

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

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Contra Costa County
Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee

By Contra Costa County Water Agency





Purpose of Today's Meeting

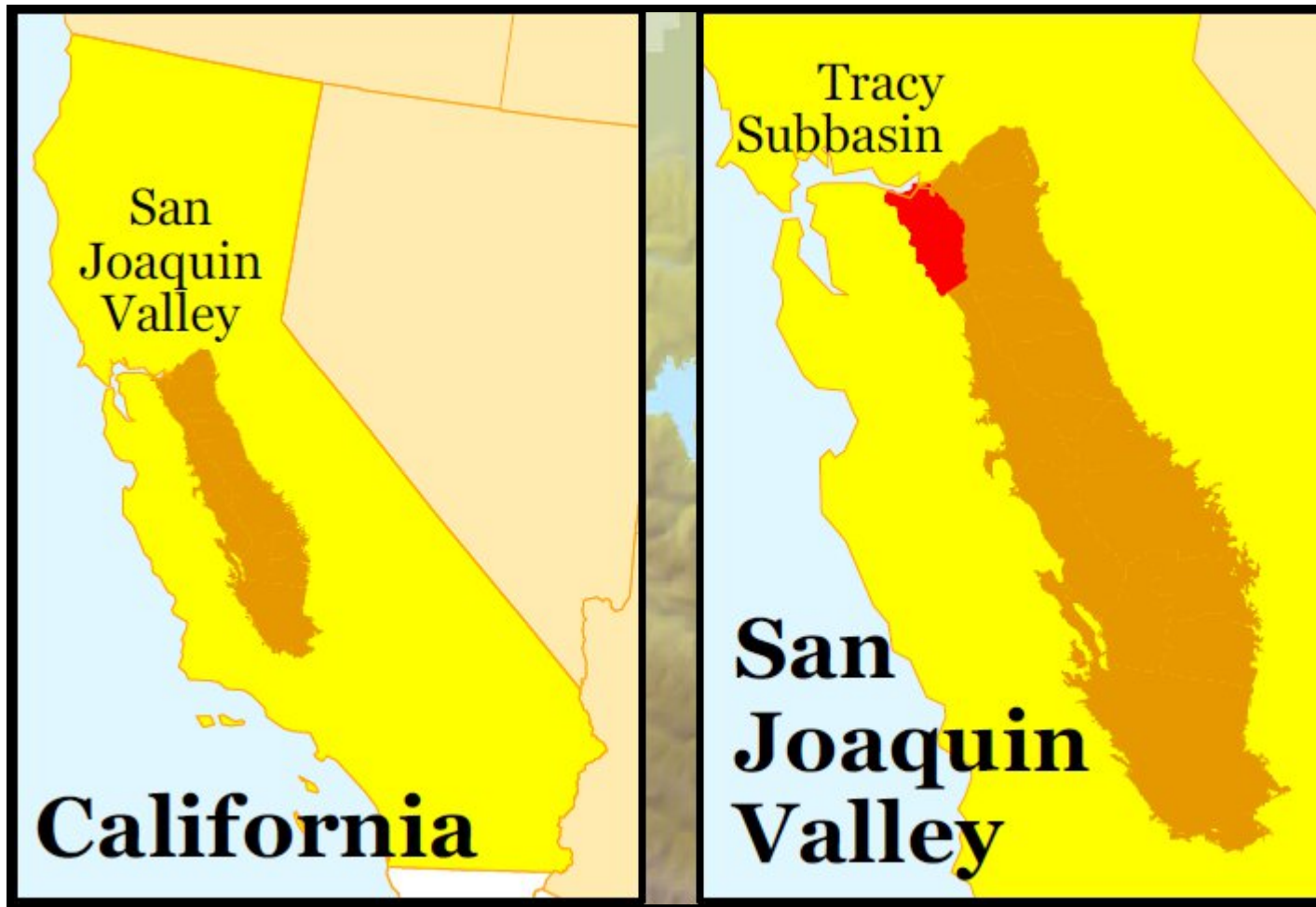
- To receive a report regarding the County's consideration to become a member of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in the portion of the Tracy Subbasin within Contra Costa County.
- Tracy Subbasin is designated as a medium-priority groundwater basin.

