



Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

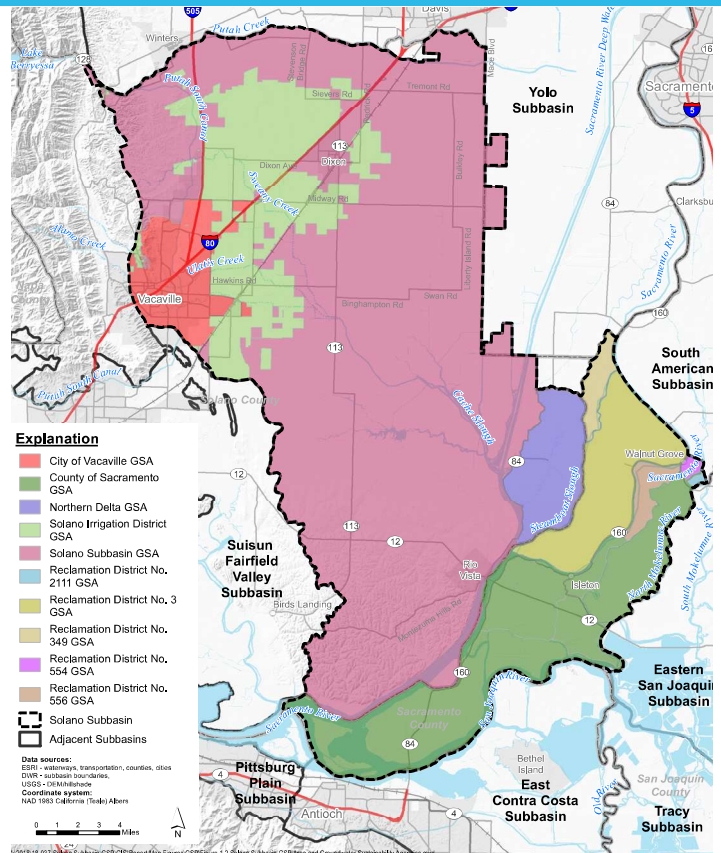
Long-Term Funding for GSP Implementation

GSP Implementation Funding for Years 2023-2027

Now that the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) has been submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Solano Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are working together to implement the GSP in a cost-effective manner. To fund GSP implementation activities, revenue requirements have been developed by the GSAs, which are proposed to be funded through Proposition 218 charges that will support the work to achieve groundwater sustainability. GSAs must implement groundwater sustainability monitoring and management actions to bring the entire Subbasin into compliance with Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements by 2042.

What Other Charge Options were Considered by the GSAs for Covering GSP Implementation Costs?

The GSAs considered Proposition 218 charges, Proposition 26 charges, and local cost sharing arrangements. Doing nothing on SGMA would lead to State intervention in Solano Subbasin groundwater management activities. The GSAs determined that local cost sharing arrangements would not be adequate to cover GSP implementation costs and concluded that the cost for State Water Resources Control Board intervention would be high and unacceptable compared to local control of watershed resources. The Proposition 218 charge process was determined to be the most transparent and equitable method for establishing charges to cover GSP implementation costs, based on broad application of this approach by many other GSAs across California. The Proposition 218 process allows for a landowner protest vote as part of the approval process.



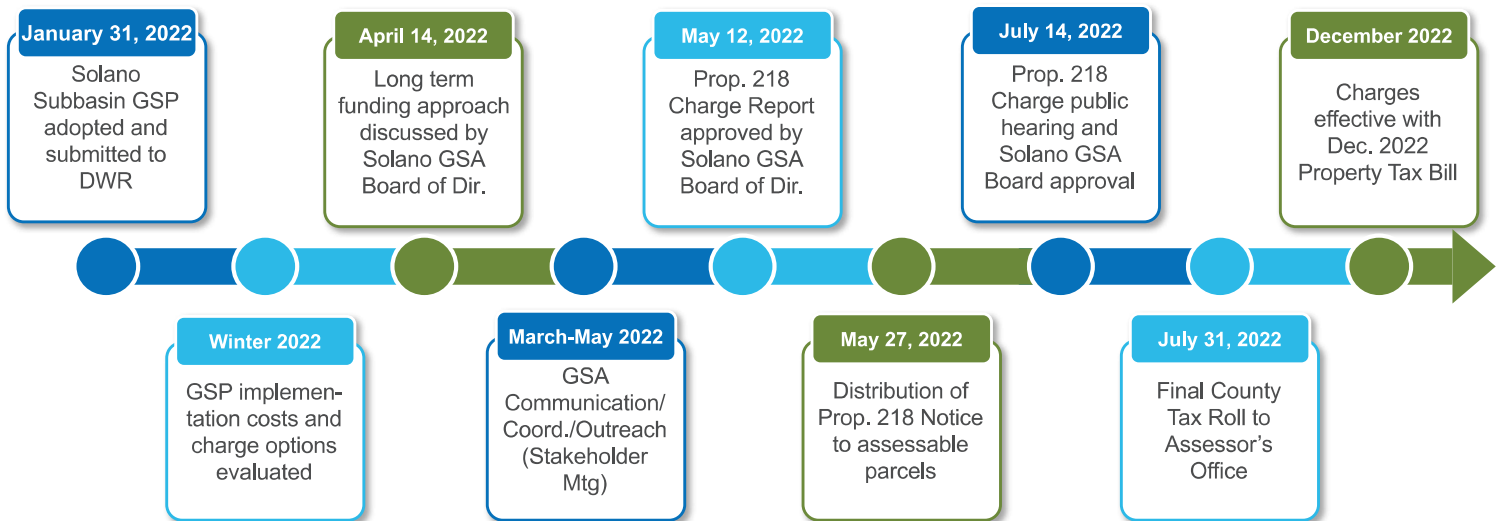
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How were GSP Implementation Costs Developed for the Proposed Charges?

