



## **NOTICE OF WATER ACTION PLAN: SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS**

### **Workshops to Develop Input on Groundwater Legislative Proposal**

#### **Ideas, Proposals & Feedback**

**Monday, March 24, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.**

Joe Serna Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**AND**

#### **Proposed Solutions**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA), California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), collectively referred to as the State Agency Team, will hold public workshops at the time and location noted above to receive public input and discuss potential legislative solutions to promote sustainable groundwater management in California.

The [California Water Action Plan](#), released on January 27, 2014, highlights the challenges for managing the State's water resources and outlines strategic goals and actions to provide more reliable water supplies, restore important species and habitat, and establish a more resilient and sustainably managed water resource system for farms, ecosystems and communities. The plan specifically identified a number of actions to implement sustainable groundwater management practices. One of those actions called for legislation to provide local and regional agencies with comprehensive authority to address their groundwater challenges and allow the State to temporarily assume groundwater management responsibilities when local agency actions have been insufficient to achieve sustainable management.

Two workshops will be held to solicit input and information and develop proposed solutions. On **March 24**, the State Agency Team is interested in hearing and providing feedback on ideas and possible approaches in response to the proposal, which is outlined in greater detail at: [http://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/Sustainable\\_Groundwater\\_Management\\_3-7-2014.pdf](http://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/Sustainable_Groundwater_Management_3-7-2014.pdf). On April 16, the State Agency Team will invite input on proposed solutions. These will be informational workshops only. More detailed agendas will follow for both workshops.

In addition to the workshops described in this notice, interested parties may also submit written comment by April 25, 2014 to [groundwater@gov.ca.gov](mailto:groundwater@gov.ca.gov).

Further information and contact information on this initiative can be found at: [http://www.opr.ca.gov/s\\_groundwater.php](http://www.opr.ca.gov/s_groundwater.php).

## **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

The workshop will be informal. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the State Agency Team members may ask clarifying questions. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present, however no action will be taken. The workshop is an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to the State Agency Team. To ensure a productive and efficient workshop, oral comments may be limited to **five (5) minutes** or otherwise at the discretion of the State Agency Team.

## **QUESTIONS REGARDING THE WORKSHOP**

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Katy Landau at (916) 341-5588 or, [Katheryn.Landau@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Katheryn.Landau@waterboards.ca.gov).

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