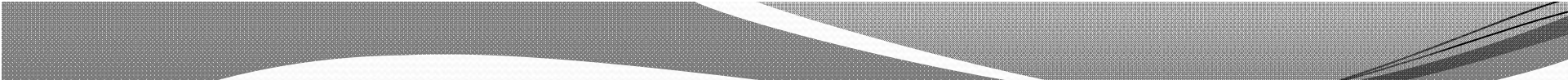


Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

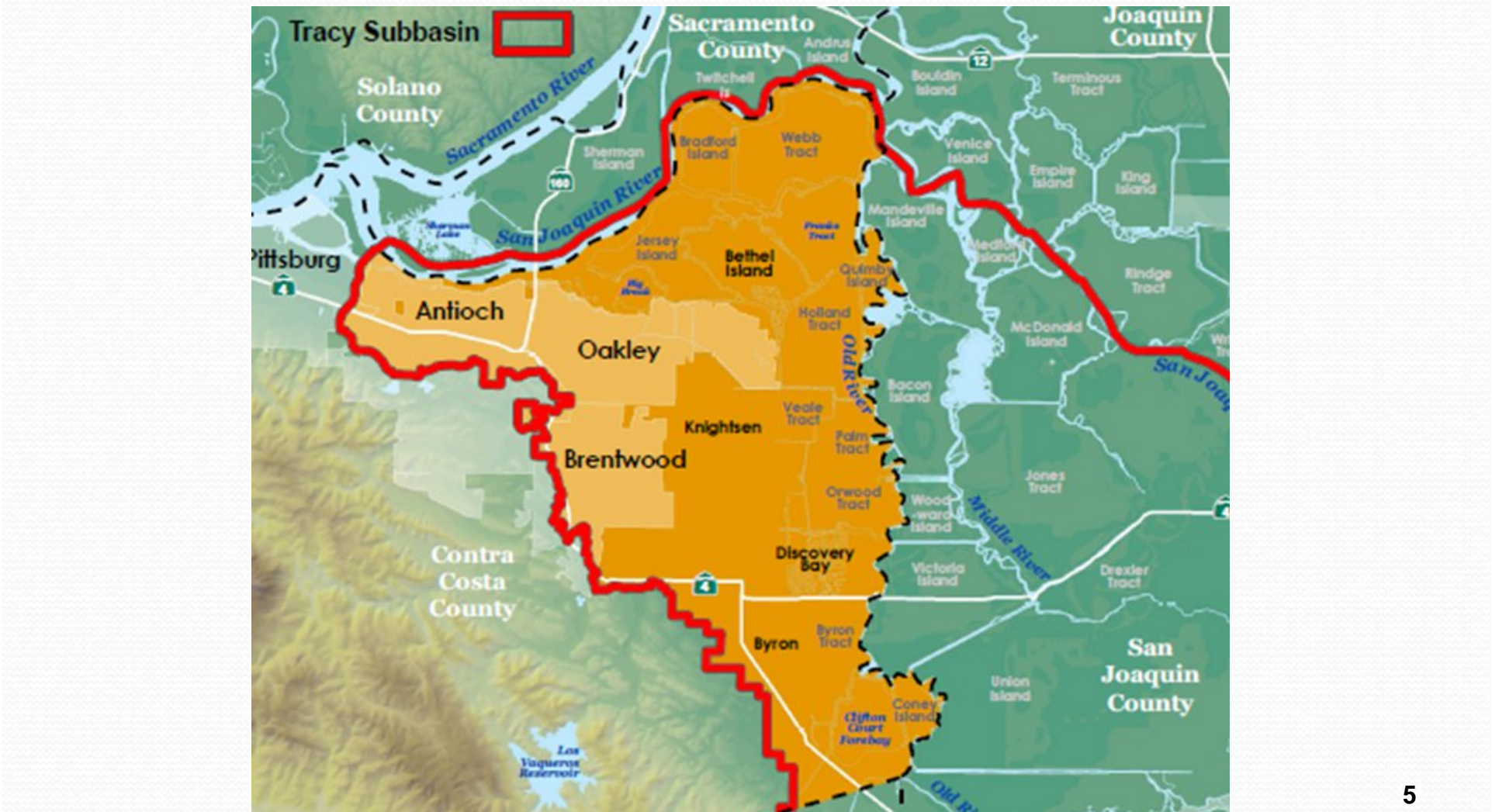
- SGMA is a new law that establishes a Statewide comprehensive groundwater management program with the overarching goal of achieving sustainable groundwater basins over the next 20 years.

San Joaquin Valley and Tracy Subbasin





Tracy Subbasin and





SGMA Requirements

- All groundwater basins to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).
- GSA's must be local Public Agencies.
- A single GSA or multiple GSA's must cover the entire Basin.
- No GSA overlaps may exist.
- High- and medium-priority basins must adopt a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) by January 31, 2022.
- Groundwater sustainability goal reached by 2040.



Procedures for GSA

- Procedures are prescribed in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA).
- Clarified by Senate Bill 13 and took effect on January 1, 2016.
- Notice of Public Hearing posted in accordance with Government Code Section 6066.
- Following the Public Hearing, the Board of Supervisors may declare its consideration to become a GSA.
- Within 30-days, required submittals must be sent to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).



Reasons for Recommendation

- To have GSA coverage over all areas in the County.
- To affirm the County's role in SGMA as the default GSA before State intervention.
- To recognize existing County powers that cannot be delegated, such as land use, police powers, and environmental protection.
- To continue to collaborate with local agencies, who have elected to or may elect to become GSA's, and to continue discussions regarding basin-wide coordination of GSA's and GSP's as required by SGMA.



Recommended Committee Action

- Receive Report, and
- Recommend the Board of Supervisors declare it's intent to become a member of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portion of the Tracy Subbasin within Contra Costa County.



Questions?

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