

Come to a Public Workshop in April to Share Your Input on Groundwater in the Tule Basin

Two workshop opportunities to get more information and provide comments.



Drinking Water

People are pumping water in the Tule basin faster than rain and other water sources can refill the basin, jeopardizing water sources people use for drinking and irrigation. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires local agencies to develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans that protect and manage groundwater resources for all uses and users.



Agriculture

The groundwater plan for Tule basin is inadequate and is not doing enough to protect local groundwater resources. SGMA now allows the State Water Resources Control Board to determine if the Tule basin should be designated as “probationary.” In a probationary basin, some groundwater pumpers must collect and report pumping data and pay fees to the State Water Resources Control Board, and local agencies must improve their plan. This encourages efforts to improve groundwater management and sustainability.



Habitat

The Board will hold a public hearing to consider designating the basin as probationary on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.



Homes

Workshop details

The public is invited to attend one or both public workshops in April. Both workshops will have the same content and are an opportunity to learn about local groundwater issues and give input on groundwater management in the Tule basin. The workshops are informational only; the Board will not take regulatory action. Live Spanish interpretation will be available for both the virtual and in-person workshops.



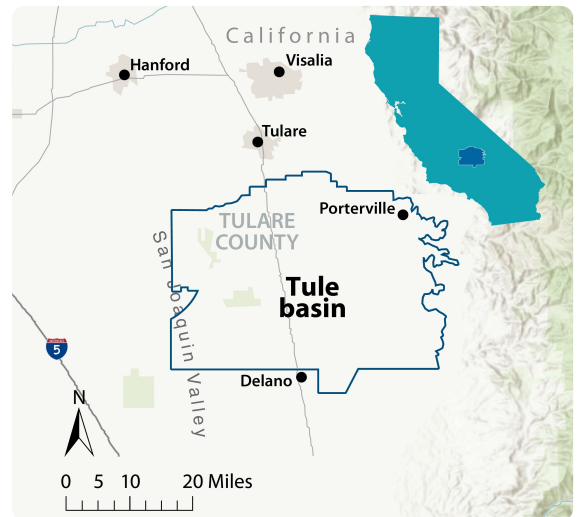
Oil Production

VIRTUAL: Friday, April 5, 2024, 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Zoom link: bit.ly/sgma-tule-zoom
Call in Number: 646-568-7788 | Meeting ID: 84005853021



Infrastructure

IN PERSON: Monday, April 8, 2024, 5:30–8:30 p.m.
Porterville Veterans Memorial Building
1900 W Olive Ave
Porterville, CA 93257



Submit written comments

The deadline to submit comments on the Tule basin probationary hearing Draft Staff Report is May 7, 2024, at noon. You can submit written comments via email, fax, mail or hand delivery using instructions in the notice: bit.ly/sgma-tule.



More information

For language services other than Spanish and for accessibility accommodations, please contact 916.322.6508 or SGMA@waterboards.ca.gov. For more information on sustainable groundwater management efforts, visit www.waterboards.ca.gov/sgma or scan the QR code.



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