



Water Beneath Your Feet

Residents, businesses and industries in Visalia depend on groundwater to meet all of our drinking water, landscape irrigation, industrial, and other needs. For decades, however, we and much of California's Central Valley has drawn more water from the ground than nature or local agencies can replace. This unsustainable overdraft of water beneath us has occurred because of a multitude of reasons, not the least of which is the reallocation of historical surface deliveries from the north into the Valley to other environmental purposes, causing farmers to pump more to sustain the crops that drive the regional economy.

At the peak of California's record-breaking 2012-2016 drought, the State legislature passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014. SGMA requires local public agencies form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) to implement and comply with the law beginning Jan. 31, 2020. These agencies are authorized, among other things, to prepare and adopt a Groundwater Sustainability Plan, propose and update fees, monitor compliance, and enforcement. SGMA implementation within the city limits of Tulare and Visalia, and the Tulare Irrigation District service area is provided by the Mid-Kaweah GSA, a joint powers agency formed on September 14, 2015. Learn more about how SGMA affects you and what you can do about it by visiting the below websites and attend any of the public meetings underway to comply with this new state law.

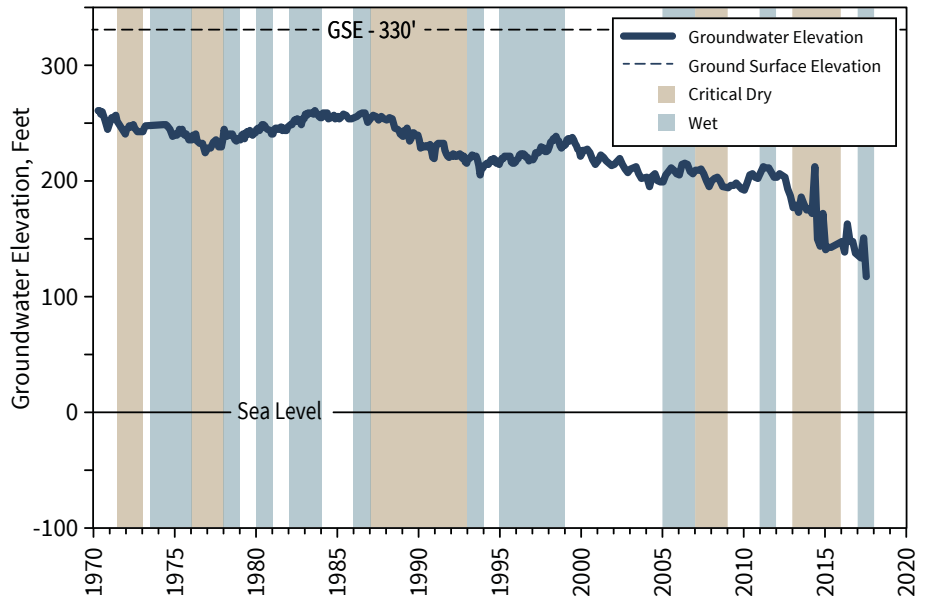


Chart illustrates changes in average groundwater elevations beneath the City of Visalia (elevation 330 feet) during both droughts and wet periods.

Source: California Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Valley Water Year Hydrologic Classification Indices

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<p>Not sure which agency is responsible for SGMA compliance in your area? Visit the California Department of Water Resources GSA Map Viewer and enter your address:</p> <p>sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/#gsa</p> <p>Take and review results of the MKGSA Water User Survey. Visit www.midkaweah.org/mkgsa-survey for details.</p>	<p>SGMA has fundamentally changed how groundwater will be accessed in California. To learn more about local, regional, and state efforts visit:</p> <p>www.midkaweah.org www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management</p>	<p>Stay informed and involved in development of the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Register at: www.kaweahgcp.com</p> <p>Attend regular meetings of the MKGSA Board of Directors and Advisory Committee. See our website for meeting details.</p> <p>Contact us to schedule a presentation on MKGSA to your group or organization</p>

The Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency is a joint powers authority established on September 14, 2015.

