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To: Flood Control District Board of Directors Sitting as the GSA for the Shasta, Scott and Butte Valley Groundwater Basins

From: Natural Resources Department

Subject: Shasta, Scott and Butte Groundwater Basin's Advisory Committee Tasks

Date: February 06, 2018

Background

On November 07, 2017 and January 16, 2018 the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) in its capacity as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") voted and approved to establish groundwater advisory committees for three of the four groundwater basins that fall under the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), which include the Shasta, Scott and Butte Valley Basins. These committees will serve in an advisory role to the District for the purposes of providing information, expertise, review and recommendations during the development and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans ("GSP"). This means that these committees will function as standing committees, and each committee will operate in compliance with the Brown Act. The time, dates, location, and frequency of meetings will be determined at the first committee meeting. Staff recommends that regular meetings be held at least quarterly, but it is anticipated that special meetings will need to be called during critical GSP development periods. Advisory committee meetings will be drafted and posted according to the Brown Act, and will allow for public comment. Recommendations and advice from the advisory committee will be presented to the GSA at regularly held public meetings by the District.

The Board of Directors acting as the GSA recommends that the following tasks be assigned to each GSA advisory committee:

1. During their first meeting the committee shall appoint a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for the purposes of conducting its business.
2. The advisory committee shall work with staff regarding recommendations for any additional committee tasks that should be undertaken by the committee, and which items shall be presented to the GSA for its review and approval.
3. Recommendations to the GSA on GSP development and implementation, and/or on GSA policies, shall be made by a majority vote of the advisory committee; but, that minority opinions may be expressed to the GSA.

4. The advisory committee may review and evaluate and thereafter advise or make recommendations to the GSA on:
 - a. Any technical data, documentation, presentations, and other appropriate items as it pertains to SGMA and the development of Groundwater Sustainability Plan's (GSP);
 - b. Recommendations regarding qualified individual(s) to assist in GSP developments that are either for hire or on a volunteer basis, who are appropriate professional consultants, technical experts, or provide beneficial skills to the GSA.
 - c. Review and advise on appropriate studies, models, projects, and other technical needs that will aid in developing additional information in relation to the GSP;
 - d. Identification of and recommendation on proposed groundwater management strategies, goals, and objectives specific to the GSP;
 - e. Identification of and review of grant or funding opportunities that would provide financial support for GSP development;
 - f. Hear presentations by organizations, companies, consultants, or other necessary individuals or entities regarding the GSP;
5. The committee shall review and catalog the authorities granted to the GSA when acting as the GSA for a given basin and present same to the GSA Board;
6. Through its public meetings, the advisory committee shall serve as an additional forum for public dialog on SGMA and GSP development;
7. With approval by the GSA, tasks may be amended, repealed, or additionally added at any time with the intent to comply with SGMA related activities provided they comply under the authorities granted by SOMA law.

If you have any questions, please free to contact Matt Parker, Natural Resources Specialist at mparker@co.siskiyou.ca.us 530-842-8019. This memorandum was approved by the Siskiyou County Flood Control District Board of Directors acting as the GSA on February 06, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: