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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: Introduction and overview of Draft Section 3 of the Napa Valley Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation overviewing Draft Section 3 of the Napa Valley Subbasin GSP, discuss the required content of the Draft Section and consider the request for Committee's review and comment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Reid Bryson, of Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE), will provide a presentation that will overview Draft Section 3 of the Napa Valley Subbasin GSP. Mr. Bryson will introduce the Section, provide a summary of the objective and content, and describe how the section addresses corresponding GSP regulations. The draft section along with a Department of Water Resources' GSP Elements Guide and List of Abbreviations are provided for the Committee's review and discussion.

Procedure

Staff introduces the presentation.

Questions and answers with the Committee.

Public comments.

Discuss Committee review and comment on the draft sections 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

Reid Bryson, of LSCE, will provide a presentation that will overview Draft Section 3 of the Napa Valley Subbasin GSP. Mr. Bryson will introduce the Section, provide a summary of its objective and content, and describe how each section addresses corresponding GSP regulations. The draft section, a list of acronyms and abbreviations and the Department of Water Resources' GSP Elements Guide are provided for the Committee's review and discussion.

Section 3 describes existing water and land use monitoring and management programs in the Napa Valley Subbasin to provide an understanding of ways that existing programs may influence groundwater conditions and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation. Section 3 describes the extent of recent and historical monitoring networks in the Subbasin. Section 3 also describes beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the Napa Valley Subbasin and opportunities for public participation in the GSP development process.

Staff is requesting Committee and public comment on individual draft Sections of the GSP as they become available so that input can be incorporated throughout the GSP development process and prior to publication of the full Draft GSP in fall 2021. An effective means of collecting GSPAC and public input and comment on each draft section is through the use of an online survey tool. Staff will present the Section 3 survey and will walk through its questions. Information on how to participate in the survey will be emailed to the Committee and those on the GSA's groundwater email list of interested parties*. Responses to the survey will be due Friday, September 25, 2020.

Key questions for the GSPAC to consider related to their review of Draft Section 3 include:

- | Does Section 3 include relevant existing (ongoing) water resources monitoring and management programs? If there are others, please identify them.
- | Does Section 3 include relevant existing (ongoing) land use monitoring and management programs? If there are others, please identify them.
- | Does Section 3 sufficiently describe beneficial users and uses of groundwater?
- | Considering there is also a draft GSP Stakeholder Communications and Engagement Plan (CEP), does

Section 3.4 sufficiently describe opportunities for public engagement?

Staff is requesting discussion of the required content in Draft Section 3 of the GSP and the Committee's review and comment.

*Link to join the GSA's groundwater email list of interested parties: <http://eepurl.com/bWgdiin>

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Presentation on Draft Section 3 of GSP
- B . DWR GSP Elements Guide for Section 3
- C . Draft List of Acronyms and Abbreviations
- D . Draft Section 3 of GSP (26mb)

Committee Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Jeff Sharp