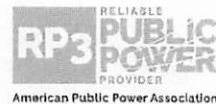


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October 7, 2025

The Honorable Wells Griffith
Undersecretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Undersecretary Griffith:

On behalf of Lassen Municipal Utility District ("LMUD"), we respectfully request your consideration of a one-time waiver from the recently implemented 50 percent tariff on imports from Brazil as it pertains to a single piece of equipment, a phase-shifting transformer manufactured by Siemens Brazil, currently in transit to our project site in Lassen County, California.

LMUD is a small, publicly owned electric utility serving approximately 10,500 customers in northeastern California. The transformer in question is a critical component of a major interconnection project that will link our system to a second transmission source through NV Energy, significantly improving reliability and resiliency for the rural communities we serve. This interconnection will allow LMUD to reduce our dependence on a single transmission corridor owned by PG&E and to strengthen energy security across a large, wildfire-prone region.

The transformer was procured following a competitive public bidding process in late 2022, as required by California law. No domestic manufacturers submitted bids, and Siemens Brazil was selected as the lowest-cost qualified supplier. The **order was placed in early 2023**, well before any notice of the current tariff action. Manufacturing was completed in mid-2025, and the transformer has now been shipped to the United States. **Due to a short delay in port operations in Brazil, the shipment narrowly missed the August 6th exemption threshold specified in the Executive Order.**

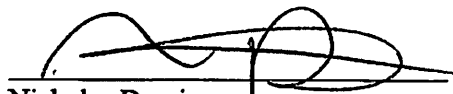
The financial impact of this tariff on LMUD would be substantial, approximately **\$3.3 million**, or more than **10 percent of our annual operating budget**. As a not-for-profit public agency, all costs are borne directly by the local ratepayers we serve. This unforeseen expense would have an immediate effect on affordability for rural residents and could jeopardize the timely completion of this critical infrastructure project.

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LMUD has been in ongoing communication with Congressman Doug LaMalfa's office regarding this matter since July, and his staff have made outreach to both the Department of Energy and the White House. To date, no formal process for case-specific tariff waivers has been identified. Given the nature of this equipment, its essential role in regional grid reliability, and the fact that the procurement and shipment occurred well before the policy change, we respectfully request your consideration of a direct exemption for this transformer.

LMUD stands ready to provide any additional documentation or verification needed to support your review, including bid records, shipping documentation, or project details. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and for your continued leadership in supporting the reliability and affordability of our nation's electric infrastructure.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Dominguez
General Manager
Lassen Municipal Utility District



Fred Nagel
Board President
Lassen Municipal Utility District

CC: Taylor Playforth, Chief of Staff
LMUD Board
Congressman Doug LaMalfa
Senator Megan Dahle
Assemblywoman Heather Hadwick
Scott Corwin, CEO, American Public Power Association
Jim Matheson, CEO, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
Kurt Miller, CEO, Northwest Public Power Association
Mason Baker, CEO, Utah Associated Municipal Power System
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Lassen County Board of Supervisors
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Date Posted: October 16, 2025

To: **THE LASSEN TRANSIT SERVICE AGENCY:**

Russ Brown, Vice Chair (City Council)
Mendy Schuster (City Council)
Dawn Miller (City Council)

Aaron Albaugh, Chair (Co. Supervisor)
Jason Ingram (Co. Supervisor)
Tom Neely (Co. Supervisor)

From: Pete Heimbigner, Executive Director

Subject: **REGULAR MEETING OF THE LASSEN TRANSIT SERVICE AGENCY**

The regular meeting of the **Lassen Transit Service Agency** has been scheduled for **Monday October 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.** at City of Susanville Council Chambers, 66 North Lassen Street, Susanville, CA.

For those participating remotely:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84849481588>

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The agenda is as follows:

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1.1 **Pledge of Allegiance**

1.2 **Agenda Approval:** Additions and Deletions

Motion Required

1. 1.3 **Minutes Approval:** August 11, 2025, Commissioners present: Albaugh, Brown, Ingram, Miller, Neely, and Schuster.

Motion Required

(2) **CORRESPONDENCE / PUBLIC COMMENT**

2.1 **Correspondence:** None.

