

# Come to a Public Workshop in August to Share Your Input on Groundwater In the Kern County Basin

Two workshop opportunities to get more information and provide comments.



Drinking Water



Agriculture



Habitat



Homes



Oil Production

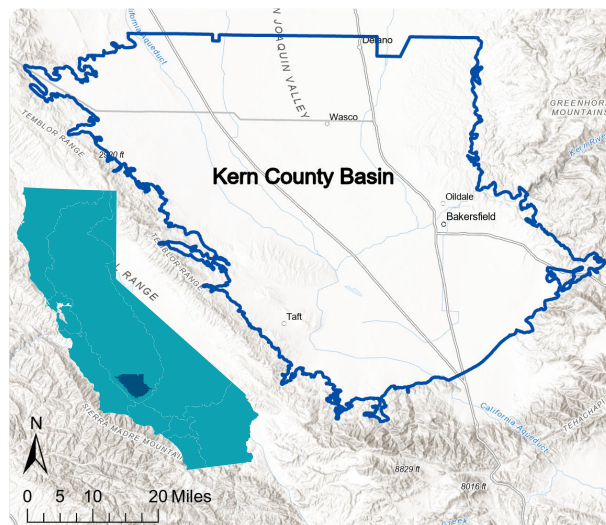


Infrastructure

People are pumping water in the Kern County 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.

The groundwater plan for the Kern County 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 Kern County 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.

The Board plans to hold a public hearing to consider designating the basin as probationary on February 20, 2025.



## Workshop details

The public is invited to attend one or both public workshops in August. 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 Kern County basin. The workshops are informational only; the Board will not take regulatory action. Live Spanish and Punjabi interpretation will be available for both the virtual and in-person workshops.

**VIRTUAL:** Monday, August 26, 2024, 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
Zoom Link: [bit.ly/SGMA-Kern-zoom](https://bit.ly/SGMA-Kern-zoom)  
Call in Number: 669-444-9171 | Meeting ID: 954 8158 3017

**IN PERSON:** Thursday, August 29, 2024, 5:30–8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.)  
Hodel's Country Dining: Liberty Hall  
5917 Knudsen Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93308

## Submit written comments

The deadline to submit comments on the Kern County basin probationary hearing Draft Staff Report is September 23, 2024, at noon. You can submit written comments via email, fax, mail or hand delivery using instructions in the notice: [bit.ly/sgma-kern](https://bit.ly/sgma-kern).



## More information

For language services and for accessibility accommodations, please contact 916.322.6508 or [SGMA@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SGMA@waterboards.ca.gov). For more information on sustainable groundwater management efforts, visit [www.waterboards.ca.gov/sgma](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sgma) or scan the QR code.



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