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

TO: Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee

FROM: Jeff Sharp for David Morrison - Director of Planning, Building and Environmental Services
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SUBJECT: Presentation and Discussion of Groundwater Sustainability Plan Requirements, Outline and Schedule

RECOMMENDATION

Committee Secretary and Facilitator requests the Committee receive and discuss a presentation on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) requirements, review of draft GSP outline, and tentative schedule.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers will provide the Committee with a brief overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the requirements for developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). A draft annotated outline of the GSP will be provided along with a tentative schedule.

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

In January 2014, the Governor's Office identified groundwater management as one of ten key action steps in the California Water Action Plan. In September 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law. SGMA provides a framework for long-term sustainable groundwater management across California. It requires that local authorities in the medium- and high-priority groundwater basins form a locally-controlled and governed Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), to prepare and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). GSPs are detailed road maps for how groundwater basins will reach and/or maintain long term sustainability. GSPs for high- and medium-priority basins are due to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by January 31, 2022. The Napa Valley Groundwater Subbasin is the only groundwater basin in Napa County that requires a GSP.

SGMA also created new requirements for DWR. DWR leads state efforts to support the development of GSPs, through technical assistance and other means, and is charged with developing regulations for GSP content. DWR is also responsible for reviewing GSPs submitted by GSAs for consistency with the GSP Regulations. The Committee's groundwater consultant, Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers (LSCE) will provide the a brief overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and DWR's GSP regulations for developing a GSP. LSCE will also provide a draft annotated outline and tentative schedule that will help guide the development of the Napa Valley Subbasin GSP.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Overview
- B . Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Annotated Outline
- C . Groundwater Sustainability Plan Schedule

Committee Recommendation: Approve

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