

## **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Public Meeting on Local Planning Efforts**

For immediate release

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*Willows, California*- Glenn County officials and other local groundwater managers will host a public meeting on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). SGMA is a new law that offers beneficial opportunities to achieve sustainable groundwater conditions and support Colusa County's vital agricultural economy, industry, and domestic and public water uses.

The meeting will provide an overview of SGMA, expected responsibilities and benefits for groundwater users, and describe early steps taken to implement the new law. The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about SGMA, ask questions of local water managers and submit comments.

"Water supply issues in Glenn County are challenging, but SGMA provides the tools to develop local solutions for local problems" said Willow-area farmer Larry Domenighini. "In the next couple of years we will need to craft a plan to address the sustainability issues we all face here. Water supply sustainability issues affect everyone in the County whether they recognize it or not. This is not going to be a quick or easy solution, so it is important that everyone keeps up with our local water issues and be engaged so that we can develop our solutions."

To support local planning efforts, the County has secured facilitation support from the Department of Water Resources (DWR), initiated a county-wide groundwater assessment and applied for a groundwater planning grant through the Water Bond.

"Glenn County is committed to working through local challenges to ensure that our groundwater resources are protected" said Lisa Hunter, the County's Water Resources Coordinator. "Groundwater resources are especially important for our household water uses and our agricultural economy, as well as other water uses in our area. We are committed to work collaboratively with local water managers to ensure sustainable water supplies into the future for all County citizens."

Meeting date, time and location:

March 8, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Orland Memorial Hall

320 Third Street

Orland, CA 95963

For more information please visit DWR's SGMA webpage: <http://groundwater.ca.gov/>