



# Process for Forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency-Eligible Entities

The boards and councils of local public agencies with water supply, water management, and land use responsibilities are eligible to form the groundwater agency, required by law, and will make the ultimate decision on the groundwater sustainability agency formation.

## Groundwater Stakeholder Forum with Simultaneous Spanish Translation

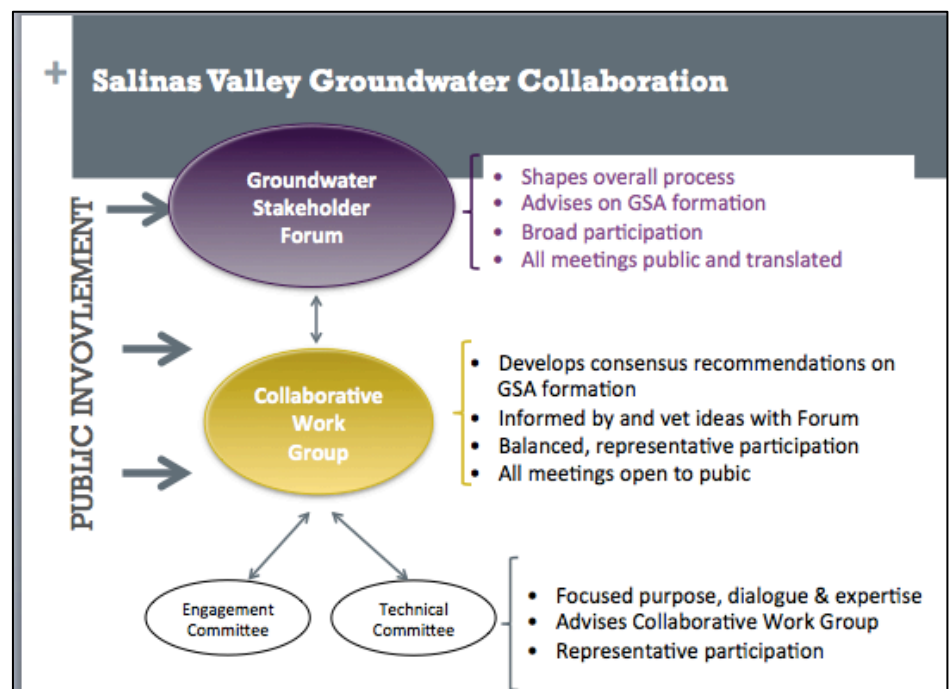
Four Groundwater Stakeholder Forums will shape the overall process for developing Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) recommendations and provide an opportunity for broad stakeholder participation and input. Groundwater Stakeholder Forums are specifically designed for members of the public and stakeholders who are interested in groundwater to provide input on forming the GSA(s). All the major decision points on Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation will be vetted at the Forum. At each Forum, the Collaborative Work Group will provide information and request input from interested parties. Everyone who is interested in groundwater management should plan to attend these meetings. The Stakeholder Forums will have simultaneous Spanish translation.

## Collaborative Work Group

Composed of representatives from GSA-eligible agencies and groundwater users, the work group is developing consensus recommendations on forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Collaborative Work Group meetings are open to the public.

The collaborative process design is based on a Stakeholder Issue

Assessment that the Consensus Building Institute (CBI) conducted that included 35 confidential interviews with 47 people and 86 online survey responses.



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# Collaborative Work Group Members

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