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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

#### Discussion of Draft Fee Concepts for Purposes of Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

**Friday, October 7, 2016, 1:30 – 4:30**

Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Klamath Room  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public meeting to receive public input on the proposed fee schedule concepts that will be adopted by emergency regulation in spring of 2017. The meeting will also be available to interested parties via webcast.

#### BACKGROUND

SGMA requires the formation of local groundwater sustainability agencies in California's high- and medium-priority groundwater basins. Sustainability agencies are required to develop groundwater sustainability plans that will bring basins into sustainability within 20 years of plan implementation. If locals are unable or unwilling to sustainably manage their basin, the State Water Board is authorized to intervene. The State Water Board is required to develop a fee schedule for the purposes of recovering programmatic costs related to implementation of SGMA (Water Code §1529.5). The fee schedule will be adopted through emergency regulation (Water Code §1530). These fees will accompany groundwater extraction reports required to be submitted by groundwater extractors subject to intervention (Water Code §5202).

The State Water Board is conducting outreach to solicit feedback on the currently proposed fee concepts. The State Water Board has prepared a draft of the fee schedule for discussion purposes. In preparation of the draft concepts, State Water Board staff conducted four stakeholder meetings to solicit preliminary feedback. The purpose of the October 7 meeting will be to provide the general public an opportunity to provide input. The meeting is for the purpose of information gathering only. The feedback provided will be used to inform development of the emergency regulations; the draft regulations will be made available for formal public comment in the early spring of 2017.

## **MEETING OVERVIEW**

The purpose of the meeting will be to present and discuss the proposed fee concepts. Time will also be provided to answer general questions related to the State Water Board's role in SGMA. The meeting agenda will be posted to the link below is summarized below:

- Introductions and meeting objectives
- Overview of state intervention and fee concepts
- Questions provided by State Water Board staff for public comment
- Opportunity for questions on state intervention activities

## **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

Copies of the materials related to the meeting, including agenda, briefing document, and background material can be accessed here:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/gmp/fees.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/gmp/fees.shtml). Additional information regarding SGMA can be found on the Groundwater Management Program webpage: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/gmp/>.

## **WEBCAST**

Interested parties have the option of viewing and listening to the meeting online. To access the webcast, click the following link: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

Approximately 15 minutes prior to the event, the words "Video" and/or "Audio" in the list will become active links to the webcast player.

## **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

The meeting will be informal. While a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, the Board will not take formal action at the meeting. The State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. The meeting is an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to the State Water Board. Oral comments and questions may be provided in person. Written comments and questions may be provided both during and following the meeting by emailing to [groundwater\\_management@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:groundwater_management@waterboards.ca.gov). To ensure a productive and efficient meeting, oral comments may be time-limited.

## **QUESTIONS REGARDING THE MEETING**

Questions regarding this notice may be emailed to [groundwater\\_management@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:groundwater_management@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board web site at:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>. The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Meeting attendees will obtain a visitor badge at the sign in table located in the lobby upon entering the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. The seating capacity of the Klamath Room is limited to 100. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to the meeting room.