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NOTICE OF WATER ACTION PLAN: SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Workshop to Develop Input on Groundwater Legislative Proposal

Proposed Solutions

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

Joe Serna Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building

Coastal Hearing Room

1001 I Street, Second Floor

Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA), California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), collectively referred to as the State Agency Team, will hold a public workshop at the time and location noted above to receive public input and discuss potential legislative solutions to promote sustainable groundwater management in California.

BACKGROUND

The [California Water Action Plan](#), released on January 27, 2014, highlights the challenges for managing the State's water resources and outlines strategic goals and actions to provide more reliable water supplies, restore important species and habitat, and establish a more resilient and sustainably managed water resource system for farms, ecosystems and communities. The plan specifically identified a number of actions to implement sustainable groundwater management practices. One of those actions called for legislation to provide local and regional agencies with comprehensive authority to address their groundwater challenges and allow the State to temporarily assume groundwater management responsibilities when local agency actions have been insufficient to achieve sustainable management.

PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION AT WORKSHOP

The State Agency Team held a workshop on March 24, soliciting ideas and possible approaches to groundwater management in response to the plan. On April 16, the State Agency Team will invite input on proposed solutions that are under development by stakeholders in various venues around the State. **For those wishing to present a proposal for discussion, please contact Katy Landau by Thursday, April 10, 2014 at (916) 341-5588 to ensure that adequate time is allotted.** To ensure that all commenters have an opportunity to participate, presentations and questions may be time-limited. This will be an informational workshop only. A more detailed agenda will follow.

In addition to the workshop described in this notice, interested parties may also submit written comment by April 25, 2014 to groundwater@gov.ca.gov.

Further information and contact information on this initiative can be found at:

http://www.opr.ca.gov/s_groundwater.php.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The workshop will be informal. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the State Agency Team members may ask clarifying questions. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present, however no action will be taken. The workshop is an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to the State Agency Team. To ensure a productive and efficient workshop, oral comments may be limited to **five (5) minutes** or otherwise at the discretion of the State Agency Team.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE WORKSHOP

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Katy Landau at (916) 341-5588 or, Katheryn.Landau@waterboards.ca.gov.

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