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# Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Steps for Implementation

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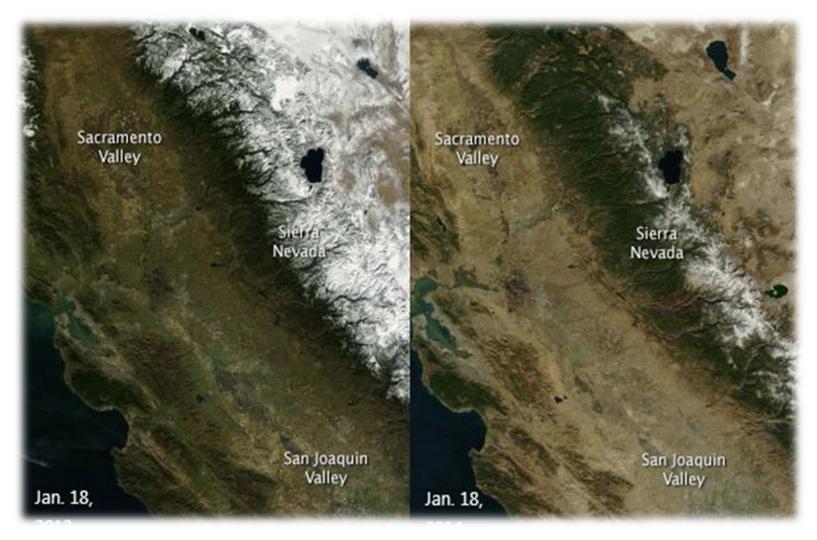
### Major Water Projects



### Groundwater is essential in dry years

- Groundwater is 35-65% of average annual supply
- In some communities, it is 100%





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## The primary tool to protect groundwater in California from 1850-2014:



#### California Water Action Plan



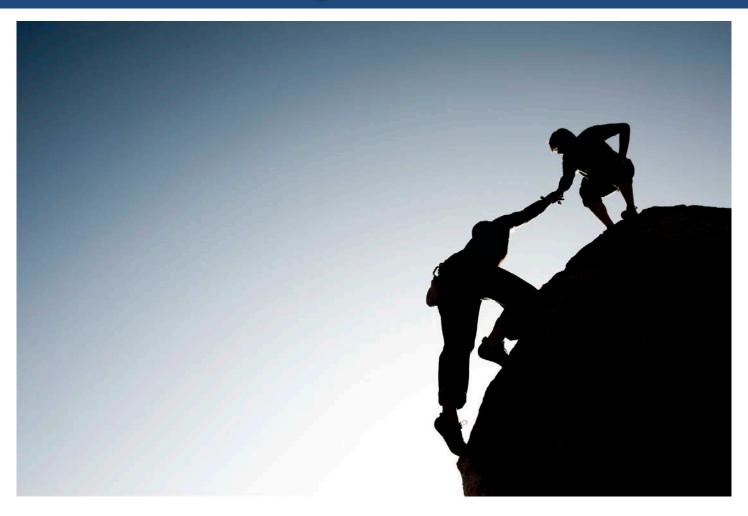








## The State's Role: Support for Local Agencies





### Financial assistance

Technical assistance



### Regulations



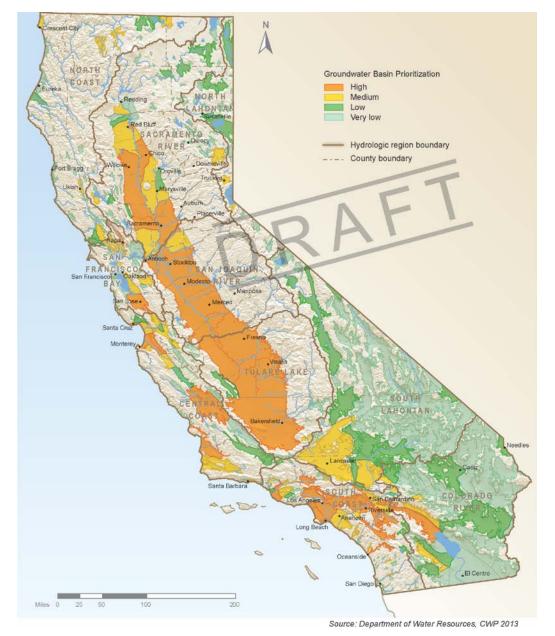
Plan evaluation



### Intervention



### Sustainable Groundwater Management Act



- 127 priority basins
- 92% GW use, 88% Population
- Local control & empowerment
- Alignment with basin borders
- Uniform standards
- State backstop

"I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it."



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