

## Water. Engineered

West Yost brings the value of understanding and knowledge gained from groundwater regulatory compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation; groundwater modeling and aquifer evaluations; and planning and design of facilities that best meet your long-term goals of quantity, quality, and conjunctive use supply strategies.

- GSA Administration
- Development of Groundwater Management Plans (GMPs)
- Recharge Master Planning
- Land Subsidence Management
- Database Management



- Watermaster Services
- Salt & Nutrient Management Plans
- Recycled Water Recharge Compliance
- Groundwater & Surface Water Integrated Modeling



- Groundwater Banking and Storage Management
- Recharge Feasibility Studies
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Programs
- Analysis of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs)
- Water Quality Investigations



- Climate Resilience Planning
- Monitoring Network Design, Implementation, and Data Management
- Well Rehabilitation and Well Construction Oversight
- Agricultural, Municipal, and ASR Well Design



# Groundwater Sector: Who We Are



**Samantha Adams, MESM**  
**Groundwater Business Sector Leader**

Samantha is passionate about collaborating with our team of geologists, scientists, and engineers to develop and implement creative regulatory and management solutions. While the challenges our clients face are similar, they each have unique and interesting problems and perspectives that make every project exciting. She has over 16 years of expertise in salt nutrient management planning, watermaster services, and recycled water recharge compliance.

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**Andy Malone, PG**  
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Andy's professional work is focused on the sustainable use of a renewable natural resource: groundwater. He finds it's an interesting research topic that requires a fun combination of science and imagination. Andy is a geologist with over 25 years of professional experience in water resources consulting and geologic sciences. Andy's areas of expertise include land subsidence monitoring and management, development of monitoring programs and watermaster services.

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**Andy Rodgers**  
**Scientist and Engineering Manager**

Andy has always been fascinated by our hidden freshwater reservoirs and their relationships to everything else. Andy has over 35 years of professional experience and provides comprehensive technical, administrative, and management consulting services to public and private entities throughout the western United States at West Yost. His areas of expertise include GSA Administration.

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**Ken Loy, PG, CEG, CHG**  
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As a specialist in groundwater-related issues, Ken enjoys being a part of the strong multidisciplinary teams at West Yost to address wide-ranging client needs. Ken is a hydrogeologist with over 30 years of professional experience in water resources consulting. Ken's areas of expertise include ASR programs and GMPs, and GMA/GSP development and implementation.

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**Eric W.H. Chiang, PhD**  
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Eric loves creating animations of groundwater flow and constituent concentration to help his modeling results come alive for stakeholders. Eric is an expert groundwater-surface water integrated modeler with 25 years of professional experience focused on research and application in the areas of numerical groundwater and surface water modeling, 3D visualization, software development, data management, planning and decision analysis, and GIS.

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**Veva Weamer**  
**Senior Scientist**

Veva loves working with clients to advance programs to protect and manage their precious groundwater resources; this aligns with her desire to ensure sustainable water resources for her children and future generations. Veva has over 15 years of professional experience in environmental and geological science and manages complex internal and client databases at West Yost. Her areas of expertise include Analysis of GDEs, Database Management, and Water Quality Investigations.

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### **Les Chau, BCES**

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### **Tim Moore, PG, CHG**

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Tim loves working in water to help clients provide high-quality water to their customers.

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### **Carolina Sanchez, PE**

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Carolina is energized to find collaborative groundwater management solutions to meet the needs of diverse stakeholder groups, ensuring no wishing well goes dry.

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### **Anna Reimer, PG**

#### **Field Programs and Integrated Modeling**

As a child, I dreamt of how rocks could grow into mountains and water sprouted out of the ground. I can still dream about such things...with a bit more science mixed in.

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### **Garrett Rapp, PE**

#### **Recharge Master Planning and Integrated Modeling**

Garrett's fascination with nature and affinity for collaboration inspires him to develop innovative solutions to protect and sustain our water resources.

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### **Erik Cadaret, PG**

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### **Pete Dellavalle, PG**

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Pete is a committed groundwater scientist because it's fascinating work and the only way he's found to get paid for messing about in mud.

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### **Sodavy Ou**

#### **Water Quality Investigation and Analysis of GDEs**

Sodavy is driven to protect and enhance our water resources and ensure that this valuable resource continues to benefit the people and environment of California.

