

SANTA ROSA PLAIN

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Mr. Trevor Joseph
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Department of Water Resources
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Subject: Initial Notification of Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development for the Santa Rosa Plain Subbasin

Dear Mr. Joseph,

The intent of this letter is to notify you that the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) intends to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Santa Rosa Plain Subbasin (Basin number 1-055) pursuant to California Water Code (Water Code) Section 10727.8. Formed by a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement in 2017, the GSA has a board of directors and an advisory committee, and comprises representatives from (list member agencies) and (interests represented). The GSP will be developed through a transparent and public process based on the best available science and information such that it can be adopted by the GSA Board and submitted to the State on or before January 31, 2022.

The GSA has engaged in a variety of outreach efforts in the basin, including advertising through local news outlets and social media, sending a monthly email newsletter to subscribed interested parties, and encouraging members of the community to attend bimonthly GSA Board meetings and GSA Advisory Committee meetings. The GSA is reaching out to stakeholder organizations that may be interested in GSA activities and GSP development, and is sending representatives to present at meetings of these organizations. The GSA Board has adopted a community engagement plan, which describes planned outreach for GSP development. All information regarding community engagement is and will continue to be posted at sonomacountygroundwater.org.

The GSA contracts with other local agencies for technical, outreach, and administrative services. The Sonoma County Water Agency is providing technical and outreach services for GSP development, under the guidance of plan manager Jay Jasperse. The Water Agency will contract with other consultants, as needed, for GSP elements. Development of the GSP will be a collaborative and iterative process that builds upon existing technical and policy information and incorporates input from the GSA Board, the GSA Advisory Committee, GSA Member Agencies, groundwater users and the public. Beginning in spring of 2018 and extending through 2021, components of the GSP will be developed and shared with the GSA Advisory Committee, GSA Board for review and input at noticed public meetings. Community workshops will be held at key points during the development of the GSP to solicit input and perspectives of stakeholders, including groundwater users, within the basin. A general timeline for the GSP

development process, which identifies primary technical work activities and community engagement actions, is attached.

If you need additional information or have any questions or concerns, please contact
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Sincerely,



Jay Jasperse, Plan Manager
Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Attachments:

Joint Execution of Powers Agreement
Community Engagement Plan
GSP timeline