

## Sustainable Ground Water Management Act - SGMA

In September of 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed a three-bill package known as the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\)](#). The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act:

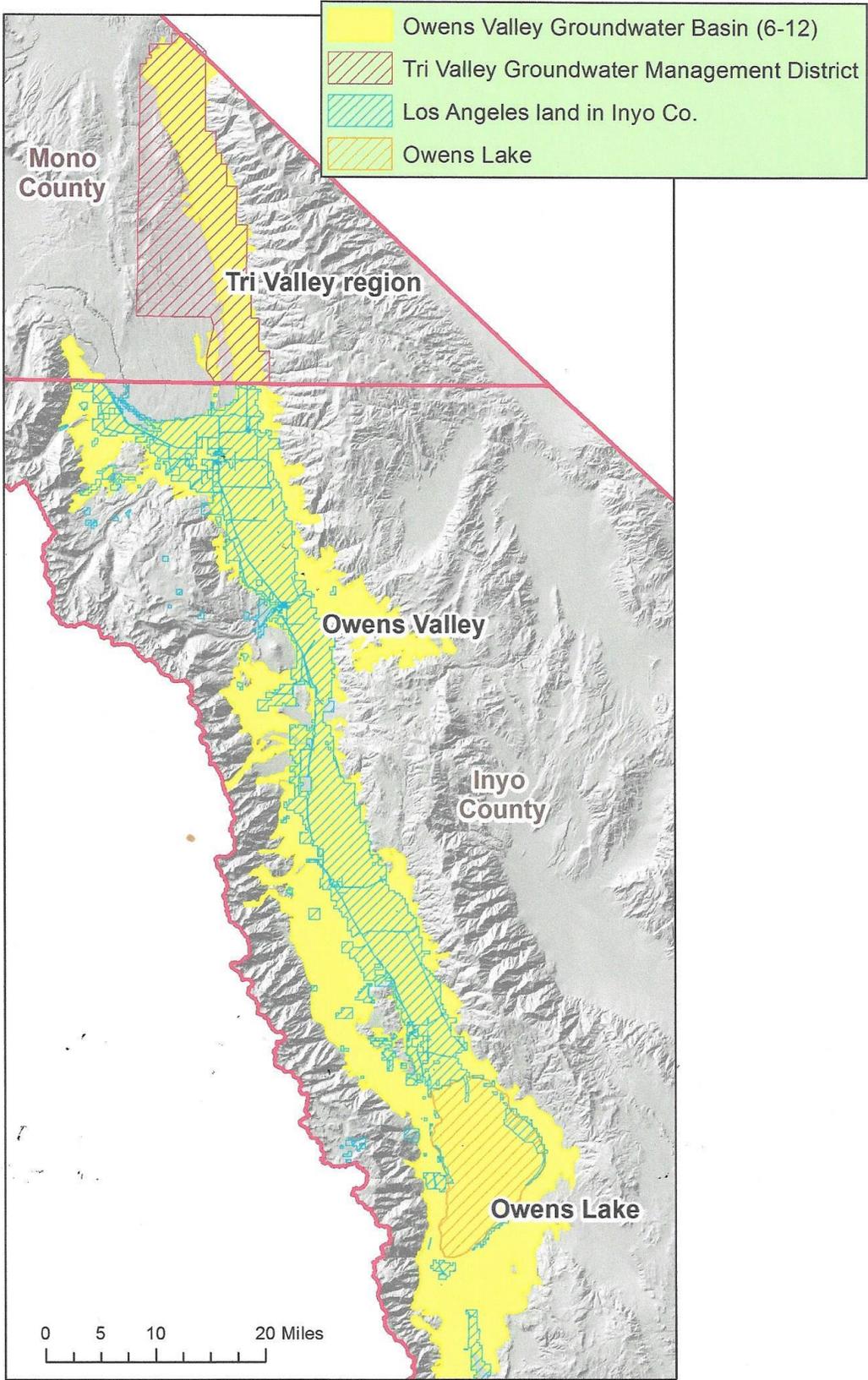
- Establishes a definition of "sustainable groundwater management"
- Requires that a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) be adopted for the most important groundwater basins in California
- Establishes a timetable for adoption of Groundwater Sustainability Plans
- Empowers local agencies to manage basins sustainably
- Establishes basic requirements for Groundwater Sustainability Plans
- Provides for a limited state role

