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MENDOCINO COUNTY WATER AGENCY TO DISCUSS SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2014

On Thursday, March 26, 2015, the Mendocino County Water Agency and the University of California Cooperative Extension Service will hold an educational forum on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA). The presenter, Mark Nordberg, is the Senior Engineering Geologist at the Sustainable Groundwater Management Section of the California Department of Water Resources, the agency that has oversight under the newly enacted law. Mr. Nordberg will give an overview of the SGMA and respond to questions regarding the groundwater regulation. Topics will include timelines for enactment, the authority and responsibility of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), a map and overview of the Ukiah Valley groundwater basin, and available funding sources.

"The SGMA became law at the beginning of the year. Every water manager in the Ukiah Valley, including private property landowners with wells, must understand the new law and be prepared for its implementation under very short timelines," stated First District Supervisor Carre Brown, who also chairs the Mendocino County Water Agency Board of Directors.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend this meeting. The discussion will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 1070, 501 Low Gap Road, in Ukiah. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and receive up-to-date information.

Attendees will be requested to take the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act information back to their constituency, or local governing bodies, for discussion and to develop a recommendation for the creation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). A follow up meeting will be scheduled for the end of April to receive recommendations on a GSA. More details on the follow up meeting will be coming forward at a later date.

For more information, or to reserve a spot, please contact Jason Claunch at the Mendocino County Executive Office at (707) 463-4441 or claunchj@co.mendocino.ca.us.

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