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### **Dave Vossler, PG, CEM**

#### **Well Design and Well Rehabilitation**

Dave loves solving complex challenges encountered in the field at well sites to provide clients with high-quality wells, and mentoring future geologists to do the same.

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### **Brett Storey**

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Brett gets his hands dirty to make sure your project gets done on time!

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### **Matt Baillie, PG, CHG**

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Matt finds groundwater fascinating and loves how complex and rewarding the study of water is, especially in California.

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### **Sandi Potter, PG, CEG, QSD**

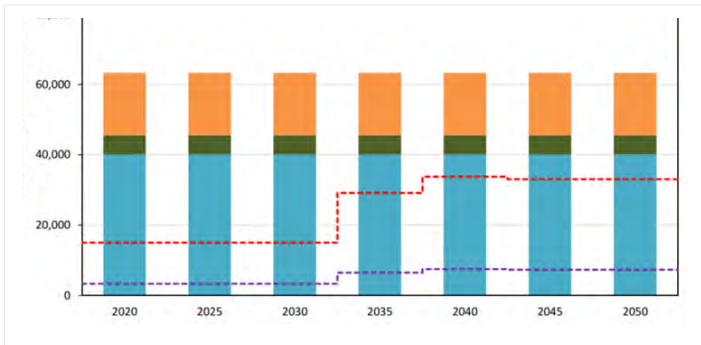
#### **GSA Administration & GMP/GSP Implementation**

Sandi has been working to achieve drinkable and recreational water for all; protecting groundwater is vital!

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# Work we take pride in



## Recharge Master Planning (2000-Present) CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER AND INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

**Challenge:** Urbanization in the Chino Basin has reduced the permeability of the land surface, including the lining of streams and creeks channels, which has reduced annual stormwater recharge by about 15,000 acre-feet per year (afy) compared to pre-1980 conditions.

**Project:** West Yost developed and supports implementation of a comprehensive Recharge Master Plan (RMP), including periodic updates, to increase recharge of storm, imported, and recycled waters. The RMP establishes recharge capacity needs; evaluates performance of conceptual facilities under variable climate conditions using detailed surface water modeling; and ranks conceptual facilities based on feasibility, supply reliability, and performance to inform a robust evaluation of potential projects to enhance recharge.

### Successful Outcomes:

- Implementation of the RMP has increased recharge capacity in the Chino Basin by 42,000 afy, and increased recharge of storm and recycled waters by 30,000 afy since 2000.
- Client has obtained about \$56 million in grant funding and low-interest loans to implement the RMP projects since 2000.

## GSA Administrative Services SONOMA COUNTY GSAS: SANTA ROSA PLAIN, SONOMA VALLEY, PETALUMA VALLEY

**Challenge:** Cost of compliance with SGMA plus PMAs, integration of County well permitting (per EO), and identifying ways to add value for basin stakeholders in times of drought in GSA jurisdictions with relatively small populations and highly diverse uses of groundwater.

**Project:** West Yost services include managing consolidated day-to-day operations of the three Sonoma County GSAs, development and management of annual budgets, management of Board of Directors, Advisory Committee, and community meetings/hearings in compliance with the Brown Act, management of GSA contracts including State grants, technical support, legal counsel, facilitation, outreach, and financial audit services, and management of the GSA website, communications, and maintaining official records.

### Recent Highlights:

- Retained consultants to develop a rate and fee structure to fund GSP implementation
- Obtained unanimous Board approval to adopt rate and fee structure