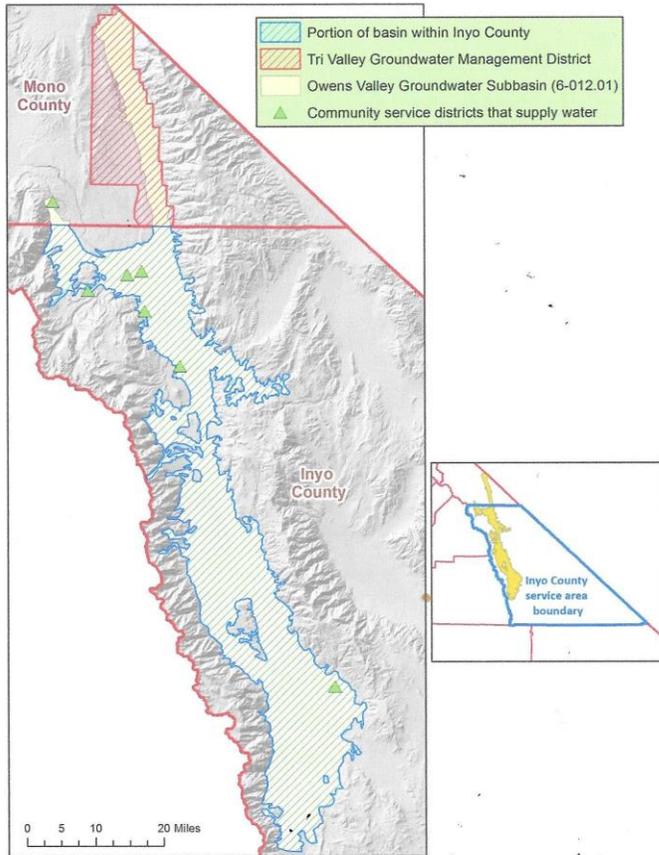
For complete information the state website at: <http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/>

The building or creation of the GSP and the implementation of the findings that come out of the GSP may have ***significant financial impact*** for our water district. The following is a summary thus far.

1. WCCSD is within the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin District
- 2, In order to build a Groundwater Sustainability Plan you must be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). There are currently 4 agencies that have filed with the State within the Owens Valley Basin.
  - A. Inyo County
  - B. Mono County
  - C. The City of Bishop
  - D. The Tri-Valley Water Management District
3. The deadline for implementation of the GSP is January 31, 2022.
4. Ideally, there will be one plan submitted for the Owens Valley Basin. Therefore, the four GSA's must work together so their plans come together in a cohesive manner.
5. The State has the authority to reject the GSP.
6. Estimates on building a plan is \$1,000,000. It includes hydrology studies and environmental impact reports.
7. A grant can be requested from the State to help off-set the cost. There will be a 50% match on all funds.
8. Only one grant will be allowed per basin. (e.g. within the Owens Valley).
9. Members (as dictated by the State) within the Owens Valley Basin are:
  1. BIG PINE CSD
  2. CITY OF BISHOP
  3. COUNTY OF INYO
  4. COUNTY OF MONO
  5. EASTERN SIERRA CSD
  6. INDIAN CREEK-WESTRIDGE CSD
  7. LONE PINE CSD
  8. KEELER CSD
  9. SIERRA HIGHLANDS CSD







## Owens Valley Groundwater Basin Local Agencies

### Special Act District

- Tri Valley Groundwater Management District

### Counties

- Mono County
- Inyo County

### Cities

- City of Bishop

### Community Service Districts

- Big Pine CSD
- Eastern Sierra CSD
- Starlite CSD
- Indian Creek-Westridge CSD
- Keeler CSD
- Lone Pine CSD
- Sierra Highlands CSD
- Sierra North CSD
- Wheeler Crest CSD