



Groundwater Demand Management Ad Hoc and Working Group

Pathways for Continued Discussions

Key topics for further discussion

(Not a comprehensive list)

- **Triggers** – Based on MOs or MTs?
- **Polygon methodology** – TBD boundaries dependent on future representative monitoring wells
 - *Safe and Sustainable Yield calculations, non-contiguous polygons, other data and model updates, etc.*
- **Inland vs. river-adjacent wells** – How closely linked?
 - *“upstream” pumping influence, triggers, costs*
- **Water portfolio management** – Desiring individual choice flexibility
 - *Non-contiguous parcels, water trading, leases, etc.*

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Next Steps

- **Triggers** – Based on MOs or MTs?
 - Considering alternative using MTs: Is there an objective and methodical approach for using MTs + buffer?
 - Some wells need new or fixed MOs or MTs (Timing: when updated model in late 2026/early 2027)
- **Polygon methodology** – TBD boundaries dependent on future representative monitoring wells
 - Support Thiessen approach as starting point
 - Hesitant about calculations, polygon groupings, and actions until see updated boundaries
 - Boundaries TBD until have new data – eligible Representative Monitoring Sites/Points (RMS/RMP) wells will get MOs and MTs (Timing: updated model).
 - Additional data (e.g., AEM) can help confirm analyses and management

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- **Inland vs. river-adjacent wells** – How closely linked?
 - Reviewing data and maps to understand relationship
 - New representative wells will help refine/validate
 - Additional option: appeals process
- **Water portfolio management** – Desiring individual choice flexibility
 - If parcels (or polygons) are within the same appropriate area, can well owners manage the water portfolio based on overall benefit and still meet sustainability objectives?
 - Proposing to commit to exploring water trading program in greater detail (Timing: post-Jan 2026 and before 2030)

Additional topics for further discussion

Will be discussed by additional entities as applicable:

- **Inter-basin challenge** – Navigating differing thresholds and management
- **Recharge and conservation** – Desiring credit for beneficial contribution
- **Costs** – Questions about demand management-specific costs and overall fee structure
- **New development** – Uncertain about available mechanisms
- **Groundwater dependent ecosystems** – Uncertain about interconnected surface water dynamics