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COSUMNES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND FINANCING IS FOCUS OF June 2 and June 3 WORKSHOPS

Proposed Actions Designed to Ward Off Costly, Restrictive State Intervention

COSUMNES WATERSHED, Sacramento County – A proposed plan to govern groundwater use in the Cosumnes Subbasin for the next two decades will be aired during a public workshop on June 2nd online and June 3rd in-person. The meeting is an opportunity for South Sacramento County and Western Amador County residents to understand and comment on the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and the fees associated with implementing the plan.

As required by state law, seven local agencies have been working together on a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for several years. The goal is to bring the supply of groundwater into balance with the demand of multiple users, including city water suppliers, agricultural operations and other landowners who rely on wells.

Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the area – like most others in California – must file a credible groundwater sustainability plan with the state Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2022. If the plan is found lacking, the State can intervene, including imposing annual charges of up to \$300 per well.

At this workshop, local agencies will review the planned projects to reach sustainability and the costs associated with the plan.

The workshop will be conducted **virtually on June 2, 2021 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** and in person on **June 3, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Herald Fire Station.** Face masks, social distancing and other Covid-19 protection practices will be enforced for the in-person meetings. More than half of the workshop time is set aside for participants to ask questions, provide feedback and suggest alternatives to the projects and actions under consideration. Staff who are knowledgeable about the plan proposal will be available at both events to answer questions.

To participate in the public workshop, go to Cosumnes.WaterForum.org to register for notifications about the meeting. Those who want to attend the in-person session are also asked to register to help staff with logistical planning.

For more information, please contact Sloughouse Resource Conservation District staff at 916-526-5447 or info@SloughouseRCD.org.

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