

2. Agency Information

This section provides a description of GSAs in the NASb and their legal authority to implement the GSP, along with contact information for the Plan manager. A cost estimate for implementing the GSP is provided along with a general description of how the GSAs plan to fund these expenses.

2.1 GSA Organization and Management Structure

Five agencies in the NASb filed with DWR to become GSAs to cover the entire NASb. DWR designated them as exclusive in 2016 and 2017. The five GSAs are listed below:

- Sacramento Groundwater Authority GSA
- Reclamation District 1001 (RD 1001) GSA
- South Sutter Water District (SSWD) GSA
- Sutter County GSA
- West Placer GSA

Figure 2-1 shows the areas covered by each GSA. All the GSAs have the legal authority to implement this GSP. A brief description of each GSA is provided below.

2.1.1 Sacramento Groundwater Authority GSA

The Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) is a Joint Powers Authority formed in 1998 to manage the groundwater basin in Sacramento County north of the American River. In January 2016, SGA became the exclusive GSA in conformance with SGMA for its portion of the North American Subbasin.

The SGA draws its authority from a joint powers agreement executed by the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Sacramento and the county of Sacramento utilizing their common police powers. The signatories chose to manage the basin cooperatively by creating a governing board of directors comprised of representatives of 14 water agencies and other water users within their jurisdiction:

- California American Water
- Carmichael Water District
- Citrus Heights Water District
- City of Folsom
- City of Sacramento
- County of Sacramento
- Del Paso Manor Water District
- Fair Oaks Water District
- Golden State Water Company
- Natomas Central Mutual Water Company
- Orange Vale Water Company
- Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
- Sacramento Suburban Water District
- San Juan Water District
- Agricultural Representative
- Commercial/Industrial Self-supplied Representative

