

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Groundwater agency seeks community input**

*Applications are available for stakeholders to participate in groundwater sustainability advisory committee.*

**SANTA CLARITA** – Applications are being accepted for a public advisory committee to help develop a plan for sustainable management of the local groundwater basin in the Santa Clarita Valley.

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee to the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) will include seven members representing small, medium and large pumpers in the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin, the business community, environmental interests and the community at large.

“As we develop this critical plan, it is important to consider all interests and perspectives of water users in the basin,” said William C. Cooper, SCV-GSA Board President. “The Stakeholder Advisory Committee will provide input that will help produce a workable and enduring strategy for maintaining the health of our groundwater basin.”

The SCV-GSA was formed as a result of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, a statewide effort to reduce over pumping of a critical water supply. Plans developed locally are tailored to the resources and needs of the community and are intended to achieve sustainable groundwater management within 20 years.

The local Stakeholder Advisory Committee will review and provide recommendations to the SCV-GSA Board on issues such as objectives, monitoring, work plans and plan development. Members are expected to serve for two years and be willing to consider all viewpoints, work toward a consensus, and represent the interests of the stakeholder group they represent. The Committee will advise the SCV-GSA Board on future decisions and policy including water budgets, sustainable management criteria and implementation.

Applications are due September 20, 2019 and details about the committee are available online at <https://scvgsa.org/stakeholder-advisory-committee-application/>

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**About the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency:**

The Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) is a joint powers authority responsible for sustainably managing groundwater in the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin. The agency is governed by seven-member board that includes four people appointed by SCV Water, and one member each appointed by the city of Santa Clarita, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Waterworks Division 36.

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