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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY REGULATORY ACTION**

Subject: Process that local agencies shall follow when preparing Groundwater Sustainability plans (GSPs) and Alternatives under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

The California Department of Water Resources (Department) proposes this emergency rulemaking action under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) to make the GSP emergency regulations effective. The emergency regulations specify the information required to comply with Water Code Section 10733.2, which outlines the process that local agencies shall follow when preparing GSPs and Alternatives. The emergency regulations also identify the methodology and criteria that will be applied by the Department when evaluating and assessing GSPs and Alternatives. The Department proposes to include these emergency regulations into the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 1.5, Subchapter 2.

Under the APA, Government Code Section 11346.1, Subdivision (a)(2), requires that, at least five (5) working days prior to submission of the proposed emergency action to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), the adopting agency provide a notice of the proposed emergency action to every person who has filed a request for notice of regulatory action with the agency. After submission of the emergency regulations to OAL, it shall allow interested persons five (5) calendar days to submit comments on the emergency regulations as set forth in Government Code Section 11349.6. Upon submission, OAL will have ten (10) calendar days within which to process the emergency regulations. The emergency regulations will become effective when OAL files the regulations with the Secretary of State.

The specific language of the Department's emergency regulations and Finding of Emergency are attached and are also posted on the Department's website at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsp.cfm>

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Trevor Joseph, Supervising Engineering Geologist, Department of Water Resources, at (916) 651-9218 or via email at [Trevor.Joseph@water.ca.gov](mailto:Trevor.Joseph@water.ca.gov).