

Process to Regulate Groundwater Extraction under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, if Needed

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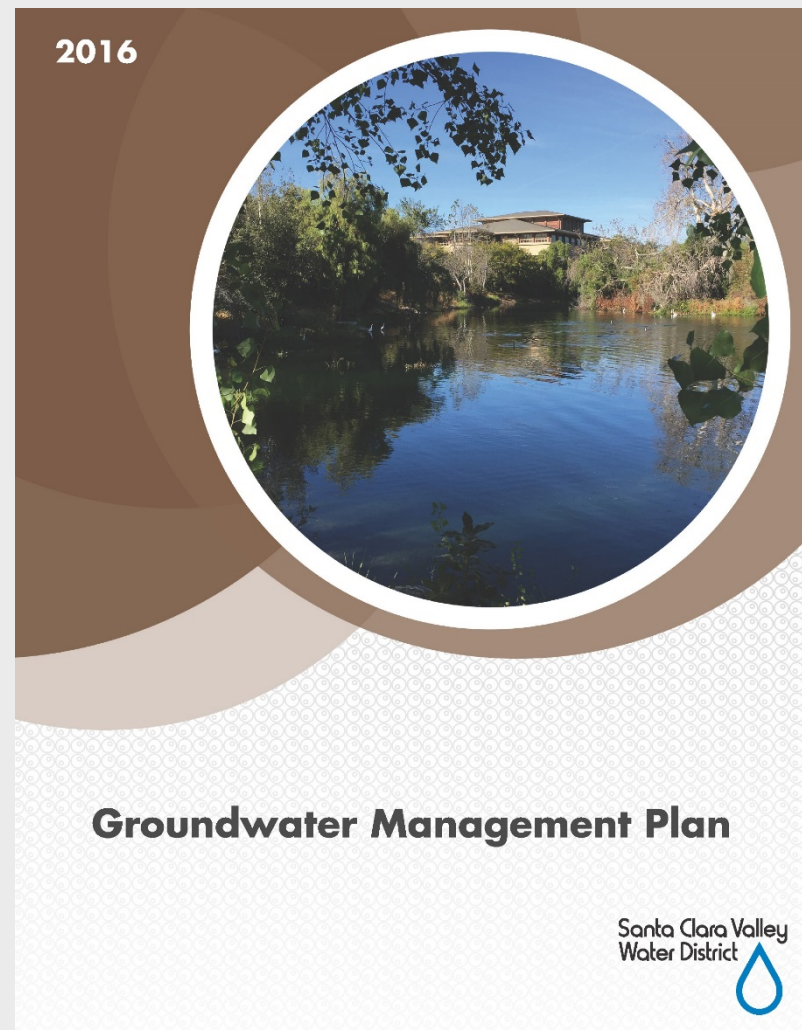


Groundwater management authority

- ▶ Broad District Act authority has supported sustainable groundwater management for many decades
- ▶ Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) provides additional tools that may be needed in the future
 - ▶ Groundwater well/ extraction regulation
 - ▶ Different fee types

Groundwater Management Plan

- ▶ 2016 Groundwater Management Plan developed for SGMA compliance
- ▶ Retailer concerns over potential pumping regulation
- ▶ Stakeholder engagement referred to Board's Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee (Committee)



