



Water Quality Authority

San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

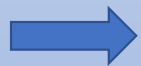
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# San Gabriel Basin Contamination

- First discovered in 1979
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency designated several areas as Superfund sites under the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- State water regulators implemented basinwide testing program
- Local water districts/cities provided input



No existing agency had the statutory authority to handle the issues.

# SGBWQA Act

## 1992

- 5-Member Board
  - Local agency responsible for groundwater cleanup
  - Non-regulatory
  - Plan and finance treatment projects
  - Groundwater Quality Management and Remediation Plan (“§406 Plan”)
  - Coordinate with local, state and federal agencies
  - Sunset date

## 2000

- 7-Member Board
  - Two Producer members added.

### 2 city members:

- Valerie Munoz, City of La Puente (w/o pumping rights)
- Robert Gonzales, City of Azusa (w/ pumping rights)



### 3 municipal water district members:

- Ed Chavez, Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD
- Mark Paulson, San Gabriel Valley MWD
- Bob Kuhn, Three Valleys MWD



### 2 producer members:

- Lynda Noriega, California Domestic Water Company
- Mike Whitehead, San Gabriel Valley Water Company



## Focus Areas of WQA

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Facilitate Basin Cleanup

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Early Cleanup Actions

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Seek State/Federal Funding

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Public Outreach

# Recent/Current Legislation

## 2022

- AB2163 (Rubio) extended sunset date to July 1, 2050.

## 2023

- **AB279** (Rubio) increases maximum allowable assessment from \$10/AF to \$20/AF of prescriptive pumping rights.
- Note: this does not raise the actual WQA assessment.

# WQA State/Federal Funding

- WQA efforts have resulted in substantial funding for the basin:
  - **Federal Funds (\$126M)**
    - U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI
    - San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund
    - EPA Cooperative Agreements
  - **State Funds (\$60M)**
    - Propositions 13, 84, 1, 68
    - State Water Board Cleanup and Abatement Account
    - Department of Toxic Substances Control Program Funding
  - **Responsible Party Funds (\$700M)**
    - Leveraged federal and state funds to achieve settlements with Responsible Parties

**Federal Authorization:**  
San Gabriel Basin Restoration  
Project, Appendix D, Division B, Title I, Section  
110, Public Law 106-554, as amended





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