

Northern Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Overview

The Northern Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NDGSA) is a Joint Powers Authority comprised of 17 local agency members and formed under the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

The member agencies of the NDGSA are each individually recognized Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in their own right and provide a representative to participate in the NDGSA. The NDGSA allows for a consolidation of administration and management, efficient engagement with other agencies, and grant writing.

Member Agencies

The following local agencies are represented in the NDGSA:

- Reclamation District 3 – Grand Island
- Reclamation District 501 – Ryer Island
- Reclamation District 2067 – Brannan Island
- Reclamation District 307 – Lisbon District
- Reclamation District 317 – Lower Andrus Island
- Reclamation District 349 – Sutter Island
- Reclamation District 556 – Upper Andrus Island
- Reclamation District 407 – Andrus Island
- Reclamation District 554 – Walnut Grove
- Reclamation District 2111 – Deadhorse Tract
- Reclamation District 1002 – Glannvale
- Reclamation District 813 – Ehrhardt Club
- Reclamation District 744 – Scribner District
- Reclamation District 2110 – McCormack Williamson Tract
- Reclamation District 369 – Libby McNeil
- Reclamation District 755 – Randall Island
- Franklin Drainage District

Why the NDGSA?

The NDGSA is a coalition of local Delta agencies—reclamation, irrigation and drainage districts—that have responded to the legal mandate of SGMA in order to support the unique local agricultural, social, and environmental needs of the Delta.



Partner Agencies

We partner with Reclamation District 38 and Reclamation District 551 to collaborate on groundwater management.

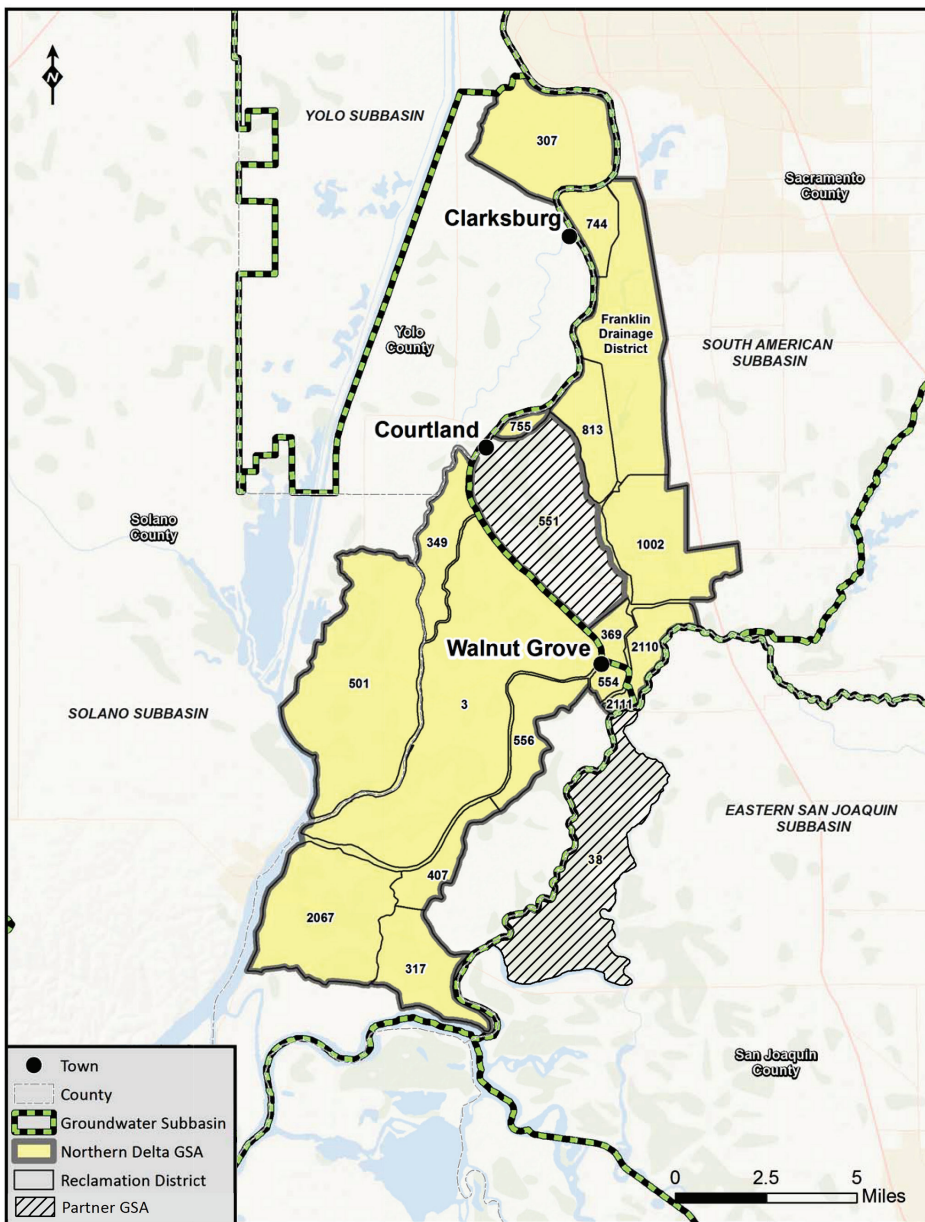
These local agencies share a strong agricultural and rural community perspective within the Northern Delta, south of the City of Sacramento and north of the City of Rio Vista. Local landowners and agencies also share an understanding of the unique conditions of the Delta, which is naturally rich in surface and groundwater.

NDGSA Basin Boundaries

The Northern Delta was divided into three groundwater subbasins (Solano, South American, and Eastern San Joaquin) over four counties (Solano, Sacramento, Yolo, and San Joaquin) by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118. These divisions do not make hydrologic or hydrogeologic sense and would result in potential differences in groundwater management over these arbitrary boundaries. The State of California previously identified these differences in hydrology and environmental conditions in its management of the Delta, identifying this area as the legal Delta

under statute, and providing for the Delta Protection Commission, Delta Conservancy, and Delta Stewardship Council authorities over this area.

To reconcile the apparent misunderstanding of the Northern Delta in Bulletin 118, the NDGSA has submitted an initial Basin Boundary Modification notice and will submit a formal request prior to the deadline at the end of September 2018. The request **consolidates the member and partner agencies into one new subbasin (the Northern Delta Subbasin)**, which because of its unique characteristics and existing groundwater sustainability should be ranked as a “low” priority subbasin.



Regardless of DWR’s ultimate decision on basin boundaries, the **NDGSA is committed to advancing the sustainability of the Delta and participating in the various Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) being developed** in the neighboring subbasins.

In order to manage the NDGSA, The Freshwater Trust (TFT) was contracted to provide administrative support and grant writing. The NDGSA completed a Proposition 218 process earlier this year to provide consistent program funding and grant matches as needed.

Map: The NDGSA is comprised of 17 member agencies (yellow) and partners with two more agencies (black lines) across three groundwater subbasins. The NDGSA is requesting a consolidation into one new subbasin.

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