

**West Placer Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Summary of Pre- Groundwater Sustainability Agency Stakeholder Outreach**

Stakeholder Outreach began in 2016. Through a DWR grant, the proposed West Placer Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) received facilitation assistance from a consulting firm to, among other things, prepare a Communications Outreach Strategy and conduct public outreach. One of the initial efforts was the Agricultural Community Stakeholder Assessment which was conducted by a neutral, third-party facilitator in coordination with the West Placer GSA staff. The assessment consisted of several one-on-one or small group interviews with agricultural well owners and agricultural industry representatives that operate in, or have experience with, western Placer County. Results of the interviews were summarized in a presentation (located on our website: westplacergroundwater.com).

The Communications Outreach Strategy was completed in September 2016. The Strategy was intended to provide a high-level overview of near- and long-term outreach strategies, tactics, and tools to assist the participating agencies in the establishment of the West Placer GSA and other related actions as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014.

Stakeholder Outreach continued in 2017. California Water Code §10723(b) requires each GSA to hold a public hearing to receive and respond to public comments about the formation of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency. In preparation, the West Placer GSA agencies hosted two public workshops, in January and February 2017, in advance of the required public hearing. The purpose of these workshops was to inform groundwater users and other interested parties of the GSA formation and identify potential participants and other stakeholders in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development phases.

Formal outreach to each of the SGMA mandated categories was also accomplished through meetings and briefing to ensure that all stakeholders understand the West Placer GSA approach and plan to address groundwater sustainability within the North American Subbasin. In addition, staff from member agencies gave presentations at a variety of other public venues, including Municipal Advisory Committees, City Councils, County Board of Supervisors, Water Agency Directors, Agricultural Commission and others. A list of all stakeholder outreach including the public meetings and workshops held can be found in the attached summary: Pre-GSA Presentations.