

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that on November 3, 2015, at 1:30 PM, or soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 727 Oak St., Red Bluff, California, the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing to determine whether to adopt a resolution directing the District to submit a Notice of Intent to the California Department of Water Resources stating that the District will be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) for all portions of the eleven (11) Groundwater Subbasins located within Tehama County.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) became effective on January 1, 2015 and established a new structure for managing California's groundwater resources at a local level. SGMA mandates that all groundwater basins identified in Bulletin 118 must be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency by June 30, 2017. Each Agency will then develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Plan) by January 30, 2022, which will include measurable objectives and milestones that assist the Agencies in achieving groundwater sustainability within 20 years of Plan adoption.

The District is uniquely qualified to become the Agency for all eleven (11) groundwater basins located within the County due to its current jurisdiction which extends throughout the County, its background in groundwater monitoring and water conservation issues, a Board of Directors which is comprised of elected officials representing the entire County, and additional representation from a technical advisory committee to the Board which is comprised of representatives from Agriculture, Domestic/Industrial Water Providers, Natural Resources, and representatives from the cities of Corning, Red Bluff, and Tehama.

During the June 2, 2015 Public Hearing, staff was directed to work with interested water agencies and incorporate them into the governance structure. As a result, an eleven member groundwater commission comprised of city and district representatives and other stakeholders was proposed. To date, letters of support have been received from City of Corning, City of Red Bluff, City of Tehama and El Camino Irrigation District.

The District will be submitting a Notice of Intent at the November 3, 2015 Public Hearing for the following subbasins or the portions of those subbasins located within the County: Rosewood, Bowman, Red Bluff, Corning, Colusa, Vina, Los Molinos, Dye Creek, Antelope, Bend, and South Battle Creek. For questions or additional information on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act please contact Ryan Teubert, Tehama County Flood Control/Water Resources Manager, 530-385-1462, ext. 3020 or refer to <http://www.water.ca.gov/cagroundwater/>.