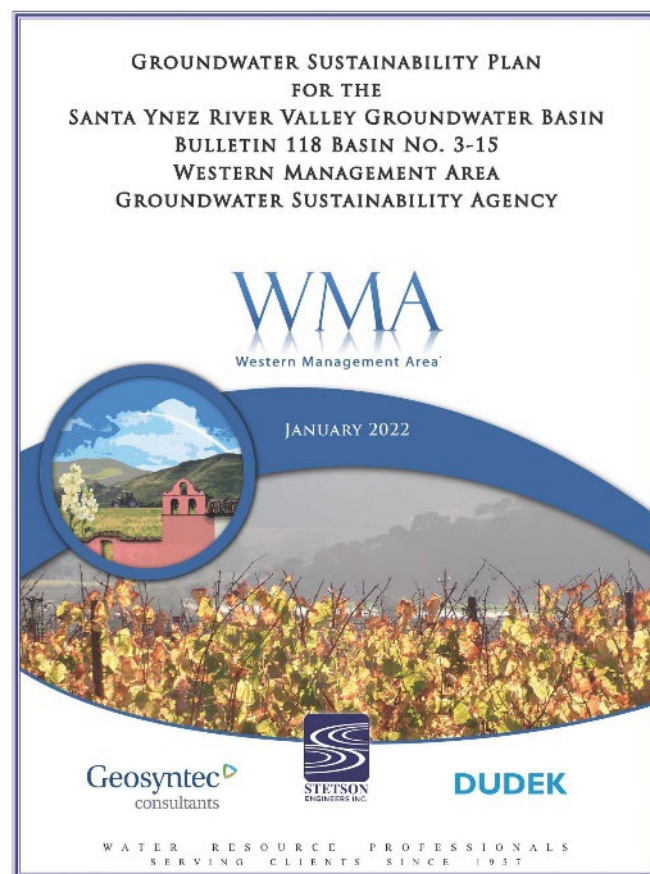


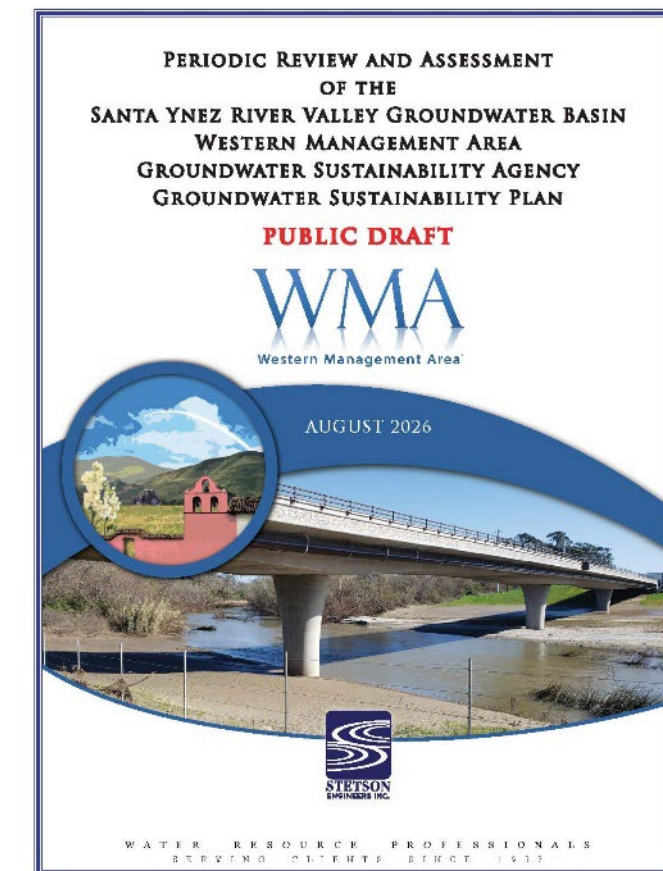


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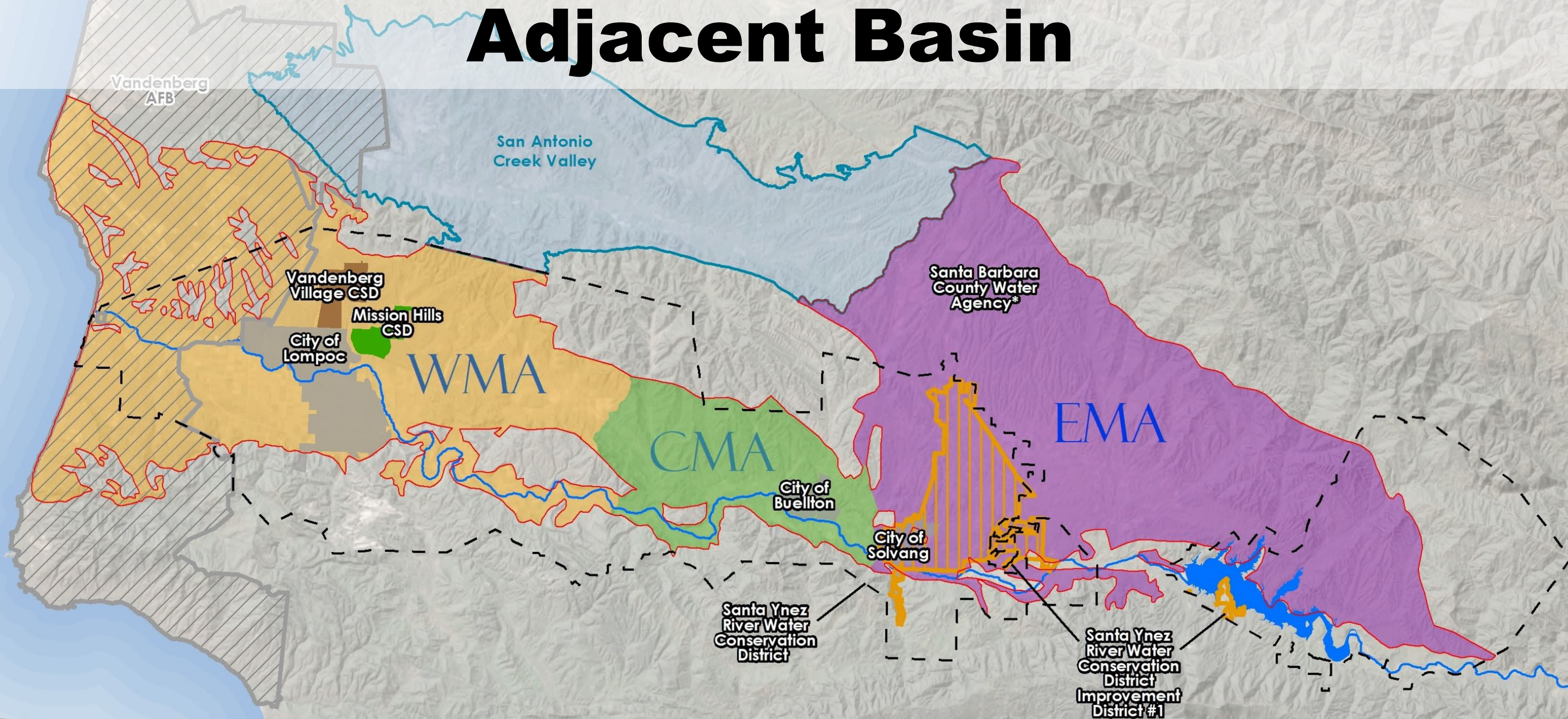
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**2027 New
Review**

Basin, Management Areas, and Adjacent Basin



Five-Year Evaluation Overview

WMA GSP Five-Year Evaluation (WY2019-WY2024)

1. Purpose: SGMA requires a GSP evaluation every five years.
Evaluate sustainability, implementation progress, new data, and DWR recommendations.
2. Bottom Line
 - Basin remains sustainable
 - No undesirable results
 - GSP is working as intended
 - No GSP amendment recommended at this time

Sustainability Scorecard

Current Basin Status

Indicator	Status
Groundwater Levels	✓ Sustainable
Groundwater Storage	✓ Sustainable
Seawater Intrusion	✓ Sustainable
Water Quality	✓ Sustainable
Land Subsidence	✓ Sustainable
Interconnected Surface Water	✓ Sustainable

Key Findings

- Groundwater levels remain above minimum thresholds.
- Groundwater storage has increased relative to 2015 conditions.
- No undesirable results occurred during WY2019-WY2024.
- WMA remains on track to achieve and maintain sustainability through 2042.

Major Accomplishments Since GSP Adoption

1. New Data and Monitoring

- Airborne geophysical survey analysis completed and groundwater models updated.
- New monitoring wells and a stream gage are underway.
- Expanded water quality monitoring
- Groundwater fee program adopted
- Proposition 68 funding secured (\$5.5M basin-wide)

2. DWR Corrective Actions

- 4 of 7 RCAs substantially addressed.
- Remaining RCAs require additional monitoring, data collection, and model refinement.

Key Focus Areas for the Next Five Years

1. Monitoring Network Improvements
2. Surface Water / Groundwater Interaction
3. Santa Rita Subarea

Key Message: These are data and monitoring challenges, not sustainability failures.

Recommendation & Next Steps

The Five-Year Evaluation found:

1. Basin is sustainable and existing GSP remains effective.
2. Current SMCs and PMAs remain adequate.
3. No undesirable results are occurring.
4. No immediate amendments are needed.

Recommended Board Action

- Receive the Five-Year evaluation and submit evaluation to DWR.
- Continue data collection, monitoring, and model development.
- Revisit potential amendments when additional data justify changes.

The Basin is sustainable today, implementation is progressing, and additional data will help refine future management decisions.

Questions?