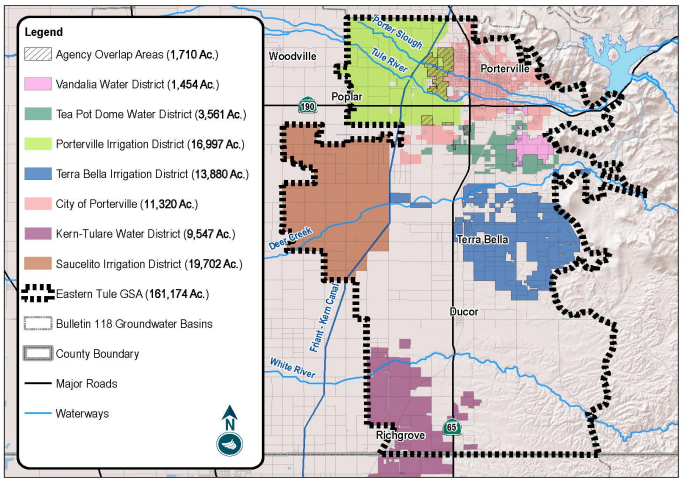
Get to Know Your Groundwater Sustainability Agency: Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency

OVERVIEW

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) is a new law that, once fully implemented, will fundamentally change the way we use and manage groundwater in California. The Act applies to areas that rely heavily on groundwater. The Act requires local agencies to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to manage and regulate groundwater. Once formed, these GSAs will begin implementing projects and management actions in order to sustainably manage groundwater within their jurisdiction. These may include creating recharge projects, limiting groundwater extractions, charging fees, and developing other projects that improve local groundwater conditions.



Prior to implementing these projects and management actions, GSAs will need to draft and adopt Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). GSPs will need to document the groundwater conditions in the area; establish goals to prevent negative impacts; and identify projects and management actions that improve groundwater conditions.

YOUR GSA AT A GLANCE

GSA NAME	Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency
FORMED	December 6, 2016
AGENCY TYPE	Joint Powers Authority (A joint powers authority is a new entity which consists of two or more public agencies jointly exercising powers, limited by the combined territorial jurisdictions of the individual agencies.)
MEMBER AGENCIES	City of Porterville, Porterville Irrigation District, Saucelito Irrigation District, Teapot Dome Water District, Vandalia Water District, Terra Bella Irrigation District, Kern-Tulare Water District, County of Tulare
GSA BOUNDARIES	Porterville, East Porterville, Terra Bella, Ducor, Richgrove
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Eric Borba, Porterville ID, Chair Monte Reyes, City of Porterville Dennis Townsend, Tulare County Lorren Wheaton, Terra Bella ID Dyson Schneider, Vandalia WD Steven Kisling, Saucelito ID, Vice Chair Matthew Leider, Tea Pot Dome WD Curt Holmes, Kern-Tulare WD John Corkins, White Area
GSA BOARD MEETINGS	First Thursday monthly at 2 p.m. at Porterville City Hall, 291 W Main St, Porterville, CA 93257
COMMITTEES	Stakeholder Committee: Second Thursday monthly at 2 p.m. at Transit Multi Purpose Center, 15 E Thurman Ave, Suite D, Porterville, CA 93257 Executive Committee: Third Thursday monthly at 2 p.m. at Transit Multi Purpose Center, 15 E Thurman Ave, Suite D, Porterville, CA 93257

GET INVOLVED!

Most unincorporated communities in the San Joaquin Valley are solely reliant on groundwater for drinking water. Many more residents rely on private wells. SGMA intends to bring different water users together to decide how to use and manage groundwater. As a result, decisions made by the GSAs will affect residents in rural communities.

Get involved and HELP your GSA:

- **Understand the groundwater challenges affecting rural unincorporated communities and/or private wells.**
- **Identify and develop projects that improve groundwater conditions in your community.**
- **Identify ways to keep rates affordable.**

Ways to Get Involved:

- Register as an interested party for the GSA to receive notices of meetings and important information about Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development: https://goo.gl/forms/Pb1b7gG3l8coZ5au1
- Attend the GSA board and/or committee meetings. Give public comment or ask questions about their work.
- Submit a Stakeholder Survey – https://goo.gl/forms/StfJqlQkhz1Ri7uF3
- Check out ETGSA's website (easterntulegsa.com) for the latest updates, documents, and materials related to their Draft GSP.

Together, we can make sure that drinking-water needs are well represented in this important process!

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