

Petaluma Valley Groundwater Basin Boundary Modification Request

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) established a process for local agencies to request that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) revise the boundaries of a groundwater basin or subbasin.

July 19, 2018 – The City of Petaluma submitted an Initial Notification to DWR of a potential basin boundary modification request. The proposed modification requested by the City would incorporate the jurisdictional area of the City that is currently in the Wilson Grove Formation Highlands Groundwater Basin into the Petaluma Valley Groundwater Basin.

Summary of the request:

Potential Basin(s)/Subbasin(s): 2-001 PETALUMA VALLEY , 1-059 WILSON GROVE FORMATION HIGHLANDS

Requesting Agency: City of Petaluma

Short Description: The City of Petaluma is requesting modification of the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 defined Petaluma Valley Groundwater Basin based on the jurisdiction of the City of Petaluma. Proposed modification of the Petaluma Valley Groundwater Basin would incorporate the jurisdictional area of the City of Petaluma that is currently in the Wilson Grove Formation Highlands Groundwater Basin into the Petaluma Valley Groundwater Basin.

To view details on the Initial Notification submittal, please reference the following link:
<http://sgma.water.ca.gov/basinmod/init/preview/180>

September 25, 2018 – The City submitted its request for Basin Boundary Modification to DWR.

Summary of the request:

Potential Basin(s)/Subbasin(s): 1-059 , 2-001

Requesting Agency: City of Petaluma

Type(s) of Modification: Jurisdiction Internal

Short Description: Modify Bulletin 118 defined Petaluma Valley Groundwater Basin to incorporate the jurisdictional area of the City that is currently in the Wilson Grove Formation Highlands Groundwater Basin.

Please click <http://sgma.water.ca.gov/basinmod/basinrequest/preview/223> to view details on this submittal.

September 26, 2018 - The 30-day Public Input Period initiated.

§343.12. Public Input

(a) Any person may provide information to support or oppose a proposed boundary modification request as follows:

- (1) Public input must be submitted by written notice to the Department within 30 days after the Department posts a notice that the request is complete pursuant to Section 343.10(c), and provide the requesting agency a duplicate copy of that information the same day.
- (2) Public input must include the name, address, and electronic mail address of the person or entity providing that input.
- (3) Public input must include a clear statement of the basins for the support of or opposition to the proposed boundary modification.
- (4) The level of detail provided by public input need not be as comprehensive as that contained in the request but must rely on similar scientific and technical information as the particular boundary modification request to which it is addressed, and will be evaluated by the Department using the same criteria.

(b) The Department shall post all public input on the Department's Website.

(c) The Department is not required to respond to comments received through public input, but will consider such comments as part of its evaluation of a boundary modification request.

(d) The Department shall give the requesting agency a reasonable opportunity to respond to public input, including the opportunity to modify the boundary modification request.

Note: Authority cited: Section 10722.2, Water Code.

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For questions or comments regarding the City's submittal to DWR about a potential groundwater basin boundary modification request, please contact Chelsea Thompson at cthompson@ci.petaluma.ca.us.

Additional Resources:

For information on the Petaluma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, please visit:

<http://petalumavalleygroundwater.org/>

Resolution adopted by the City of Petaluma formally initiating the boundary modification request process: <http://cityofpetaluma.net/cclerk/pdf/Resolution%202018-124%20N.C.S..pdf>

Other SGMA Resources:

SGMA Basin Prioritization Dashboard: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/bp2018-dashboard/>

Groundwater Basin Boundary Assessment Tool: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/bbat/>