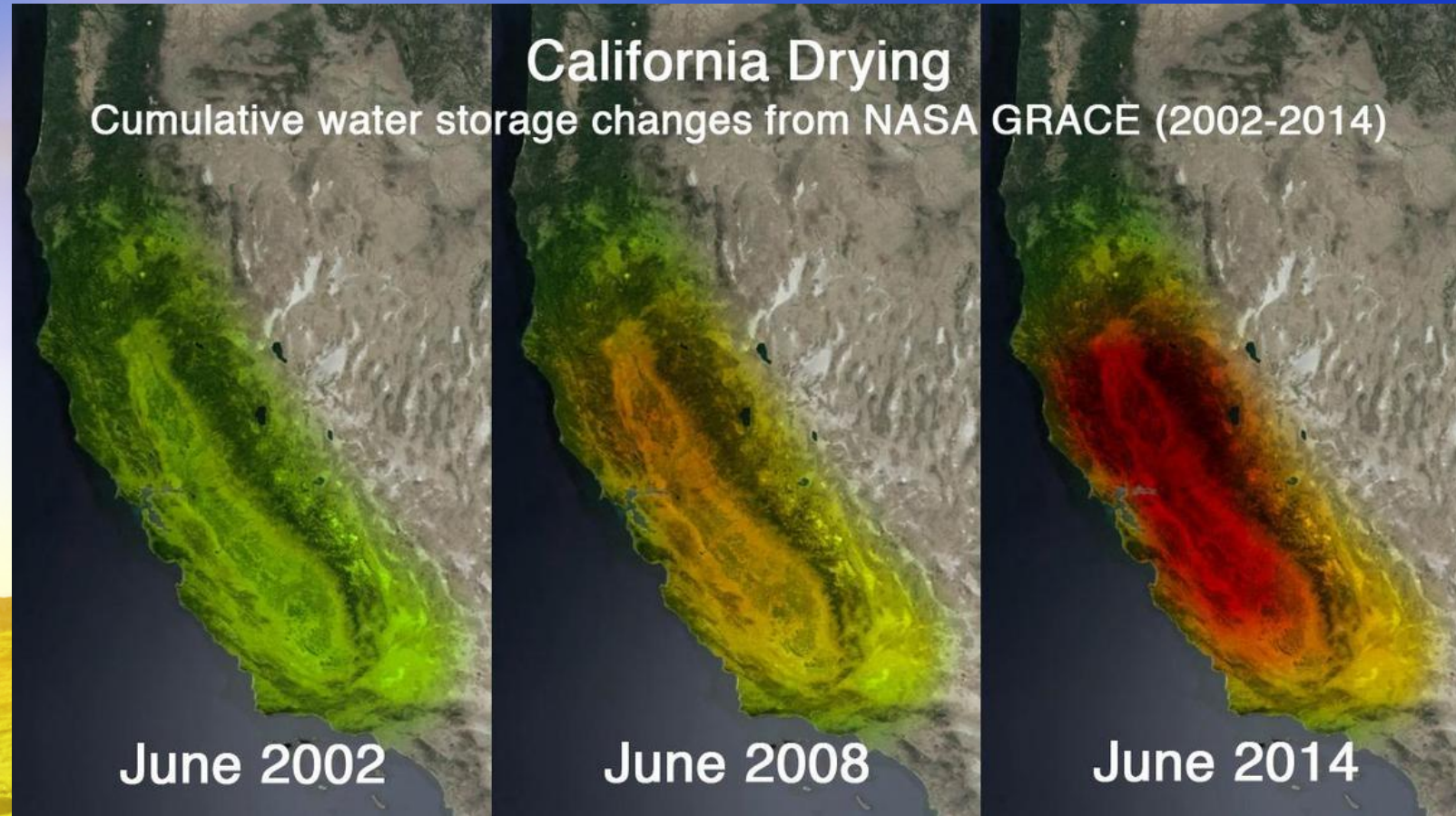
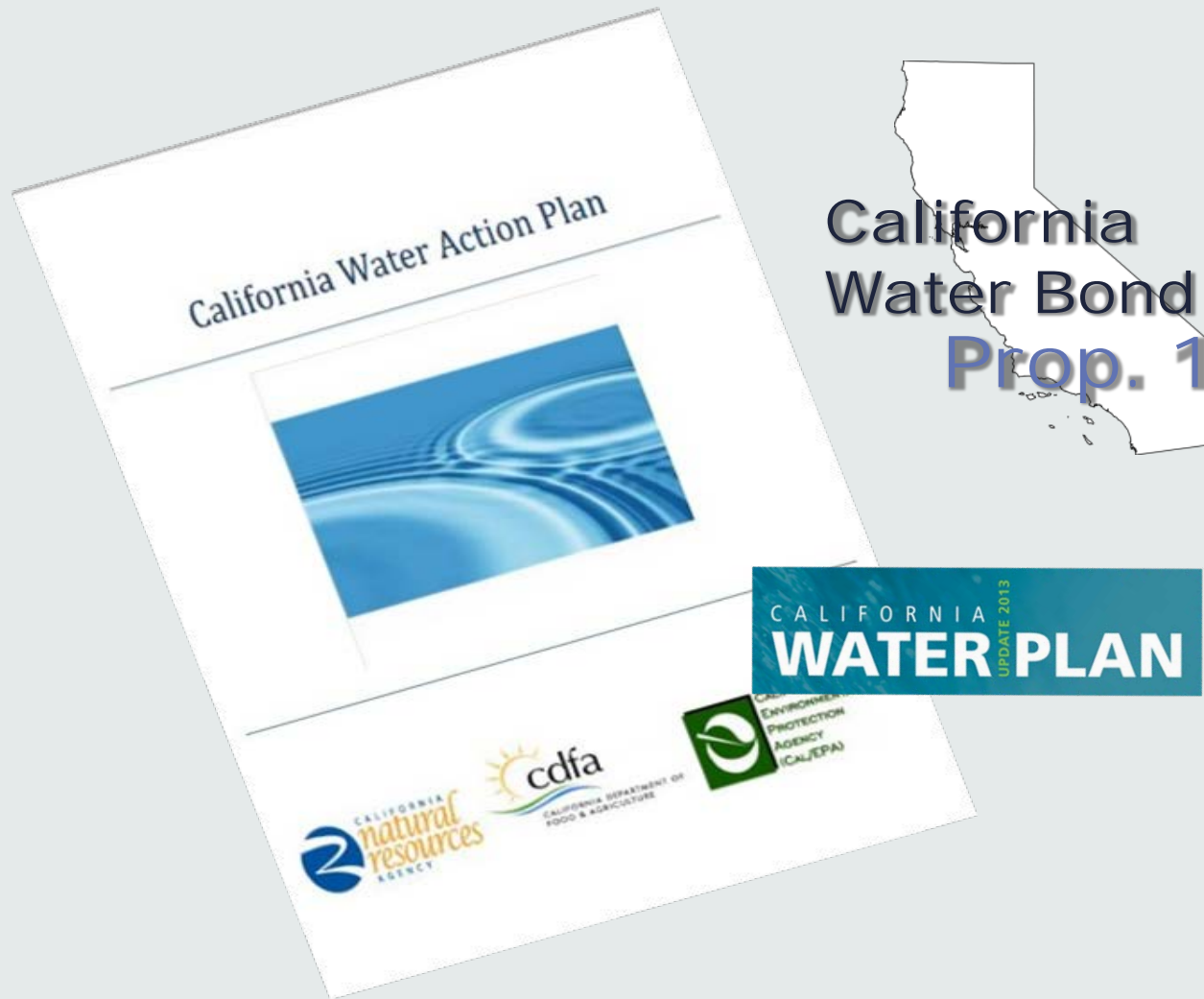


