

# **Notice of Public Workshop**

# Groundwater Sustainability Planning is Underway for the Merced Subbasin Get Involved Now to Learn about the Future of Groundwater

# Thursday, August 2, 2018, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Sam Pipes Room, Merced Civic Center, 678 W 18th Street, Merced, CA

On Thursday, August 2, 2018, the Merced Subbasin groundwater sustainability agencies will host a public workshop from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sam Pipes Room, 678 W 18th St, Merced, CA. Interested community members, ranchers, farmers, landowners, business owners, and residents with private wells are encouraged to attend. This workshop will answer questions about what the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act means for the future of groundwater in the Merced Subbasin (see map on page 2). Spanish language translation will be available.

The workshop is an opportunity to learn more groundwater management and discuss, ask questions, and provide input on the discussion topics.

- What is the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the Merced Subbasin?
- What is included in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) being developed for the Merced Subbasin and how is it developed?
- What are the Groundwater Conditions in the Merced Subbasin, past and present?
- What are priorities for Sustaining Groundwater Supplies in the future?

The Workshop Agenda includes the following (times are approximate):

6:00 to 6:30 pm: Informal time to review exhibits and ask questions

**6:30 to 7:20 pm**: Welcome and presentation

What is SGMA, what is required, who is responsible, and how will the plan be developed?

Questions and answers

7:20 to 7:35 pm: Presentation

Groundwater conditions in the Merced Subbasin

7:35 to 8:20 pm: Group discussion

Groundwater needs and goals for the Merced Subbasin

8:20 to 8:30 pm: Wrap-up and next steps

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

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 Leah Brown, City of Merced - Public Works, 209-385-6800.

# 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 <a href="three">three</a> 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 on developing <a href="mailto:one-groundwater-sustainability-plan">one-groundwater-grou

## **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 will be noticed and open to the public and are held the fourth Monday of the month.

### Stakeholder Committee

The three GSAs have also approved the formation of a Stakeholder Committee. The Stakeholder Committee serves as community representatives 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 open to the public and are held the fourth Monday of the month.

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

Your role is to provide input as the GSP is developed. You can submit comments through the GSP website: <a href="https://www.mercedsgma.org">www.mercedsgma.org</a>. Consider attending a Board meeting, Coordinating Committee meeting, or Stakeholder Committee meeting, or a Community Workshop to learn more, ask questions, and provide input.

