Groundwater Legislation Timeline

- **Jan 1, 2015**: Local Agencies may no longer adopt or update GMPs for high and medium priority basins.
- **Jan 31, 2015**: DWR updates basin prioritization.
- **2015 - 2016**: DWR identifies basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft.
- **Dec 31, 2016**: DWR publishes report on water available for groundwater replenishment.
- **2017**: DWR publishes Bulletin 118- Comprehensive Update.
- **Jan 31, 2020**: Board may hold a hearing to designate a critically-overdrafted basin as “probationary” if a GSA or approved alternative is not established.
- **Jan 1, 2018**: Board may begin developing interim plans if a local agency has not remedied the deficiency that resulted in the “probationary basin” status. The Board consults with DWR. Probationary basins may petition for un-designation. The Board acts on the petition within 90 days of submittal.
- **Jan 31, 2022**: Board may hold a hearing to designate a high and medium priority basin as “probationary” if DWR, in consultation with the Board, determines that the GSP is inadequate or not being implemented correctly, and the Board determines that the basin is in a condition where groundwater extractions result in significant depletion of interconnected surface waters.
- **Jan 1, 2015 -**: DWR updates basin prioritization. **Elements to be documented in Bulletin 118 Updates**
- **Jan 1, 2016**: DWR adopts regulations to revise basin boundaries.
- **Apr 1, 2016**: Adjudicated basins submit final judgment to DWR and begin submitting annual reports to DWR.
- **Jun 1, 2016**: DWR adopts regulations for evaluating and implementing GSPs and coordination agreements.
- **Jan 1, 2017**: DWR publishes BMPs for sustainable management of groundwater.
- **Jun 30, 2017**: Establish GSAs (or equivalent) for all high and medium priority basins.
- **Jan 1, 2020**: Board may begin developing interim plans for critically overdrafted “probationary basins” one year after the probationary designation, if the Board, in consultation with the DWR, determines that a local agency has not remedied the deficiency that resulted in the probationary status.
- **Jan 31, 2022**: Board may hold a hearing to designate a high and medium priority basin as “probationary” if DWR, in consultation with the Board, determines that the GSP is inadequate or will not achieve sustainability.
- **Jan 1, 2025**: Board may designate a basin as “probationary” if DWR, in consultation with the Board, determines that the GSP is inadequate or not being implemented correctly, and the Board determines that the basin is in a condition where groundwater extractions result in significant depletion of interconnected surface waters.