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### **October Workshops Will Update Cosumnes Subbasin Water Users on Local Implementation of Groundwater Act**

**Sacramento, CA** – October workshops in Jackson, Wilton and Galt will update Cosumnes Subbasin residents and water users on local implementation of California’s new groundwater law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The upcoming workshops are scheduled for October 12, 24 and 26 respectively.

Each workshop will address the following topics, with time for participants to ask questions and provide input:

- Managing Groundwater – Why Care and What’s Required by State Law?
- Developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Cosumnes Subbasin: Near-Term Efforts and Grant Scope
- Public Outreach and Engagement Strategies

<b>Amador Workshop</b> October 12, 6:30-8:00 pm Amador County Administration Center - Board Chambers 810 Court Street, Jackson	<b>Mid-County Workshop</b> October 24, 6:30-8:00 Wilton Community Center 9717 Colony Rd, Wilton	<b>West-County Workshop</b> October 26, 6:30-8:00 Galt City Council Chambers 380 Civic Drive, Galt
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#### **ABOUT SGMA LOCALLY**

Effective January 1, 2015, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) establishes a robust framework for the sustainable management of groundwater resources for the first time in California’s history. SGMA’s intent is to achieve sustainable groundwater conditions statewide and to locally manage groundwater basins while minimizing state intervention to only when necessary. Over the next four years, the subbasin’s seven groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) will work together as the Cosumnes Subbasin SGMA Working Group (“Working Group”) to develop one or more groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) by Jan 31, 2022. The preservation of local management of the region’s groundwater is a fundamental principle for implementing SGMA in the Cosumnes Subbasin.

Sustainable conditions will support the Cosumnes Subbasin's vital agricultural economy, industry, and domestic and public water uses. It also supports important environmental resources like the Cosumnes River corridor. SGMA mandates that all high and medium priority groundwater basins in California must be managed sustainably over a 20-year implementation period. Given the subbasin's heavy reliance on groundwater, it is important for residents, businesses and interested members of the public to help shape the region's approach to managing this precious resource and ensure there is balance between long-time supply and use. Cooperation and coordination among agencies, landowners, stakeholders and others concerned with groundwater usage in the subbasin is crucial to successful SGMA implementation and to maintaining local control over the subbasin's groundwater resources. In order for SGMA implementation to be responsive to local interest, public involvement and input is key to ensuring a thoughtful, locally driven plan for the Cosumnes Subbasin.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

- Visit [cosumnes.waterforum.org/get-involved](https://cosumnes.waterforum.org/get-involved) to sign up for the interested parties email list.
- Attend a monthly SGMA Working Group or Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. Meetings are open to the public and have periods for public comment.
- Request an organizational briefing from the Water Forum or a GSA.
- Attend an October public workshop.

A website, [cosumnes.waterforum.org](https://cosumnes.waterforum.org), includes up-to-date information on groundwater planning in the Cosumnes and the opportunity to sign up to receive more information.

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