

# SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

ONE YEAR LATER - How's it Going for the IOUs



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# IOU Interests

- ⦿ Protect Investors
- ⦿ Protect Investments / Assets
- ⦿ Protect communities / water users
- ⦿ Have a voice – Make an impact

# Outline

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- ⦿ Center role in SGMA
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  - Local Assistance Program
- ⦿ Common GSA Experiences
- ⦿ IOU Interests
- ⦿ Methods to Achieve Interests

# Center for Collaborative Policy

- Founded in 1992
- Not-for-Profit / Fee-for-Service Unit of Sacramento State
- Based in Sacramento. Additional Staff in Bay Area, San Diego, LA
- Mission - *Build the capacity of public agencies, stakeholder groups, and the public to use collaborative strategies to improve policy outcomes.*

# Center Role in SGMA

## ◎ Statewide Program

- DWR Initial SGMA Public Listening Sessions
- DWR Basin Boundary Regulation Public Outreach
- DWR Groundwater Sustainability Plan Public Outreach
- DWR SGMA Tribal Program
- State Board Feed Assessment and State Intervention Public Outreach

# Center Role in SGMA

- ◎ Local Assistance Program – GSA Formation
  - San Luis Rey Basin
  - San Diego River Valley Basin
  - Borrego Valley Basin
  - Upper Ventura River Subbasin
  - Santa Maria Basin
  - Soquel Valley - Aptos Basin
  - Kaweah Subbasin
  - Stanislaus County - Regional Groundwater Coordinating Committee

# Center Role in SGMA

- ◎ Local Assistance Program – GSA Formation (cont.)
  - Ukiah Valley Basin
  - Shasta County
    - Anderson Subbasin
    - Enterprise Subbasin
  - Colusa Subbasin
    - Glenn County
    - Colusa County
    - Yolo County (Subbasin [*proposed*])

# Common GSA Experiences

- ◎ Significant lack of SGMA understanding
- ◎ Significant lack of groundwater characterization
- ◎ Haves and Have Nots
- ◎ Distrust of Counties...but...
  - Emerging interest for Counties to play “bad cop”



# Common GSA Experiences

- ⦿ “Sustainability” vs. “sustainability”
- ⦿ Power vs. Influence
- ⦿ Collaboration
  - Combat Fatigue...sometimes
  - Collaboration begets Collaboration...sometimes
  - Willingness to work together...sometimes

.....Which brings us to IOUs

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# Methods to Achieve Interests

*“No one cares about your story...until they see THEIR story, in your story”*

- ◎ Walk in others' shoes
- ◎ Understand their interests as well as yours
- ◎ Speak their truth first, then speak yours

# Methods to Achieve Interests

- ⦿ Define mutual gains
- ⦿ Relationships matter
- ⦿ Know your 'SGMA' limitations
- ⦿ Be creative...be strategic – some is better than none

# Thank You

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