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

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: Sustainability Framework for the Napa Valley Groundwater Subbasin - Background and Discussion Questions

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation overviewing key terms defined in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) related to standards for sustainable groundwater management to be incorporated as part of the Napa Valley Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), discuss the required content of the Draft GSP Section, and consider the request for Committee's input.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Reid Bryson, of Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE), will provide a presentation that will overview key terms defined in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) related to standards for sustainable groundwater management to be applied as part of the Napa Valley Subbasin GSP, including the Sustainability

Goal, Undesirable Results, Minimum Thresholds, Measurable Objectives, and Interim Milestones. Undesirable results previously defined by Napa County for the Napa Valley Subbasin will be presented for discussion along with questions for the Committee's consideration related to the definitions of undesirable results to be included in the Napa Valley Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

Procedure

Staff introduces the presentation.

Questions and answers with the Committee. Public comments.

Discuss Committee review and comment on the Sustainability Framework and recommendations to staff.

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

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A memorandum outlining the Sustainability Framework with related definitions and excerpts from SGMA and GSP Regulations, background information, and supporting documentation is provided to support the Committee's review, discussion and input.

Discussion questions for the GSPAC related to the sustainability framework include:

- 1 Does the current Sustainability Goal for the Napa Valley Subbasin sufficiently address the key priorities for sustainable groundwater management in the Napa Valley Subbasin and the requirements for sustainability goals presented in SGMA?
- 1 What groundwater conditions occurring throughout the Subbasin would constitute a significant and unreasonable effect on each of the six SGMA sustainability indicators?
- 1 In what ways would significant and unreasonable effects vary for different respective beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the Subbasin?

Staff is requesting Committee review of the memorandum, discussion and recommendations on the required

content related to the Sustainability Framework for the Napa Valley Subbasin GSP.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Presentation on SGMA Sustainability Framework

B . Sustainability Framework for the Napa Valley Subbasin - Background & Discussion

Committee Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Jeff Sharp