



NOTICE OF THREE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Stakeholder Meetings to Provide Information on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 - Los Angeles Area Technical Session 1pm - 4pm Public Forum 6pm - 8pm Los Angeles Valley College Campus Center Building, Monarch Hall 5800 Fulton Avenue Valley Glen, CA 91401

Thursday, October 22, 2015 - Visalia

Technical Session 1pm - 4pm Public Forum 6pm - 8pm 210Life Assembly Room 210 W. Center Avenue Visalia, CA 93291 Spanish translator will be present

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 - Sacramento and Webcast Technical Session 1pm - 4pm Public Forum 6pm - 8pm Joe Serna, Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building Coastal Hearing Room 1001 I Street, Second Floor Sacramento, CA 95814 Webcast of meeting will be available at: <u>http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/</u>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and Department of Water Resources (DWR) will hold informational meetings at the times and locations noted above to discuss implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), and to answer questions from the public.

The technical session are intended for local public agencies and organizations to inform staff, governing boards, and leaders of local public agencies and organizations. The technical

sessions will focus on: local agency requirements regarding Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation, groundwater sustainability, and public involvement; the status of SGMA implementation within the meeting location's region; technical and financial assistance available from the state; and understanding the implications of state intervention in the absence of local action.

The public forums are intended for residential well owners, groundwater users, and other interested members of the public. The public forums will focus on: the public stakeholder role in SGMA implementation; local 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).

BACKGROUND

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 high- and 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 by 2020 or 2022.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The meeting will be informal. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present, however no action will be taken. The workshops are an opportunity for interested persons to learn more about SGMA implementation.

Please RVSP for meetings <u>here</u>. No RSVP is required to attend, but it will aide meeting planning.

PARKING, ACCESSIBILITY, AND SECURITY

Los Angeles Area Meeting

For directions to Los Angeles Valley College and public parking information, please refer to the Los Angeles Valley College web site at: <u>http://www.lavc.edu/visitors</u>. A limited number of free parking spaces are available on the 4th floor of the parking structure; additional parking spaces are available for \$3 in campus parking lots. For a map of the Los Angeles Valley College, please refer to <u>http://www.lavc.edu/about/library/campus-map/LAVCmap_Mar16-2015.aspx</u>.

The Los Angeles Valley College Campus is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ronee Penoi at <u>rpenoi@cbuilding.org</u> or (415) 754-3177 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

Visalia Meeting

For directions to 210, and facility information, please refer to the 210 web site at: <u>http://www.210life.com/#/welcome-to-210</u>. For public parking information, please refer to the downtown Visalia parking map at: <u>http://downtownvisalia.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/parking.pdf</u>.

A Spanish translator will be present.

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Sacramento Meeting

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: <u>http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm</u>.

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five (5) 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. An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the Internet and can be accessed at: <u>http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast</u>.

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

FUTURE NOTICES

Any persons desiring to receive future notices concerning State Water Board actions regarding SGMA implementation, must sign up for the Groundwater Management Program lyris list. To access the e-mail list subscription form, select "General Interests" category, check the box for "Groundwater Management" and provide the required information. The subscription form is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions concerning this notice to Ms. Katheryn Landau at Katheryn.Landau@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5588.