



# Informational Handout on State's Basin Boundary Modification Process & Proposed Modifications to the Los Osos Groundwater Basin



### State Law & Basin Regulations for Boundary Modification:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) took effect on January 1, 2015. SGMA provides new authorities to management agencies and requires various actions be taken in order to achieve sustainable groundwater management in high and medium priority groundwater basins. Among SGMA's first statutory deadlines is the requirement for the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to update the State's Bulletin 118 Report and modify basin boundaries as needed to reflect DWR-approved scientific and jurisdictional information. In October 2015, the State adopted the Basin Boundary Emergency Regulations defining a process for local agencies to request modifications to existing groundwater basin boundaries, as defined in the State's Bulletin 118. The regulations also define how affected agencies, systems and the public could provide input on requests. Modification requests may be submitted by 6/30/2018 for DWR's review and ultimate approval or denial. Access the emergency regulations and related information at DWR's website:

<https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Bulletin-118/Basin-Boundary-Modifications>

### Explore Boundary Modification:

**3/6/2018:** The County Board directed staff to submit a notice of intent to explore a basin boundary modification for the Los Osos Groundwater Basin to DWR, in order to align the State's basin boundary with current scientific and jurisdictional data/information.

**3/20/2018:** County staff submitted its initial notification of the potential basin boundary modification request to DWR. More information on this notification can be found at: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/basinmod/init/preview/151>

### Access and Review the Draft Technical Memorandum:

**Late March:** The County published a public draft technical memorandum, presenting the scientific justification for the proposed boundary modification request. The draft technical memorandum can be accessed at: <http://www.slocountywater.org/sgma>

See the back (or page 2) of this handout for the preliminary basin boundary modification map in relation to the State's current Bulletin 118 boundary. This was a preliminary map, subject to change/refinement during the public process.

## How You Can Provide Input on the Proposed Basin Boundary Modification Request:

### Provide Input to Requesting Agency (County):

**3/26/2018:** Provide written comments at public workshop. In addition to individual comments received, County staff will create a general summary of workshop proceedings.

**4/10/2018:** Provide written comments on the draft technical memorandum and the proposed boundary modification request. Submit comments via email/ mail to:

**County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Dept.**  
**Attn: Cathy Martin, P.E.**  
**County Government Center, Room 206**  
**San Luis Obispo, CA 93408**

-or-

[cmmartin@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:cmmartin@co.slo.ca.us)

**6/5/2018:** The County Board will hold a hearing to consider submittal of the Los Osos Basin boundary modification request to DWR. Attend the meeting and provide verbal input.

### Provide Input to State (DWR):

The regulations allow the public to submit information in favor of or opposition to a specific basin boundary modification request. **Comments must be submitted within 30 days of DWR providing notice that the basin boundary application is complete.** Information submitted must include the commenter's name, address, and email address and a clear statement of the basis for supporting or opposing the boundary modification. Comments should be based on "similar scientific and technical information as the particular boundary modification to which it is addressed." The public can access basin boundary modification information and comment on a basin at:

<http://sgma.water.ca.gov/basinmod/>

To receive notifications from DWR, please register at <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management>

March 6, 2018 Board Item: Los Osos Preliminary Basin Boundary Modification Map