Solano GSAs worked together to develop the most efficient manner to implement the GSP through cost sharing and collaboration. The proposed GSP implementation costs reflect lower possible revenue requirements to comply with SGMA and meet Solano Subbasin sustainability objectives.

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PROJECT TIMELINE

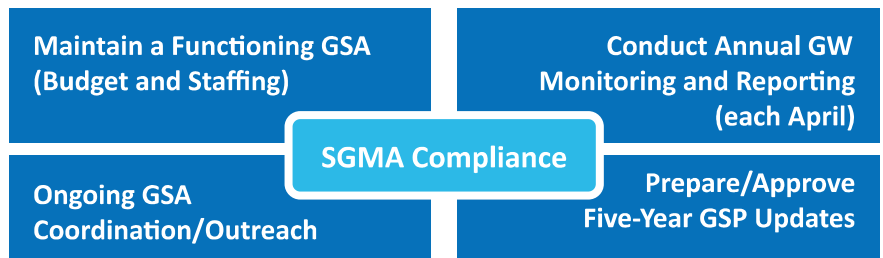


What Happens if We Fail?

If the local GSAs are unable to implement a plan that meets state requirements, the State Water Resources Control Board may step in to manage the Subbasin with much higher charges. If this intervention occurs, the State could charge up to \$300/well/year for all groundwater extractors and up to \$55/acre-foot of water pumped.

The local GSAs are working hard to avoid State intervention and higher GSP implementation costs.

2023-2027 Solano Subbasin GSP Implementation Summary of State SGMA Requirements



Each GSA will be responsible for collecting their share of the total GSP implementation costs identified in the adopted GSP. The Solano GSA will serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the GSAs through an MOU to manage the GSP implementation budget and report on the status of GSP implementation activities.

Proposition 218 Information

Some of the GSA Boards are considering imposition of a per acre charge in accordance with Water Code Section 10730(c) to cover the administrative and operational costs of GSP implementation and SGMA compliance, which requires compliance with the procedural requirements of Proposition 218. Valid protests received in a timely manner by the GSA from landowners for which the charge would be levied will be counted before adopting the proposed charge. If a majority protest is not received, the GSA may adopt the charge. A majority protest would prevent imposition of the charge. State intervention could occur if local GSAs are unable to implement a plan that meets the state requirements.

The charge will fund GSA administration and SGMA compliance activities related to

GSP implementation. Local and regional projects were included in the GSP to enhance groundwater sustainability and will be supported through other funding sources on an as-needed basis aimed at achieving State mandated sustainability. Funding this effort is critical for maintaining local control over the implementation of sustainable groundwater management actions in the Solano Subbasin. The Solano GSAs are committed to retaining local control over SGMA implementation, where landowner dollars are utilized most efficiently and beneficially.

The charges will be collected with the Solano County tax roll from all parcel owners subject to the charge within the Solano Subbasin boundaries, excluding federal/state/tribal lands. The charges will be based on total groundwater use in each GSA service area. All parcels subject to the charge will receive a Proposition 218 notice before the GSA Board considers approving the charges.

You can use the following Solano Subbasin link (<https://www.solanogsp.com/solano-subbasin/>) to determine where your property is located within the Solano Subbasin along with more information on GSP implementation and the Proposition 218 process.