2.2 **Public Comment:**

Page (3) **NEW BUSINESS**

6. 3.1 **Update on Agreement Amendment with Paratransit Services:** Review request from Paratransit Services to reconsider Option 1, renewing the Agreement for a 2-year period

Information and Possible Action

(4) **OTHER BUSINESS**

4.1 **Reports by Executive Director and Staff:**

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7. 4.2 **Report by Lassen Rural Bus Manager/Staff:**

- Report on LRB activity
- Report of maintenance activity of the LRB fleet
- Report on condition of the fleet vehicle HVAC systems

4.3 **Matters brought forth by the Agency:**

Set date for the next Regular Agency Meeting: November 10, 2025

4.4 **Adjourn**

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

cc: Board of Supervisors (Aaron Albaugh, Gary Bridges, Tom Neely, Jason Ingram, Mike Scanlon); City Council members (Mendy Schuster, Russ Brown, Curtis Bortle, Patrick Parrish; Dawn Miller); Caltrans District 2 (Skip Clark, Kathy Grah, Michael Oguro, Kelly Zolotoff, Kimi Taguchi); Caltrans Susanville Office (Michael Battles); CHP (Lacey Carney); Lassen County (Pete Heimbigner, Cynthia Raschein, Christine del Llano, Julie Bustamante, Samantha McMullen, Regina Schaap, Barbara Longo, Michele Yderraga, Gaylon Norwood, Maurice Anderson); City of Susanville (Dan Newton, Bob Godman, Michael Bollinger); Lassen Rural Bus (Caleb Schortz, Wanda Gray, Christie Scheffer); Susanville Indian Rancheria (Russ Burriel, Tonya Smith); Lassen Land and Trails Trust; BLM (Stan Bales); Lassen County Times; KSUE/JDX; Lassen Senior Services (Penny Artz); Sierra Army Depot (Nancy Ostmeier); Lassen Community College (Carrie Camacho, Carrie Nyman, Roxanna Haynes; Daniel Williams); Lassen County Chamber of Commerce



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT OFFICE

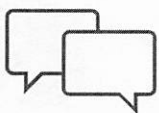
CalGW Update 2025 and Public Review

California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118 - Update 2025 (CalGW Update 2025), published by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), provides a comprehensive inventory and assessment of available information on the occurrence and nature of groundwater. It informs decisions on the protection, use, monitoring and management of the resource. This five-year update builds on the CalGW Update 2020 by integrating data submitted to DWR by local agencies under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), including information reported in Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP), Alternatives to GSPs, annual reports, and other groundwater initiatives.

CalGW Update 2025 synthesizes the latest groundwater data for local water agencies, groundwater practitioners, elected officials, decision-makers, and the public. It presents findings and recommendations and provides a means to track statewide groundwater management efforts – including SGMA implementation – to support improved decision-making, management, education, and access to data.

Get Involved - We Need Your Feedback

The public draft of CalGW Update 2025 was released on October 20, 2025, and consists of a Highlights document, a detailed statewide report, and available appendices. The public comment process, outlined below, is an opportunity to share feedback that will help shape this and future updates. The final version of CalGW Update 2025 is expected in Spring 2026.



Public Comment Period

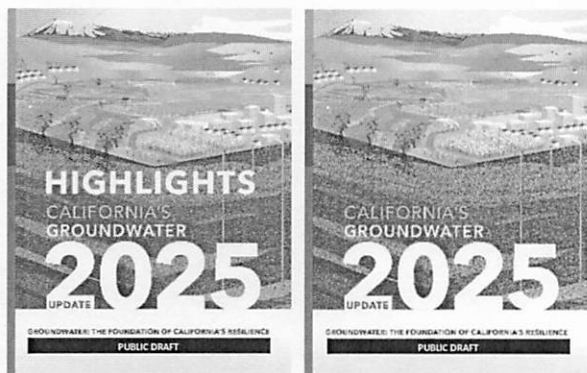
The release of the public draft of CalGW Update 2025 begins a 45-day public comment period, open from **October 20 through December 5, 2025**.

