

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014

BOARD ACTION: Informational Item only

BACKGROUND: The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law in September 2014. SGMA creates a framework for sustainable, local groundwater management for the first time in California history by providing local agencies with authorities to adopt groundwater management plans tailored to the resources and needs of their communities. There are numerous roles for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) in implementation of SGMA, with the underlying principle that the state's role should complement and support the goal of local sustainable groundwater management. State roles include technical support, financial resource options, and acting as a "state backstop" when local agencies are unable or unwilling to solve serious groundwater problems. This item will provide a brief overview of SGMA elements, timelines, and requirements, and will provide a geographic description of the areas affected by the legislation.

ISSUES: N/A

RECOMMENDATION Informational Item only

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Legal Review _____

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