## ASR Well 28

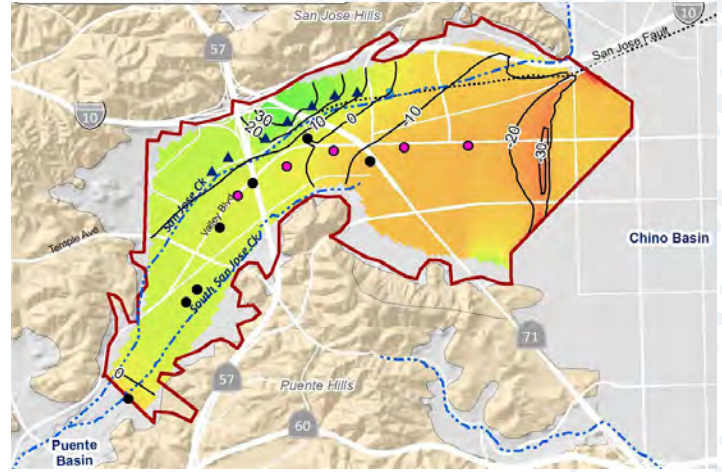
### CITY OF WOODLAND AND WOODLAND-DAVIS CLEAN WATER AGENCY

**Challenge:** Prior to construction of the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency (Agency) regional surface water supply project, the City of Woodland (City) was fully dependent on groundwater. The City planned to implement an aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) program once treated surface water became available, to bolster groundwater supply during periods of peak demand. In order to meet their current supply demands and prepare for the upcoming ASR program, the City needed an ASR well that could be immediately used as a municipal supply well, independent of its ASR capabilities.

**Project:** West Yost worked with the Agency and the City to conduct an ASR evaluation as a component of the overall water supply for the Davis Woodland Water Supply Project (DWWSP), designed the first ASR facility for the City, and completed construction of the project, which included injection testing and impact analyses of the ASR well.

#### Unique Solutions:

- Constructed an ASR well that draws water from three distinct zones that, when blended, provides source water that meets drinking water standards.
- Designed a well that operates as a municipal supply well independent of its ASR capabilities.



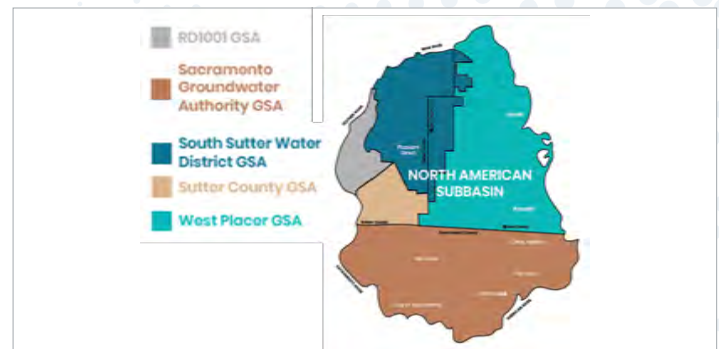
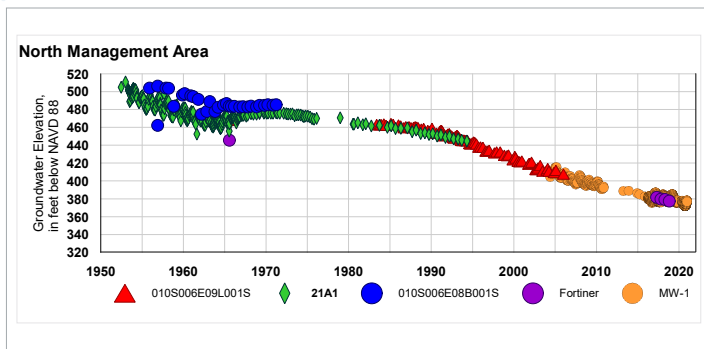
## Spadra Subbasin SPADRA BASIN GSA

**Challenge:** The Spadra Basin was an unmanaged groundwater basin with some water quality challenges that is used primarily for non-potable uses by the pumpers in the basin. The Walnut Valley Water District and City of Pomona collectively formed the Spadra Basin GSA and elected to prepare a GSP for the Spadra Basin with the objective to encourage collaborative management of the Spadra Basin between all pumpers and make maximum beneficial use of the basin in a sustainable fashion.

**Project:** West Yost led the development of the GSP for the Spadra Basin. The GSP was prepared through a stakeholder and public-review process and included the development of a hydrogeological conceptual model, construction and calibration of a groundwater model, development of sustainable management criteria, evaluation of future baseline conditions, development and evaluation of basin optimization scenarios to achieve sustainability, and construction of a new monitoring well to fill data gaps.

#### Outcomes and Solutions:

- Developed the Spadra Basin GSP and obtained adoption by stakeholders
- Developed unique options for projects and management actions that will maintain sustainability and make maximum beneficial use of the basin, and operating the Spadra Basin into a reliable local potable water supply, allowing for less reliance on the expensive imported water supplies.