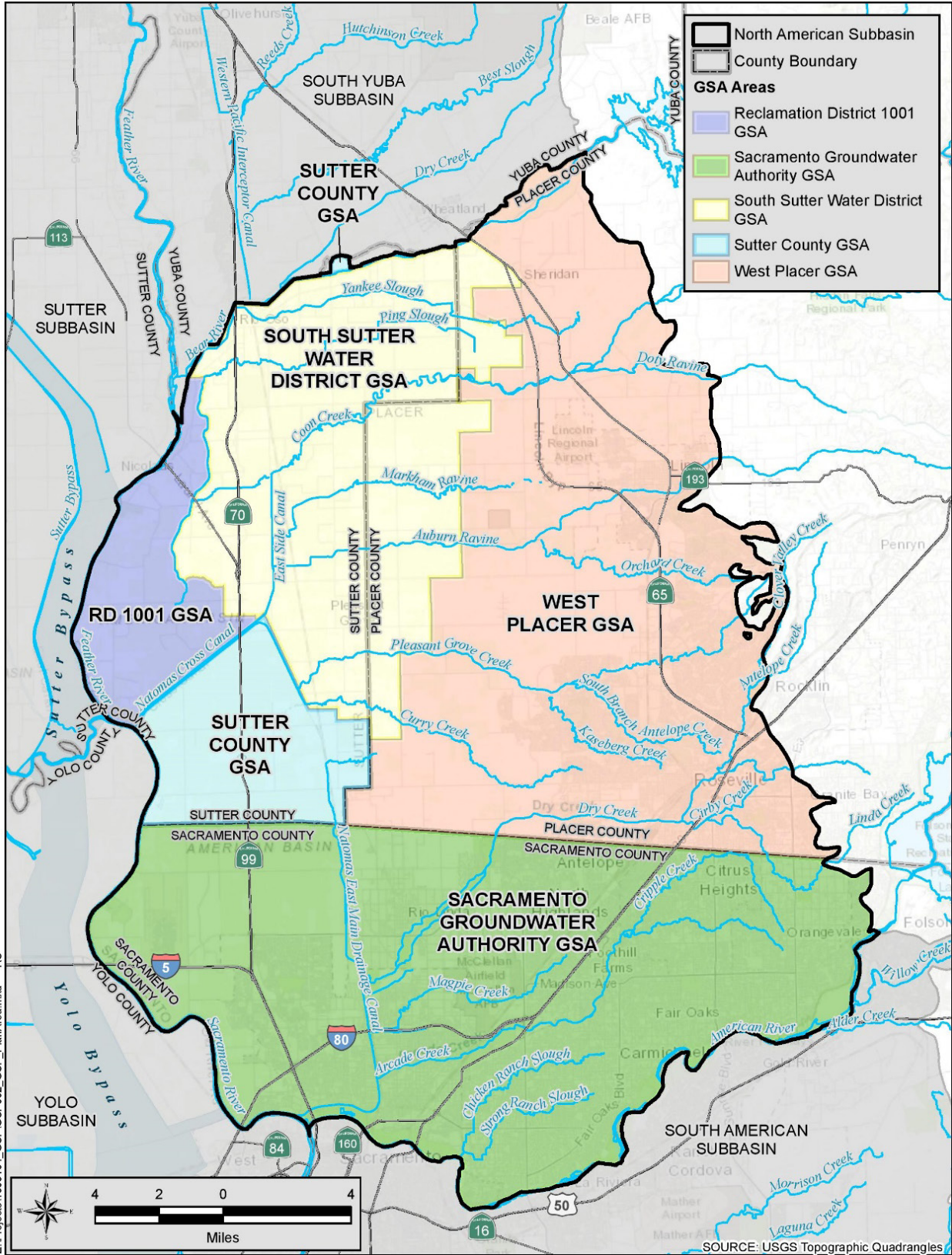


Figure 2-1. GSP Plan Area and GSAs

2.1.2 RD 1001 GSA

RD 1001 is a special-purpose district that provides flood protection for approximately 43,395 acres, including the communities of East Nicolaus, Nicolaus, Pleasant Grove, Rio Oso, Trowbridge, and Verona. The Reclamation District (RD) is governed by elected board members who own property or work on land in RD 1001.

RD 1001 is delegating certain activities regarding the implementation of SGMA to the Pleasant Grove-Verona Mutual Water Company, which is located within its service area, through a separate MOA.

2.1.3 South Sutter Water District GSA

SSWD is a California water district organized, existing, and operating under the provisions of the California Water District Law, California Water Code Section 34000 et seq., and is thus a local agency authorized to exercise powers related to groundwater management under California Water Code Section 10721. SSWD was established in May 1954 to develop, store, and distribute surface water to reverse the effects groundwater pumping was having on the declining groundwater levels. The SSWD GSA covers some area within Placer County that is in the SSWD boundary. Placer County and SSWD have signed a MOA describing the management of shared lands to ensure that all areas are managed appropriately.

2.1.4 Sutter County GSA

The Sutter County Board of Supervisors serves as the legislative body for Sutter County and provides policy direction for all branches of county government. The Board of Supervisors authorized the Development Services Department to submit the necessary documents to form the Sutter County GSA and oversee the preparation of the GSP and its implementation in the NASb within Sutter County that is not represented by another GSA.

Sutter County is delegating certain activities regarding the implementation of SGMA to the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, which is located within its service area, through a separate MOA.

2.1.5 West Placer GSA

The West Placer GSA consists of four public agencies with water management or land use authority in a portion of the NASb located within Placer County. The member agencies are Placer County, the cities of Roseville and Lincoln, and Placer County Water Agency, all of which are water purveyors. In addition, through a separate participation agreement, the GSAs will allow for California American Water (an investor-owned utility) to participate in the West Placer GSA since they are a water supplier within the West Placer GSA portion of the Subbasin. The agencies have entered into an MOA to manage the groundwater within West Placer County.

Other local agencies that provide water to areas of the West Placer GSA portion of the Subbasin including San Juan Water District, Camp Far West Irrigation District, Citrus Heights Water District, Nevada Irrigation District, RD 1001, and a land-use agency, the City of Rocklin. These agencies do not supply groundwater within the West Placer GSA area and have not requested to be part of the GSA. Nevada Irrigation District was a GSA participant, but elected to withdraw in November 2021.

2.2 Plan Manager Contact Information

The five GSAs, by mutual agreement, selected SGA to be the Plan manager and lead agency for the preparation and implementation of the NASb GSP. SGA contact information is provided below:

<u>Agency Name:</u>	Sacramento Groundwater Authority	<u>Contact person:</u>	Rob Swartz
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<u>Agency Website:</u>	https://www.sgah2o.org	<u>Email:</u>	rswartz@rwah2o.org

2.3 Implementation Authority

Any local public agency that has water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities in a basin can become a GSA under SGMA. All five of the NASb GSAs meets at least one of these criteria and has legal authority to jointly prepare, adopt, and implement a GSP. Each GSA in the NASb has the legal authorities granted to a GSA under the California Water Code (Water Code) to manage groundwater in their area.

All five of the GSAs have entered into an MOA for the implementation of this GSP, which will include management of the Subbasin along with projects and management actions. The GSAs have designated SGA as the lead agency. **Appendix A** provides a copy of the GSP Implementation MOA.