

ARTICLE 5. Plan Contents

§ 354. Introduction to Plan Contents

This Article describes the required contents of Plans submitted to the Department for evaluation, including administrative information, a description of the basin setting, sustainable management criteria, description of the monitoring network, and projects and management actions.

Note: Authority cited: Section 10733.2, Water Code.

Reference: Section 10733.2, Water Code.

SUBARTICLE 1. Administrative Information

§ 354.2. Introduction to Administrative Information

This Subarticle describes information in the Plan relating to administrative and other general information about the Agency that has adopted the Plan and the area covered by the Plan.

Note: Authority cited: Section 10733.2, Water Code.

Reference: Section 10733.2, Water Code.

§ 354.4. General Information

Each Plan shall include the following general information:

- (a) An executive summary written in plain language that provides an overview of the Plan and description of groundwater conditions in the basin.
- (b) A list of references and technical studies relied upon by the Agency in developing the Plan. Each Agency shall provide to the Department electronic copies of reports and other documents and materials cited as references that are not generally available to the public.

Note: Authority cited: Section 10733.2, Water Code.

Reference: Sections 10733.2 and 10733.4, Water Code.

§ 354.6. Agency Information

When submitting an adopted Plan to the Department, the Agency shall include a copy of the information provided pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8, with any updates, if necessary, along with the following information:

- (a) The name and mailing address of the Agency.
- (b) The organization and management structure of the Agency, identifying persons with management authority for implementation of the Plan.

- (c) The name and contact information, including the phone number, mailing address and electronic mail address, of the plan manager.
- (d) The legal authority of the Agency, with specific reference to citations setting forth the duties, powers, and responsibilities of the Agency, demonstrating that the Agency has the legal authority to implement the Plan.
- (e) An estimate of the cost of implementing the Plan and a general description of how the Agency plans to meet those costs.

Note: Authority cited: Section 10733.2, Water Code.

Reference: Sections 10723.8, 10727.2, and 10733.2, Water Code.

§ 354.8. Description of Plan Area

Each Plan shall include a description of the geographic areas covered, including the following information:

- (a) One or more maps of the basin that depict the following, as applicable:
 - (1) The area covered by the Plan, delineating areas managed by the Agency as an exclusive Agency and any areas for which the Agency is not an exclusive Agency, and the name and location of any adjacent basins.
 - (2) Adjudicated areas, other Agencies within the basin, and areas covered by an Alternative.
 - (3) Jurisdictional boundaries of federal or state land (including the identity of the agency with jurisdiction over that land), tribal land, cities, counties, agencies with water management responsibilities, and areas covered by relevant general plans.
 - (4) Existing land use designations and the identification of water use sector and water source type.
 - (5) The density of wells per square mile, by dasymetric or similar mapping techniques, showing the general distribution of agricultural, industrial, and domestic water supply wells in the basin, including de minimis extractors, and the location and extent of communities dependent upon groundwater, utilizing data provided by the Department, as specified in Section 353.2, or the best available information.
- (b) A written description of the Plan area, including a summary of the jurisdictional areas and other features depicted on the map.
- (c) Identification of existing water resource monitoring and management programs, and description of any such programs the Agency plans to incorporate in its monitoring network or in development of its Plan. The Agency may coordinate with existing water resource monitoring and management programs to incorporate and adopt that program as part of the Plan.
- (d) A description of how existing water resource monitoring or management programs may limit operational flexibility in the basin, and how the Plan has been developed to adapt to those limits.
- (e) A description of conjunctive use programs in the basin.

(f) A plain language description of the land use elements or topic categories of applicable general plans that includes the following:

- (1) A summary of general plans and other land use plans governing the basin.
- (2) A general description of how implementation of existing land use plans may change water demands within the basin or affect the ability of the Agency to achieve sustainable groundwater management over the planning and implementation horizon, and how the Plan addresses those potential effects.
- (3) A general description of how implementation of the Plan may affect the water supply assumptions of relevant land use plans over the planning and implementation horizon.
- (4) A summary of the process for permitting new or replacement wells in the basin, including adopted standards in local well ordinances, zoning codes, and policies contained in adopted land use plans.
- (5) To the extent known, the Agency may include information regarding the implementation of land use plans outside the basin that could affect the ability of the Agency to achieve sustainable groundwater management.

(g) A description of any of the additional Plan elements included in Water Code Section 10727.4 that the Agency determines to be appropriate.

Note: Authority cited: Section 10733.2, Water Code.

Reference: Sections 10720.3, 10727.2, 10727.4, 10733, and 10733.2, Water Code.

§ 354.10. Notice and Communication

Each Plan shall include a summary of information relating to notification and communication by the Agency with other agencies and interested parties including the following:

- (a) A description of the beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the basin, including the land uses and property interests potentially affected by the use of groundwater in the basin, the types of parties representing those interests, and the nature of consultation with those parties.
- (b) A list of public meetings at which the Plan was discussed or considered by the Agency.
- (c) Comments regarding the Plan received by the Agency and a summary of any responses by the Agency.
- (d) A communication section of the Plan that includes the following:
 - (1) An explanation of the Agency's decision-making process.
 - (2) Identification of opportunities for public engagement and a discussion of how public input and response will be used.
 - (3) A description of how the Agency encourages the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the basin.
 - (4) The method the Agency shall follow to inform the public about progress implementing the Plan, including the status of projects and actions.

Note: Authority cited: Section 10733.2, Water Code.

Reference: Sections 10723.2, 10727.8, 10728.4, and 10733.2, Water Code

NOTE: This is an excerpt from the Groundwater Sustainability Regulations. Read the full regulations here:

https://water.ca.gov/LegacyFiles/groundwater/sgm/pdfs/GSP_Emergency_Regulations.pdf