## Administrative and Technical Services to Implement the Borrego Springs Adjudication BORREGO SPRINGS WATERMASTER

**Challenge:** To achieve groundwater sustainability by 2040, the pumpers in the Borrego Springs Subbasin must reduce their pumping by nearly 75 percent compared to 2014 conditions. To enable implementation and achievement of this drastic measure, the pumpers stipulated to an adjudication of groundwater rights that provides the detailed plan for achieving the pumping rampdown, along with other activities that address sustainability.

**Project:** The West Yost team is responsible for administration of the Judgment and providing technical consulting services necessary to comply with the Groundwater Management Plan. The technical services include implementing the groundwater monitoring program (levels, quality, production), managing the project data management system, periodic evaluations of sustainable yield, leading a Technical Advisory Committee, and reporting to DWR for SGMA compliance.

### Recent Successes:

- Over 90 percent of the active pumping wells in the Basin were successfully metered and provided accurate pumping data during the first water year of Watermaster operations.
- We helped our client secure over \$2.7 million in grant funding from DWR to support the implementation of the groundwater management plan, including a case-study to develop strategies for biological restoration of fallowed agricultural land.

## North American Subbasin WEST PLACER GSA, COUNTY OF PLACER, AND CITY OF LINCOLN

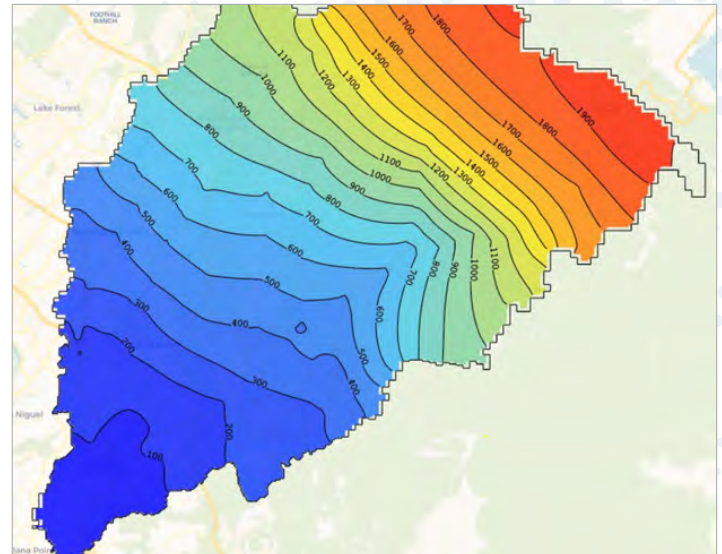
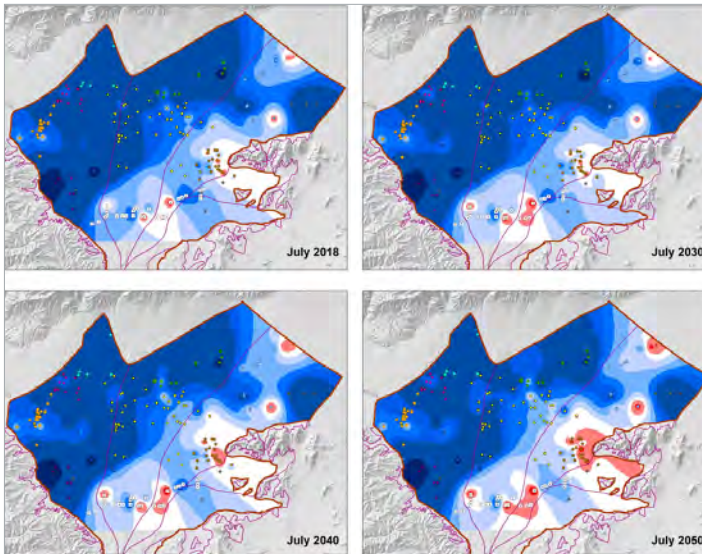
**Challenge:** While the North American Subbasin has been managed successfully for decades the amount of urban growth and increased dependency on groundwater usage in the future could pose issues that need to be addressed by recharge and groundwater banking.

**Project:** The West Yost team is responsible for advisory support of all administrative, management, public outreach, and technical aspects of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Groundwater Sustainability Plan Management actions for the WPGSA. In addition, WY is heading up the strategy for both recharge planning and represents these clients in the Sacramento Water Bank project. Specifically Recharge projects, well permitting improvements and coordination with land use agencies to develop a guidebook that will protect the elements that make the basin sustainable.

