

Groundwater Legislation Timelines & Deadlines

January 31, 2015	DWR sets initial priority for groundwater basins based on current basin prioritization program. (§ 10722.4)
January 1, 2016	DWR adopts regulations on criteria for modifying groundwater basin boundaries. (§ 10722.2, subd. (b).)
April 1, 2016	First reports due from exempt adjudicated basins (§ 10720.8, sub. (f).) Annual reporting thereafter.
June 1, 2016	DWR adopts regulations for evaluating groundwater sustainability plans, coordination agreements, and alternatives. (§ 10733.2.)
January 1, 2017	Local agency submission for DWR approval of an alternative to a groundwater sustainability plan if the local agency believes the alternative satisfies the objectives of the Act. (§10733.6.)
June 30, 2017	A local agency or collection of local agencies elects to be a sustainability agency for a basin. (§ 10735.2, subd. (a)(1).)
July 1, 2017	If there is an area within a basin that is not within the management area of any groundwater sustainability agency, and the county does not assume responsibility, extractions must be reported to the State Water Board. (§§ 5202, subd. (a)(2), 10724, subd. (b).)
January 31, 2020	Groundwater sustainability plans required for medium- and high-priority basins that are in critical overdraft. (§§ 10720.7, 10735.2, subd. (a)(2).)
January 31, 2022	Groundwater sustainability plans required for medium- and high-priority basins that are not in critical overdraft. (§§ 10720.7, 10735.2, subd. (a)(4).)
20 years after plan adoption	Groundwater management plans achieve the sustainability goal. (§ 10727.2, subd. (b).)
Deadlines vary	If no local agency elects to be the groundwater sustainability agency, if a plan is not adopted, or DWR determines that the plan is not adequate or the plan is not being adequately implemented, the State Water Board may designate a basin as probationary. (§ 10735.2.)
Deadlines vary	If the deficiencies that led to designation of a basin as probationary are not corrected, the State Water Board may adopt an interim plan. (§§ 10735.4, 10735.6, 10735.8.)