resilience Plan but must be selected by a "collaborative group" (definition forthcoming in the Guidelines). Draft Guidelines/PSP expected early fall; concept proposals early 2027, full applications spring 2027.
 - Tribal Public Comment Workshop, October 12, 2026, 10am-12pm, Register here: <https://stantec.zoom.us/meeting/register/Kr9zpSf0QpukRTuvllkogg>
 - General Public Comment Workshop, October 22, 2026, 1pm-3pm, Register here: <https://stantec.zoom.us/meeting/register/fkEXOUglS4u0OUbix1ta0w>
- Watershed Resilience Planning+ (~\$92 million for projects) – Grantees will work collaboratively across their watershed to develop a Watershed Resilience Plan and then use funding to implement the top-priority project(s) identified by that plan. Draft Guidelines/PSP expected this winter; concept proposals late 2027, followed by full applications.

Contact financialassistance@water.ca.gov with questions.

Sign up for Prop 4, Bond Grant Funds Notifications List is a link to sign up for DWR's Prop 4 email notification list. <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CNRA/signup/31790>

Other available grants from the Grants California Grants Portal - The California State Library, in partnership with the Department of Water Resources and other state grantmaking agencies, has launched the California Grants Portal – your one destination to find all state grant and loan opportunities provided on a first-come or competitive basis. Visit grants.ca.gov to find funding opportunities for you and your community.

The California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) also has free virtual funding fairs on October 29 and November 4, 2026. The funding fairs provide the opportunity to learn more about available grant, loan, and bond financing options for infrastructure projects from federal, state, and local agencies.

Representatives from water industry professionals, public works, local governments, and California Native American Tribes should attend. This includes city managers and planners,

economic development and engineering professionals, officials from privately owned facilities, water and irrigation district managers, financial advisors, and project consultants.

For more information about CFCC, please visit the website at www.cfcc.ca.gov.

1. DWR Releases Onboarding Resources for Groundwater Sustainability Agencies

DWR has developed GSA Onboarding Resources including an Onboarding Checklist and a Handbook Template, to support GSAs as they welcome new board members and staff into their roles under SGMA) These materials are designed to help orient new team members to GSA governance, local GSP implementation, and key SGMA requirements. The resources include two documents. The first is the Onboarding Checklist paired with Section I of the Handbook Template, which highlights GSA- and GSP-specific information. This file is provided as a customizable Word template and is [available here](#). The second document includes Section II of the Handbook Template, presented as a PDF that outlines statewide information and resources; it is [available here](#). A short training video on how to use the template is under development and will be released soon.

DWR Releases Spring 2026 Semi-Annual Groundwater Update

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the [Spring 2026 Semi-Annual Groundwater Update](#)

The CASGEM Online System has moved to the SGMA Portal July of 2026 as a reminder to reach out to us if any assistance with the migration of data submittal is needed.

The Department is completed integration of the [California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring \(CASGEM\) Program's Online System](#) with the [SGMA Portal's Monitoring Network Module \(MNM\)](#).

Basin Characterization Exchange (BCX) meeting are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Upcoming webinar information can be found on the [BCX Hub](#).

Recharge Readiness Webinar Series are Co-hosted by the California Department of Water Resources, Sustainable Conservation, and the Flood-MAR Network, these webinars will occur twice monthly on the second and fourth Thursday at 11:00 AM Pacific. Visit [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) to register for the webinar series on Zoom.

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ISW BMP anticipated to be released at the end of the year.

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