### Unique Solutions:

- The West Yost team worked with the agricultural community to address potential crop change affects for modeling and advised many agency members to comprehend the technical and modeling results.





## Recalculation of the Safe Yield in the Chino Basin

### CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

**Challenge:** New monitoring data and changing conditions in the Chino Basin necessitate the periodic recalculation of the Chino Basin Safe Yield pursuant to governing agreements and regulations.

**Project:** West Yost developed a robust approach to estimate Safe Yield using surface-water and groundwater-flow models, accounting for expected future conditions, management outcomes, and changes in hydrology. West Yost developed a methodology to calculate the Safe Yield that was approved by the Court. West Yost implemented the Court-approved methodology, performing the modeling and leading two multi-year stakeholder processes to support updates of the Safe Yield in 2015 and 2020.

### Successful Outcomes:

- The methodology to calculate the Safe Yield using surface-water and groundwater-flow models was approved by the Court. The methodology includes a comprehensive and systematic evaluation of the potential basin responses from future pumping behavior.
- West Yost led the technical and stakeholder processes to recalculate the Safe Yield for two separate periods: 2011-2020 and 2021-2030. The Safe Yield resets for these periods were approved by the Court in 2017 and 2020, respectively.
- The technical and stakeholder processes used to support the recalculation of the Safe Yield are a transparent, technically defensible approach to inform the management of a dynamic groundwater basin.

## San Juan Watershed Project

### SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT

**Challenge:** The District's water supply is largely from imported sources, including the Colorado River. Given decreasing supply reliability and uncertainty of future climate conditions, the District is seeking to enhance its local supply portfolio of recycled water and groundwater from a small aquifer system with degraded water quality.

**Project:** West Yost developed a groundwater management plan to establish a framework for optimizing the use of San Juan Basin to enhance local water supply reliability through enhanced stormwater recharge, recycled water recharge, brackish groundwater desalination, and groundwater pumping optimization to address climate variability, protect groundwater dependent ecosystems, and manage seawater intrusion.

### Unique Solutions:

- West Yost developed GSFLOW model of the San Juan Watershed to better simulate surface and groundwater interactions.

**WE SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES**

**WE ARE WATER FOCUSED**

**WE TAKE PRIDE IN WHAT WE DO**

**WE STRIVE TO BECOME OUR BEST**

**WE DO WHAT'S RIGHT**

**WE BELIEVE IN QUALITY**

**WE LISTEN**

**WE SOLVE CHALLENGING PROBLEMS**

**WE SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE**

**WE TAKE OWNERSHIP**

**WE COLLABORATE**

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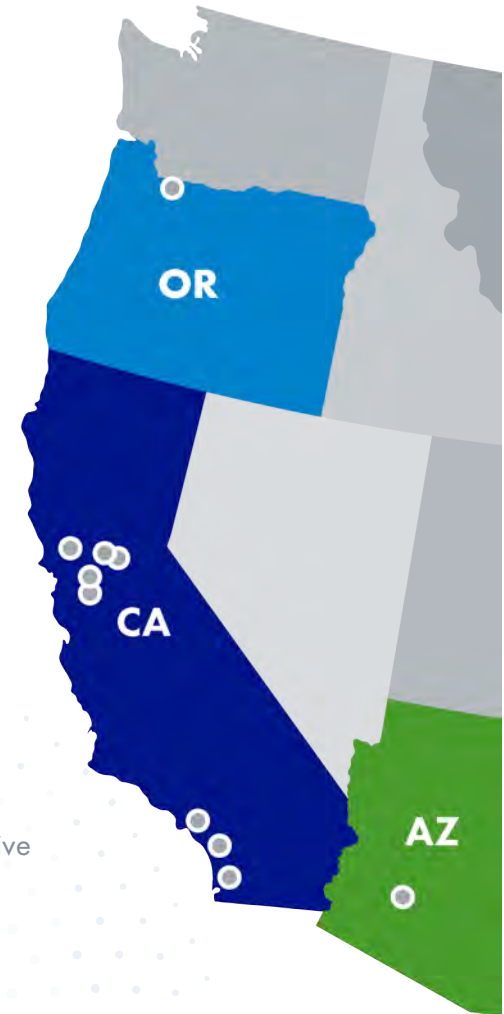
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