AGENDA

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

October 7, 2016 1:30-4:30

Joe Serna Jr. – Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, Klamath Room 1001 I Street, Sacramento

OVERVIEW

The State Water Board is required to adopt, by emergency regulation, a fee schedule to cover SGMA-related costs (Water Code §1529.5-1530). State Water Board staff have developed a proposed fee schedule that includes fees for groundwater extractors in unmanaged areas (portions of basins without a groundwater sustainability agency by July 1, 2017) and probationary basins (Water Code §5202). The purpose of this meeting is to engage stakeholders in the State Water Board's SGMA-fee development process, explain issues considered in drafting the proposed fee schedule, and gain a better understanding of stakeholder interests and questions.

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome/Introduction

(Sam Boland-Brien, Groundwater Management Program)

Procedural Matters

(Grace Person, Facilitator, Center for Collaborative Policy)

Presentation: Information and Background

(Sam Boland-Brien, Groundwater Management Program Manager, State Water Board)

- SGMA Requirements
- State Water Board role in SGMA

Presentation: Introduction to State Water Board SGMA Fees

(Jessica Bean, Groundwater Management Program)

- Fee Schedule Emergency Regulation Timeline
- Proposed Fee Schedule Concepts

Brief Question and Answer Session

Discuss Fee Schedule Elements and Challenges

Participants assess options and provide input on the fee schedule. Discussion Topics include:

- Establishing the Fee Structure
- Incorporating Incentives
- Fee Stability

Opportunity for General Questions and Answers on SGMA and State Intervention

Closing Discussion and Meeting Summary

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Email questions/comments to: groundwater_management@waterboards.ca.gov

Additional meeting information is provided in the Notice of Public Meeting at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water issues/programs/gmp/docs/fees/100716 sgma mtg.pdf