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## GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE **Board Agenda Letter**

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**TO:** Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee

**FROM:** David Morrison - Director of Planning, Building and Environmental Services  
PBES - Environmental Health

**REPORT BY:** Jeff Sharp, SUPERVISING PLANNER - 707-259-5936

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of an Ad-Hoc Workgroup to Assess a Variety of Management Tools and Policy Options Related to Groundwater Sustainability in the Napa Valley Subbasin

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Committee Secretary and Facilitator request the Committee appoint a 5-7 member ad-hoc subcommittee (Workgroup) to explore and identify management tools and policies that may be implemented to ensure the sustainability of groundwater in the Napa Valley Subbasin.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The establishment of an ad-hoc Workgroup advances the charge of the GSPAC and responds to requests that the Committee be engaged in constructive policy development. The purpose of the Workgroup is to initiate consideration of important administrative tools and policies prior to presenting them in later draft sections of the GSP in Spring 2021. Formation of a balanced Workgroup will help lay the groundwork for near-future GSPAC

discussions on management actions, best management policies and future groundwater sustainability projects. The membership of the Workgroup will be subject to approval by the GSPAC. The appointed Workgroup is expected to meet regularly and report monthly to the GSPAC through February 2021.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The establishment of an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee (Workgroup) advances the Charge to the GSPAC and responds to requests that the Committee be engaged in constructive policy development. The purpose of the Workgroup is to initiate consideration of important administrative tools and policies prior to presenting them in later draft sections of the GSP in Spring 2021. Later in the GSPAC deliberations, it will be necessary to link conditions and triggers related to groundwater sustainability to policies, management actions and tools in order to complete the GSP. Formation of a balanced Workgroup will help lay the groundwork for near-future GSPAC discussions on management actions, best management policies and future groundwater sustainability projects.

The Workgroup's charge, recruitment and criteria for members, administrative arrangements and operating procedures, member expectations and proposed schedule are detailed in the attached Workgroup Charge, Nov. 2, 2020 document.

The Committee Secretary and Facilitator is requesting the Committee's appointment of 5-7 members to ad-hoc Workgroup. The appointed Workgroup is to represent the full range of interests of the GSPAC including municipal, environmental and agricultural interests and small well owners. Any GSPAC member may request to be considered for the Workgroup.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Workgroup Charge Nov. 2, 2020

Committee Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Jeff Sharp