



Media Advisory

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Resolution of Intention to Prepare a Groundwater Management Plan for Sonoma Valley Basin to be Considered

(Santa Rosa, CA) — The Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) Board of Directors on January 30 will hold a hearing to consider adopting a resolution of intention to prepare a groundwater management plan for the Sonoma Valley Basin. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain input from the public and interested parties. Prior to the hearing, Agency staff will provide a brief update to the Board of Directors on Groundwater Management Planning activities to date in the Sonoma Valley, and background information including procedural requirements for conducting a hearing under the California Water Code (Section 10753.2).

A groundwater management plan would help maintain a sustainable groundwater resource for the citizens of Sonoma Valley that rely on the basin for part of their daily needs. The Agency encourages any individuals interested in the development of the groundwater management plan to attend the meeting. Public notices have been published in several newspapers including the Press Democrat, Sonoma Sun and the Sonoma Index Tribune.

The Agency is a special district with the authority to produce and furnish surface water and groundwater for beneficial uses, provide flood protection services, generate electricity, provide recreation in connection with Agency facilities, and treat, dispose and reuse wastewater.

Hearing Topic: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Resolution of Intention to Prepare a Groundwater Management Plan for the Sonoma Valley Basin

Date: January 30, 2007

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers
Sonoma County Administration Building
575 Administration Dr., Room 102A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403-2887

For more information on groundwater management planning, please contact Bill Keene, principal environmental specialist, at (707) 547-1922 or bkeene@scwa.ca.gov. You may also view more information about the Sonoma Valley groundwater management planning process at www.sonomacountywater.org/svgroundwater.

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