KINGS RIVER EAST
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

PROP 218 ELECTION:
COMMUNITY HANDOUT

WE ALL DEPEND ON GROUNDWATER

Groundwater stored in the aquifer beneath our feet is a shared resource. Cities, small communities, and agricultural producers across the region all rely on it to meet their needs.

The Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) was formed in 2017 to implement California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which was intended to stop chronic over-use of groundwater in regions like ours across the state. The GSA is a locally led public agency encompassing the cities of Reedley, Dinuba, and Orange Cove, several non-incorporated communities, and surrounding agricultural lands.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kings River East GSA has not collected revenue from landowners since 2021. From 2017 through 2020, the GSA funded its start-up activities through a $1.45 per acre-foot pumping fee and nominal contributions from public agencies. Those funds have now been exhausted and a new revenue source is required to support the ongoing activities required by SGMA.

Why a Prop 218 is Needed:

Sustainable Groundwater is a State Requirement

California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires critically overdrafted basins like ours to reach sustainability by 2040.

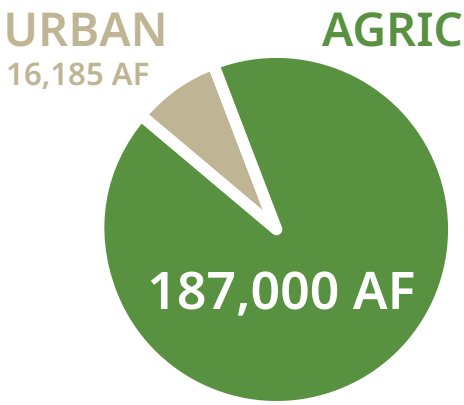
Local Funding Is Required

SGMA is an unfunded State mandate. Funding the Kings River East GSA is needed to continue meeting State expectations for groundwater planning, monitoring, reporting and coordination.

Keep Control Local

A funded local GSA allows our region to make local decisions that are best for our community and context. **Without funding, we risk the State Water Resources Control Board intervening to make decisions and regulate our landowners directly.**

Prop 218 Seeks Landowner Approval to Establish Property Related Fees to Fund Local Groundwater Management Efforts



2025 Groundwater Use by Sector

Many residential parcels would pay less than $1 per month to fund efforts to achieve a sustainable groundwater supply.

Fee Breakdown by Property Size

Acres	Square Feet	Annually	Monthly
0.15	6,534	$1.49	$0.12
0.50	21,780	$4.97	$0.41
1.00	43,560	$9.93	$0.83
2.00	87,120	$19.86	$1.66

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Groundwater is Best Managed Locally.

The California Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board are the administrative and enforcement agencies that ensure local agencies like Kings River East GSA are meeting the deadlines and milestones required by SGMA.

The State can and will intervene to regulate groundwater directly if the locals fail to. This puts additional burden on our landowners and community.

Passing the Prop 218 will fund the work necessary to maintain our local autonomy so our community can continue making decisions about how best to manage our groundwater.

Kings River East GSA Member Agencies

- **Orosi** Public Utility District
- **East Orosi** Community Services District
- **Sultana** Community Service District
- **London** Community Service District
- **Tri-Valley** Water District
- **Hills Valley** Irrigation District
- **Kings River** Water District
- **Yettem-Seville** Community Service District

Since 2017 we have:

- Developed a State-approved plan for how sustainability will be achieved by 2040
- Expanded groundwater monitoring and reporting efforts
- Completed five Annual Reports to the State detailing our progress
- Through the work of our member agencies, surface water use has increased and expanded connections to public water systems

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COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1

June 23,
5:30 – 6:30 PM

Reedley Community Center
100 N. East Ave, Reedley, CA 93654

Spanish interpretation provided

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2

June 24,
5:30 – 6:30 PM

Dinuba Community Center
1390 E Elizabeth Way, Dinuba, CA 93618

Spanish interpretation provided

PUBLIC HEARING

July 27,
2:00 PM

City of Dinuba, Council Chambers
405 E El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618