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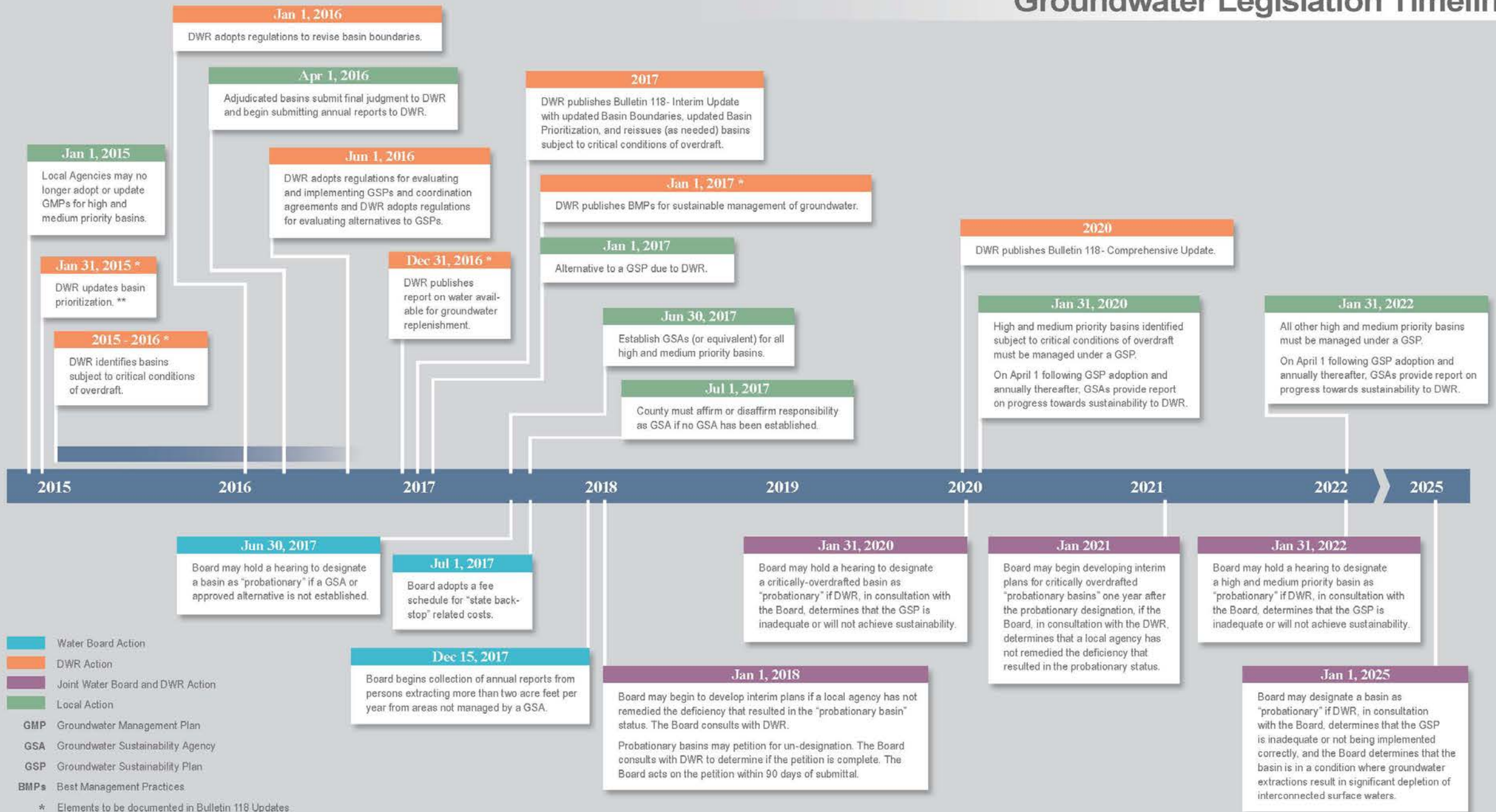
# Comprehensive State Approach



California  
Water Bond  
Prop. 1

- Make Conservation a California Way of Life
- Increase Regional Self-Reliance
- Achieve the Co-Equal Goals for the Delta
- Protect and Restore Important Ecosystems
- Manage and Prepare for Dry Periods
- Expand Water Storage Capacity and **Improve Groundwater Management**
- Provide Safe Water for All Communities
- Increase Flood Protection
- Increase Operational and Regulatory Efficiency
- Identify Sustainable and Integrated Financing Opportunities

# Groundwater Legislation Timeline



- Water Board Action
- DWR Action
- Joint Water Board and DWR Action
- Local Action
- GMP** Groundwater Management Plan
- GSA** Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- GSP** Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- BMPs** Best Management Practices
- \* Elements to be documented in Bulletin 118 Updates
- \*\* Basin prioritization will be updated prior to each Bulletin 118 Update (estimated to be every 5 years)

# Groundwater

- Groundwater is California's drought water bank
- Increased pumping during drought times is appropriate
- The problem arises when recharge is insufficient during wet periods



*Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr signs historic groundwater legislation.*

# Will New Groundwater Act Succeed?



- Counties are key
- Land use-water coordination and alignment
- Management at systemic, watershed scale
- Required for medium and high priority basins – low priority basins are important too

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