DWR invites you to review the draft and provide input via email to the contact listed below.



Public Webinar

DWR will conduct a public webinar on **November 4, 2025**, to provide an overview of the draft CalGW Update 2025. Public comments will be accepted and clarifying questions will be answered during the webinar. Register for the webinar [here](#).



California's Groundwater Resources

CalGW Website (<https://water.ca.gov/CalGW>) provides reports, data, and tools on California's groundwater. It includes historical and present versions of CalGW Updates, statewide and regional reports, individual basin reports, and links to data sets used in the latest update.

CalGW Live (<https://sgma.water.ca.gov/CalGWLIVE>) is a user-friendly interactive website that allows

users to explore, analyze, and visualize the latest groundwater data.

CalGW Semi-Annual Updates (<https://data.cnra.ca.gov/dataset/california-s-groundwater-semi-annual-conditions-updates>) serve as more frequent supplements to the comprehensive CalGW Updates and offer additional perspective on the near-real-time data available through CalGW Live.

What's new in CalGW Update 2025

DWR has coordinated with state, federal, and local agencies, and other interested parties in the development of CalGW Update 2025. Some of the new or expanded key topics include:

- A more comprehensive look at the state's groundwater resources through the many types of data generated by the implementation of SGMA and other efforts.
- Expanded coverage on the nature and status of groundwater resources in non-basin, fractured rock aquifers.
- Expanded discussion on the impact of climate change, periodic droughts, and extreme precipitation events on groundwater resource management, and efforts to establish sustainability and resiliency.
- New insights and inventories on groundwater recharge.
- Status updates on groundwater management and SGMA implementation.
- Content on emerging technologies and information such as airborne electromagnetic (AEM) surveys, basin characterization, and land subsidence.
- Recommendations and summary of key findings.

Contact Information

To submit public comments and questions on CalGW Update 2025, please contact:
CalGW@water.ca.gov

Additional Information

More frequent information on California's groundwater is available through the [CalGW website](https://water.ca.gov/CalGW), [CalGW Live](https://sgma.water.ca.gov/CalGWLIVE), and [CalGW Semi-Annual Updates](https://data.cnra.ca.gov/dataset/california-s-groundwater-semi-annual-conditions-updates).



DEPARTAMENTO DE RECURSOS DE AGUA DE CALIFORNIA

OFICINA DE GESTIÓN SOSTENIBLE DEL AGUA SUBTERRÁNEA

Informe 2025 de CalGW y Revisión Pública

El documento *Agua Subterránea de California: Boletín 118 - Informe 2025 (Informe 2025 de CalGW)*, publicado por el Departamento de Recursos de Agua (DWR), proporciona un inventario y una evaluación de la información disponible sobre la ocurrencia y la naturaleza del agua subterránea para informar las decisiones que afectan la protección, el uso, la supervisión y la gestión del recurso. Esta actualización quinquenal se basa en el Informe 2020 de CalGW e integra los datos presentados al Departamento de Recursos Hídricos de California (DWR) por las agencias locales en el marco de la Ley de Gestión Sostenible del Agua Subterránea (SGMA), que incluyen información reportada en los Planes de sostenibilidad del agua subterránea (GSP), Alternativas a los GSP, informes anuales y otras iniciativas relacionadas con el agua subterránea.

El Informe 2025 de CalGW sintetiza los datos más recientes sobre agua subterránea para informar a las agencias de agua locales, los profesionales del agua subterránea, los funcionarios electos, los tomadores de decisiones y el público. Incluye hallazgos y recomendaciones y proporciona un medio para seguir la trayectoria de los esfuerzos de gestión del agua subterránea en todo el Estado —incluida la implementación de la SGMA— para mejorar la toma de decisiones, la gestión, la educación y el acceso a la información.

Involúcrese: necesitamos sus comentarios

El borrador del Informe 2025 de CalGW para comentarios del público se publicó el 20 de octubre de 2025 y consiste en un documento de Puntos sobresalientes, un informe estatal detallado y anexos. El proceso de comentarios del público, que se describe a continuación, es una oportunidad de compartir sus opiniones, que se utilizarán en el desarrollo del informe actual y futuros informes. La versión final del Informe 2025 de CalGW está prevista para la primavera de 2026.



