# Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Informational Meetings



1pm-4pm

Technical Session for Local Public Agencies and Organizations



6pm-8pm

Public Forum for Groundwater Users and the General Public

The State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources will hold informational meetings to discuss the implementation of SGMA and to answer questions from the public. Technical sessions and public forums will be held in the Los Angeles Area, Visalia, and Sacramento. Both agencies are responsible for the implementation of SGMA.

# Technical Sessions for Local Public Agencies and Organizations

Technical sessions are designed to inform staff, governing boards, and leaders of local public agencies and organizations. Technical sessions will focus on:

- Local agency requirements regarding Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation, groundwater sustainability, and public involvement;
- Discussing the status of SGMA implementation within the region;
- Identifying technical and financial assistance available from the state, including Prop 1 and other funding sources; and
- Understanding the implications of state intervention in the absence of local action.

### Public Forums for Groundwater Users and the General Public

Public forums are designed for residential well owners, groundwater users, and other interested members of the public. The public forums will address:

- ♠ The public stakeholder role in SGMA implementation;
- Local public agency requirements regarding GSA formation and public involvement;
- Drought management and groundwater sustainability;
- SGMA and water rights; and
- State involvement under SGMA, including technical and financial assistance and state intervention.

# RSVP for meetings <u>here</u>

No RSVP is required to attend, but it will aide meeting planning.

#### **More Information**

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#### **Accommodation Requests**

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# Locations

October 21, 2015 – Los Angeles Area

**Los Angeles Valley College** 

Campus Center Building, Monarch Hall 5800 Fulton Avenue Valley Glen, CA 91401

October 22, 2015 - Visalia

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Assembly Room 210 W. Center Avenue Visalia, CA 93291 Spanish translator will be present

October 27, 2015 – Sacramento and Webcast

Joe Serna, Jr. CalEPA Headquarters Building Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor 1001 | Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Webcast of meeting will be available at: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/

#### **About SGMA**

SGMA's intention is to ensure successful management of groundwater resources at the local level. Achieving local success will require that local agencies have the necessary tools and resources, and that public stakeholders remain engaged in long-term sustainable groundwater management activities.

SGMA requires local public agencies, or a combination of local agencies, overlying highand medium-priority groundwater basins to form GSAs by June 30, 2017. Local public agencies with water supply, management, or land use authority are eligible to form GSAs. GSAs are required to develop Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) by 2020 or 2022.