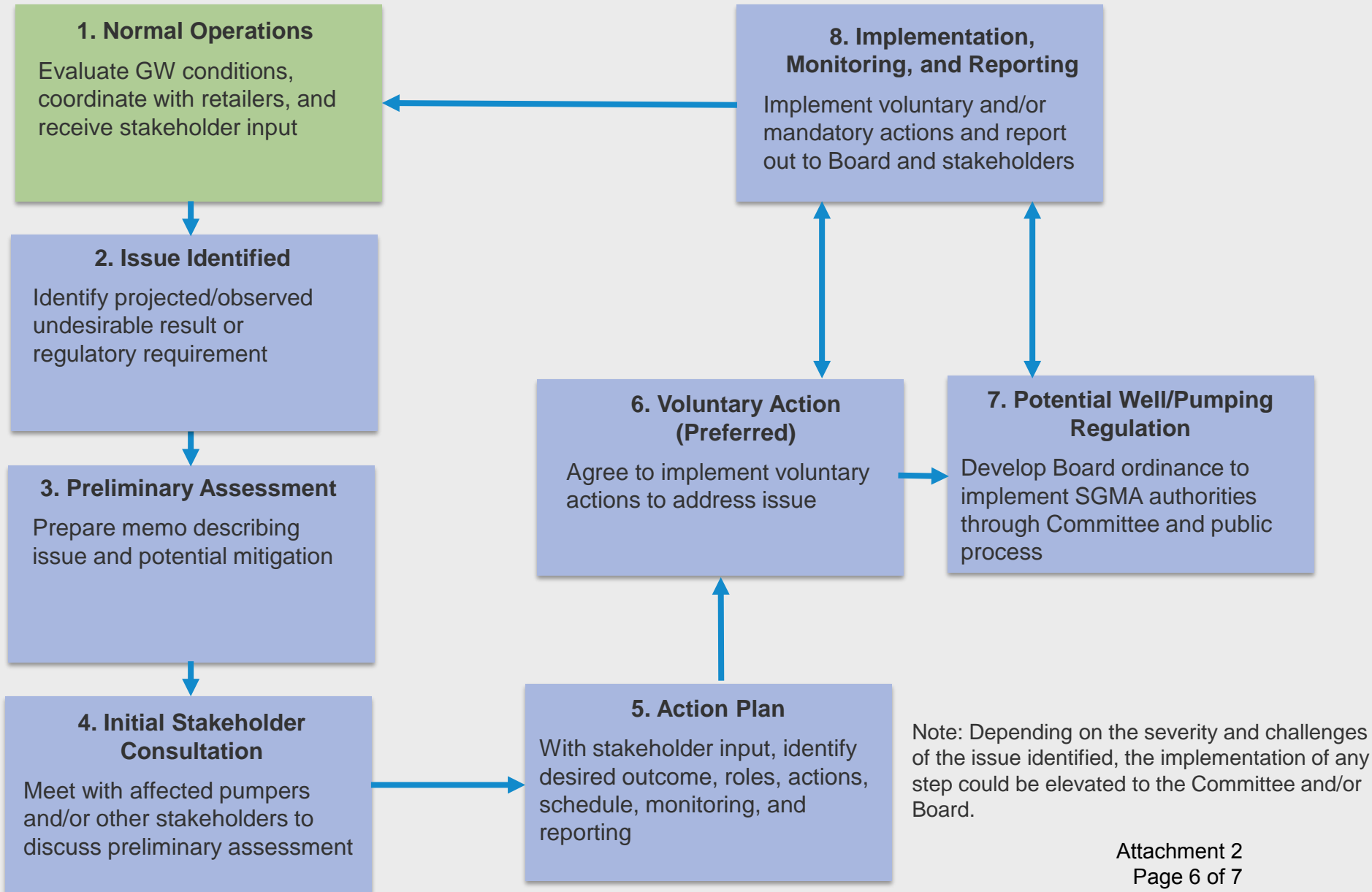
Evaluation of new SGMA authorities

- ▶ Nine publicly-noticed Committee meetings to discuss new SGMA authorities
- ▶ Committee received input from water retailers and other stakeholders, resulting in
 - ▶ Exploration of fixed charges as groundwater production charge component
 - ▶ Process to regulate groundwater extraction, if needed

Goals of process

- ▶ Affirm guiding principles supporting continued sustainable conditions
- ▶ Clarify process to respond to worsening basin conditions
- ▶ Identify steps that would be taken prior to regulating pumping
- ▶ Avoid prescriptive requirements that might lead to ineffective or unnecessary action

Process to Regulate Pumping, if Needed



Recommendation

- ▶ Adopt the resolution Memorializing the Process to Regulate Groundwater Extraction under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, if Needed