Período de comentarios del público

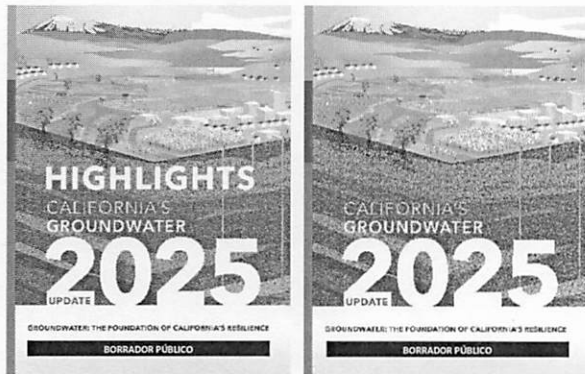
La publicación del borrador del Informe 2025 de CalGW da comienzo a un período de comentarios del público de 45 días de duración, del **20 de octubre al 5 de diciembre de 2025**.

El DWR lo invita a revisar el borrador y enviar sus comentarios por correo electrónico al contacto que se indica a continuación.



Seminario web público

DWR realizará un seminario web público el **4 de noviembre de 2025** para presentar información general sobre el borrador del Informe 2025 de CalGW. Durante el seminario web, se aceptarán los comentarios del público y se responderán preguntas. Para unirse al seminario web, regístrese [aquí](#).



Recursos de Agua Subterránea de California

La **página web de CalGW** (<https://water.ca.gov/CalGW>) presenta informes, datos y herramientas relacionadas con el agua subterránea de California. Incluye las versiones históricas y presentes de los Informes de CalGW, informes estatales y regionales, informes de las cuencas individuales y enlaces a los conjuntos de datos utilizados en el último informe.

CalGW Live (<https://sgma.water.ca.gov/CalGWLIVE>) un sitio web interactivo fácil de usar que permite a los usuarios

explorar, analizar, y visualizar los últimos datos e información sobre agua subterránea de California.

Los **Informes semestrales de CalGW** (<https://data.cnra.ca.gov/dataset/california-s-groundwater-semi-annual-conditions-updates>) sirven como complementos más frecuentes para los Informes integrales de CalGW y ofrecen una perspectiva adicional sobre los datos casi en tiempo real disponibles en la aplicación CalGW Live.

Novedades del Informe 2025 de CalGW

El DWR ha trabajado en colaboración con las agencias estatales, federales y locales, y otras partes interesadas para el desarrollo del Informe 2025 de CalGW. Algunos de los temas centrales nuevos o ampliados incluyen:

- Una evaluación más completa de los recursos de agua subterránea del estado utilizando los conjuntos de datos generados a través de la implementación de la SGMA y otras iniciativas.
- Información más detallada sobre la naturaleza y el estado de los recursos de agua subterránea en áreas sin cuenca, incluidos los acuíferos de roca fracturada.
- Información más detallada sobre el impacto del cambio climático, las sequías periódicas y los eventos de precipitación extrema en los recursos de agua subterránea y las acciones implementadas para lograr la sostenibilidad y la resiliencia.
- Nuevas perspectivas e inventarios sobre la recarga de agua subterránea.
- Actualizaciones sobre el estado de la gestión de las aguas subterráneas y la implementación de la SGMA.
- Contenido sobre las tecnologías emergentes e información relacionada con estudios electromagnéticos aerotransportados (AEM), caracterización de las cuencas y subsidencia del terreno.
- Recomendaciones y resumen de los hallazgos clave.
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Información adicional

Puede obtener información más frecuente sobre el agua subterránea de California en la [página web de CalGW](https://water.ca.gov/CalGW), [CalGW Live](https://sgma.water.ca.gov/CalGWLIVE) y [los informes semestrales de CalGW](https://data.cnra.ca.gov/dataset/california-s-groundwater-semi-annual-conditions-updates).

Información de contacto 
Para presentar comentarios del público y preguntas sobre el Informe 2025 de CalGW, contacte a:
CalGW@water.ca.gov.