

## **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN – PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

Sutter County is developing a Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) in accordance with the California Water Code, Article 17050. Goals of the GMP are to ensure that groundwater resources in the County meet present and future demands, and to minimize third party and environmental impacts due to pumping. These goals will be accomplished through the development and implementation of basin management objectives in the GMP, which are procedures and actions based on data.

The County of Sutter will be conducting public outreach in the form of Plan Advisory Group meetings over the next several months as part of an open process to facilitate stakeholder input, collect data, identify issues, and develop basin management objectives. All interested parties are invited to attend these Plan Advisory Group meetings.

All Plan Advisory Group (PAG) meetings will be held from 10:00 A.M. until noon at the Veteran's Memorial Hall at 1425 Veterans Memorial Circle in Yuba City. The anticipated Plan Advisory Group meeting schedule and summary of anticipated topics is as follows. Please note that this is a preliminary schedule, and may be subject to change:

### **PAG Meeting #1: June 10, 2008. Kickoff Meeting**

Introduce Background and Structure of GMP.

### **PAG Meeting #2: August 14, 2008. Define Groundwater Issues**

- Expand on role of DWR, discuss water transfers (Phase 8, Governors emergency drought plan, conjunctive use), AB3030, SB1938, Bulletin 118.
- Expand on role of County; what do citizens want from County? Ordinances that regulate groundwater use, monitoring, require permits prior to any water transfers out of County? Invite citizen input on County's proactive role in water management. Introduction of goal concepts.
- Introduce groundwater surveys (two separate surveys specific for water purveyors and general public).

***Late August: Survey available online, hard copies distributed upon request.***

### **PAG Meeting #3: October 17, 2008. Survey Results and Status of GW Data**

- Review results of survey results.
- Present physical settings, hydrogeology specific to Sutter County.
- Present a draft outline of where Water Management Areas (WMAs) will be.
- Introduce groundwater issues, explain how issues drive objectives

### **PAG Meeting #4: December 9, 2008. Best Management Objective Workshop**

- Introduce concepts of County-wide Best Management Objectives (BMOs) and Water Management BMOs.
  - Introduce goals and objectives (BMOs).
  - Discuss Qualitative or Quantitative BMOs
  - Discuss the various types of action items that may apply.

**PAG Meeting #5: February 10, 2009. BMO Wrap-Up**

- Summarize BMOs that fell out of consideration after workshop;
- Final input and review of selected BMOs (both County-wide and per WMA);
- Establish framework for document;

**April through June, 2009 Activities (No Plan Advisory Group Meetings Held):**

- **Administrative Draft Submitted to County and DWR by Early April;**
- **30-day review for County & DWR (due Early May);**
- **Public Draft Document Available to Public by Mid-June**

**PAG Meeting #6: July 14, 2009. Receive Public Comments on Public Draft GMP**

- Summarize public comments and resolve outstanding comments.

**Remaining Tasks – August through October, 2009 (No Plan Advisory Group Meetings Held):**

- **Comment Resolution (through August)**
- **Draft Final in September**
- **Final GMP October/November**
- **Board of Supervisor Approval October/November 2009**