



Facilitation Support Services *for* Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development

Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Facilitation Support Services (FSS) aim to help local agencies work through challenging water management situations. Professional facilitators are sometimes needed to help foster discussions among diverse water management interests and local agencies as they strive to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). From April 2015 to June 2017, DWR's FSS resources were primarily allocated to assist with Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation. Beginning July 1, 2017, DWR will be focusing its available FSS resources on supporting the development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). Under the requirements of SGMA, all beneficial uses and users of groundwater must be considered in the development of GSPs, and GSAs must encourage the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic element of the population.

The goal of the FSS related to GSP development is to assist GSAs in reaching consensus on potentially contentious water management topics arising from the diverse beneficial uses and users of groundwater. Priorities of this funding are given to the critically overdrafted basins.

Services Offered through DWR funded Professional Facilitators

- Stakeholder identification and engagement
- Meeting facilitation
- Interest-based negotiation/consensus building
- Public outreach facilitation

Who is Eligible?

GSAs developing GSPs, or other groups coordinating with the GSAs in developing GSPs, are eligible to apply for FSS if they meet all of the following obligations:

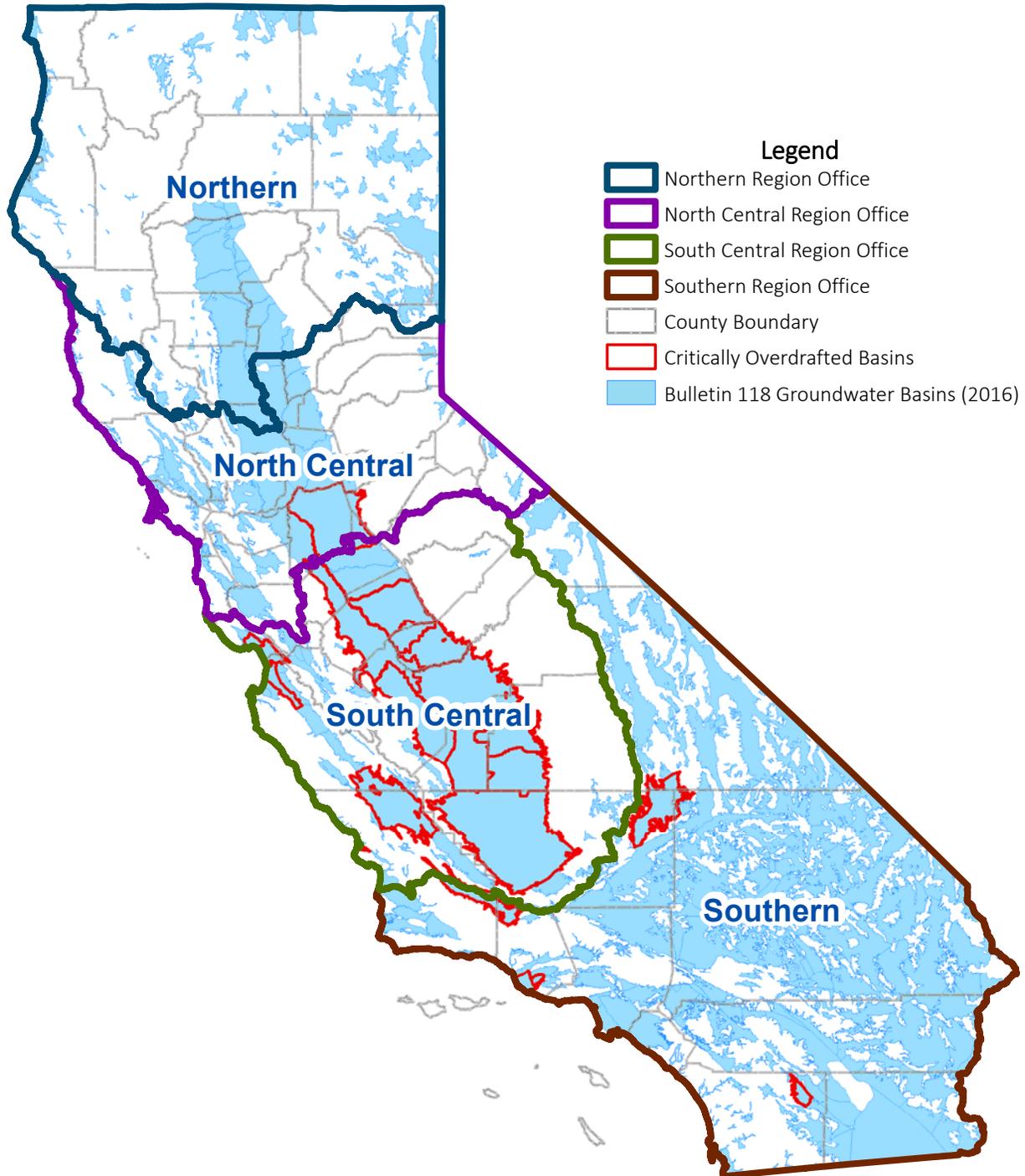
- Agree to work in an open, inclusive, and collaborative manner toward the development of a GSP.
- Support an inclusive process that seeks, promotes, encourages, and welcomes the involvement of all stakeholders and interested parties.
- Commit to meet regularly and work diligently toward a clear and defined goal.
- Commit to providing a meeting space that is suitably located and sized.

Applications for FSS will be evaluated on a continuous basis as funding allows. Applicant must be submitted through the DWR Facilitation Support Service online application.

[Facilitation Support Service Online Application](#)

For more information, or to start a FSS application, contact DWR's regional coordinators (see attached map and contact) or SGMP_RC@water.ca.gov.

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