

OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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Mission Statement

The Owens Valley Groundwater Authority safeguards the sustainability of the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin through locally tailored management of groundwater resources to protect and sustain the environment, local residents and communities, agriculture, and the economy.

OVGA Strategies

1. Prepare and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) as described in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).
2. Establish standards and criteria for sustainable groundwater conditions and management within the Basin.
3. Implement groundwater management policies, regulations, and projects of the GSP consistent with the authorities granted under SGMA.
4. Monitor groundwater resources as prescribed in the GSP, assess changes in the groundwater basin using best available models and data, and adjust or modify management practices when needed to achieve or maintain sustainability.
5. Report annually and as needed to the OVGA Board and public on groundwater uses and conditions in the Basin.
6. Ensure local resident and stakeholder voices including Federal and State recognized tribes are heard through effective public engagement that invites deliberation, collaboration, and action on groundwater management issues of common importance.

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