

Excerpts from SGMA pertaining to Initial Notification of Intent to Prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Note: This is an excerpt from the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and related statutory provisions; it includes 2015 amendments which are shown in underline and ~~strikeout~~.

Access the full legislation at this link: <https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management/Files/2014-Sustainable-Groundwater-Management-Legislation-with-2015-amends-1-15-2016.pdf>

EXCERPT FROM CHAPTER 6. Groundwater Sustainability Plans

10727.8. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND PARTICIPATION; ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(a) Prior to initiating the development of a groundwater sustainability plan, the groundwater sustainability agency shall make available to the public and the department a written statement describing the manner in which interested parties may participate in the development and implementation of the groundwater sustainability plan. The groundwater sustainability agency shall provide the written statement to the legislative body of any city, county, or city and county located within the geographic area to be covered by the plan. The groundwater sustainability agency may appoint and consult with an advisory committee consisting of interested parties for the purposes of developing and implementing a groundwater sustainability plan. The groundwater sustainability agency shall encourage the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the groundwater basin prior to and during the development and implementation of the groundwater sustainability plan.

(b) For purposes of this section, interested parties include entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency.