



Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to Host Community Workshop Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Continues, Get Involved Now to Learn and Provide Input about the Future of Groundwater

The three groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) in the Merced Subbasin (Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and Turner Island Groundwater Sustainability Agency) will host a community workshop to discuss the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) being developed now for the Merced Subbasin.

When: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Atwater Community Center, Jessie Frago Meeting Room, 760 E. Bellevue Road Atwater, CA. Spanish language translation services will be available.

Who Should Attend: All interested community members, ranchers, farmers, landowners, business owners, and residents with private wells are encouraged to attend.

What will be presented for discussion: The workshop is an opportunity to learn more about groundwater management for the Merced Subbasin (see map on page 2) and discuss, ask questions, and provide input on the topics:

- Sustainable Management Criteria
- Next Steps for Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Adoption

For more information about the Merced Subbasin GSP, to sign-up for email updates, to find meeting times and locations, and to make a comment or ask a question, visit <http://www.mercedsgma.org>.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in this meeting, please contact Ana Muniz-Laguna, Merced County, 209-385-7654.

Roles and Responsibilities for Developing the Merced Subbasin GSP

Governing Boards

Consistent with the requirements of the SGMA, water management and land management agencies in Merced Subbasin formed three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs): the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency, the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and the Turner Island Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The three GSAs are collaborating to develop one Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the entire Merced Groundwater Subbasin by January 2020. To develop the Plan, the GSAs will review groundwater conditions and identify means to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Merced Groundwater Subbasin.

Coordinating Committee

The three GSAs for the Merced Groundwater Subbasin have formed a Coordinating Committee of senior staff and governing board members to coordinate day-to-day planning activities and public outreach. Meetings of the Coordinating Committee the fourth Monday of each month, are noticed, and are open to the public.

Stakeholder Committee

The three GSAs have also approved the formation of a Stakeholder Committee. The Stakeholder Committee is comprised of community representatives and was formed to advise the Coordinating Committee and the GSA governing boards on groundwater conditions, management issues and needs, and projects and management actions to improve sustainability in the basin. Meetings of the Stakeholder Committee are held the fourth Monday of the month, are noticed, and are open to the public.

General Public, Landowners, Farmers, Ranchers in the Merced Subbasin

The agencies and the Coordinating Committee welcome public input as the GSP is developed. You can submit comments through the GSP website: www.mercedsgma.org. Consider attending a Board meeting, Coordinating Committee meeting, or Stakeholder Committee meeting, or a Community Workshop to learn more, ask questions, and provide input.

