

# Are You Interested in Sustainable Groundwater Management in Borrego Springs?

## Borrego Springs Watermaster **OPEN HOUSE**

October 15, 2025 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

IN-PERSON at the Borrego Springs Library  
2580 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs, CA 92004



### About the Open House

In February 2025, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) approved the Borrego Springs Subbasin Alternative in a [Staff Letter](#), which included Recommended Corrective Actions (RCAs) to improve the use of the Judgment and Groundwater Management Plan (GMP). Four of the RCAs call for updates to the Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC).

The Watermaster is preparing its 5-Year Assessment of the GMP, which will include updates to these SMC. Updates to the SMCs will consider stakeholder outreach. We invite you to engage in this process by attending the Open House and providing feedback.



### Open House Schedule

**1:00 - 3:00 PM | PRESENTATION AND Q&A** – will be given on the following topics. For more information, click on the links below:

- 1:00 - 1:30 pm: Overview of Sustainable Management Criteria
- 1:30 - 2:00 pm: [SMC for Groundwater Level](#)
- 2:00 - 2:30 pm: [SMC for Groundwater in Storage](#)
- 2:30 - 3:00 pm: [SMC for Groundwater Quality](#)

**Join us at 4pm for the In-Person Watermaster Board Meeting!**

### Give us your Feedback!

The public can submit comments verbally at the Open House or in writing via comment cards, available at the meeting. The schedule for public feedback is as follows:

- **October 15, 2025:** Stakeholder Open House
- **November 12, 2025:** Deadline to submit written public comments
- **December 17, 2025:** Updated SMCs presented to the Watermaster Board

### Join Virtually!

**Virtual Meeting Option** - If you can't attend In-Person, a virtual option is available.

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Come learn, ask questions, and share your input on the future of groundwater sustainability in Borrego Springs!

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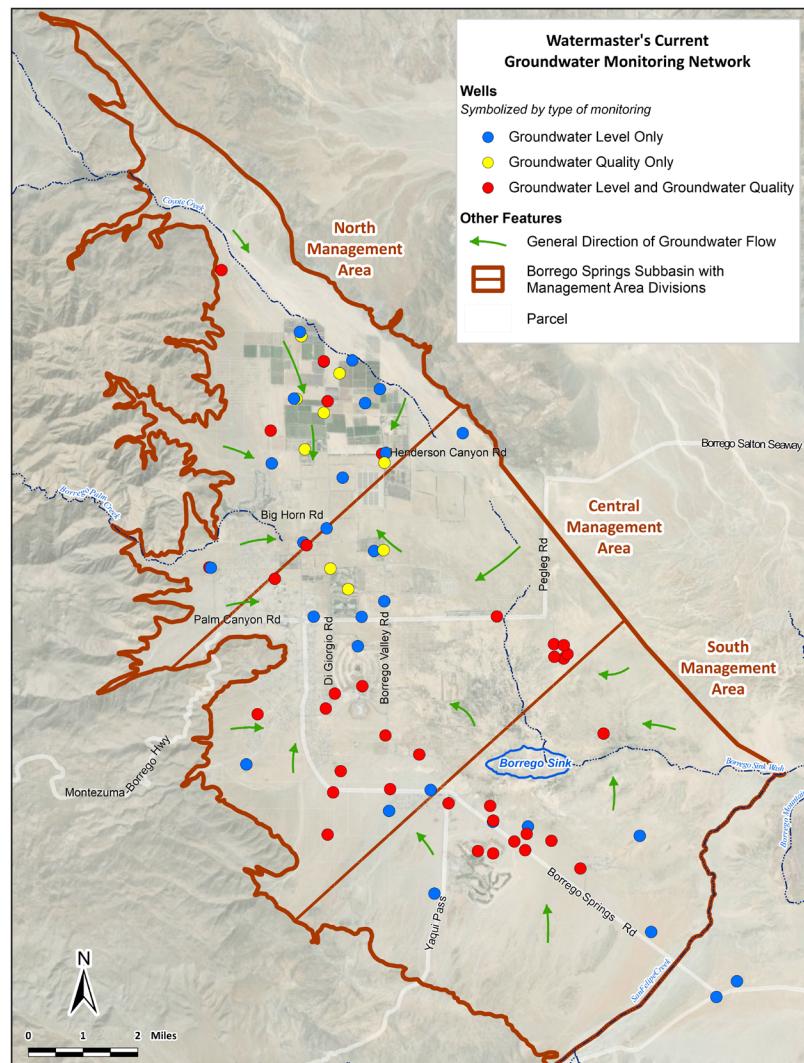


## Borrego Spring Groundwater Subbasin

A groundwater basin is an area underlain by permeable, saturated sediments that can store a significant amount of water underground and furnish a significant supply of groundwater to wells. The Borrego Springs Groundwater Subbasin is bordered by consolidated bedrock formations in the surrounding mountains and hills and spans approximately 98 square miles across the Borrego Valley. This area is primarily under County of San Diego jurisdiction and enclosed by the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. The region is utilized for agricultural, residential, and recreational activities. Groundwater is the primary source of water that supports these land uses and water users, with some environmental users of shallow groundwater in the surrounding mountains. The Borrego Water District provides water and sewer services to much of the residential areas of the Borrego Valley.

## Borrego Springs Watermaster

 Over the last several decades, over-pumping of the Borrego Springs Groundwater Subbasin led to chronic lowering of groundwater levels and groundwater in storage. To address the over-pumping and sustainably manage the groundwater basin, the groundwater pumping rights in the Borrego Springs Subbasin were adjudicated in the Superior Court of California on April 8, 2021 (commonly referred to as the Judgment). A Watermaster was formed as part of the adjudication to enforce the Judgment which included a Groundwater Management Plan to sustainably manage the groundwater basin. The Borrego Springs Watermaster is a committee of representatives of the parties to the Judgment. The Watermaster convenes monthly to conduct its business and prepares an annual budget and assessment to fund its operations and activities. The Watermaster maintains a website for the purpose of disseminating important documents and data to the Parties, other stakeholders, and the interested public, such as meeting agendas and minutes, pumping, groundwater-level, and groundwater-quality data, guiding documents, and Watermaster forms.



**Interested in learning more?**  
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