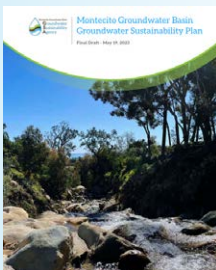


# Our Groundwater Sustainability Plan



Montecito GSA recognized by California's Department of Water Resources (DWR) after extensive public formation process

Scan to View Plan



Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Submitted to DWR for approval as required

*Findings based on available data and analysis indicate Montecito Groundwater Basin is not currently experiencing undesirable results.*

Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) 5 Year Updates

2014

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Legislation enacted

2018

## Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development

- Community Engagement Plan Implemented
- Stakeholder & Technical Advisory Committees Formed
- Grant Funding \$2M+ Secured
- Projects / Data Collection Initiated:

2019

2020

2023

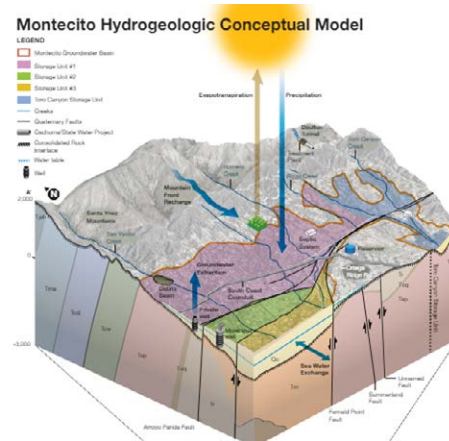
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- Basin Numerical Model
- Seawater Intrusion Monitoring
- Voluntary Well Metering Program
- Surface Water Flow Measurements
- Monitoring Well Network



## Implementation

Forward Focus: fill data gaps to support ongoing monitoring and model refinement

- Expand Groundwater Level and Quality Monitoring
- Expand Seawater Intrusion Monitoring Network
- Expand Voluntary Well Metering
- Evaluate Groundwater–Surface Water Interactions
- Stakeholder Incentive Programs: Rebates
- Enhance Groundwater Well Database: Well Registry
- Update Basin Numerical Model

Projects build on those started during GSP development and Grant funds will continue to be pursued to the extent possible

## Long Term Sustainability Goal

*The Montecito GSA's sustainability goal is to prevent undesirable results and optimize long-term use of the groundwater basin for the benefit of all stakeholders.*

*This will be achieved through a collaborative, knowledge-based process informed by locally-defined quantitative criteria, ongoing monitoring and modeling, and incremental, data-supported management actions as needed to prevent seawater intrusion and ensure sustainable groundwater levels, storage, and quality.*



## Why is Groundwater Important for Our Community?

Residences, commercial institutions, agricultural operations, and the community at large depends upon groundwater. Public wells supplying Montecito Water District and many private wells draw from the Montecito Groundwater Basin. The water derived from these wells is vital to the health, wellbeing, and vibrancy of our community, particularly during periods of drought.

## Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

SGMA, legislated in 2014, recognizes that groundwater provides a significant portion of California's water supply and that groundwater resources are most effectively managed at the **local** or regional level.


## Montecito Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency


Montecito GSA's mission is to ensure a reliable and sustainable groundwater supply for the community through effective basin management pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Montecito GSA is the local agency responsible for developing and implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan to provide for long-term health of the basin.



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