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about sustainable groundwater use and regulation, desalination, water recycling, storm water capture, and current proposals for water storage and diversion \*Additional table summarizing water sources for 360 California cities and towns

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