



**Fillmore and Piru Basins**  
*Groundwater Sustainability Agency*

# Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget and Charges

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Item 12B

## Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

- ▶ SGMA Effective Jan 2015
- ▶ GW Basins Managed in “Sustainable” Manner
- ▶ GW Basins have 20 Years to Become “sustainable”
- ▶ Management Delegated to Locals
  - ✓ CA Dept of Water Resources Backstop
  - ✓ Manage Basins if Locals Do Not
  - ✓ Locals Reimburse DWR for its Efforts

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## Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)



- ▶ Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formed from local entities
  - ✓ JPA formed to administer Fillmore and Piru basins
- ▶ GSA prepares Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)
  - ✓ GSP provides framework for ensuring basins are managed sustainably and in accordance with SGMA
  - ✓ GSPs (one each for Fillmore Basin and Piru Basins) due Jan 2022

## Joint Powers of Authority (JPA)



- ▶ New Public Agency formed via JPA
  - ▶ Member Agencies
    - ▶ County of Ventura
    - ▶ City of Fillmore
    - ▶ United Water Conservation District
  - ▶ Stakeholder Representation
    - ▶ Fillmore Basin Pumpers
    - ▶ Piru Basin Pumpers
    - ▶ Environmental Organizations

## Agency Activities to Date



### ► Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Activities

- Agency Creation & Set-Up
- Established Work Plan
- Applied for Groundwater Sustainability Planning Grant
- Established Budget
- Set Groundwater Pumping Assessments (\$8.50/Acre-Foot)

## Agency Activities to Date



### ► Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Activities

- United WCD Initiated Extension of Groundwater Model to Fillmore & Piru Basins
  - Work Counts as Grant Match
- Daniel B. Stephens & Associates Initiated Groundwater Sustainability Planning
- Received \$1.5 Million Grant from CA DWR
- Issued ~\$380K in Credits to Pumpers
- Completed Basins Boundaries Modifications

## Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Activities



- ▶ Coordinate with Well Owners Following Basins Boundaries Mods.
- ▶ Develop & Implement Communication & Engagement Plan
- ▶ Complete Extension of Groundwater Model to Fillmore & Piru Basins
- ▶ Progress on Groundwater Sustainability Planning
- ▶ Site & Design Monitoring Wells at Basins Boundaries
- ▶ Manage Grant from Cal. DWR

## Budget and Assessments



- ▶ Based Upon SGMA Requirements & Schedule
- ▶ Maximizes \$1.5 Million Grant from Cal. DWR
  - ▶ Includes Monitoring Wells Right-of-Way Acquisition & Design (\$100K)
    - ▶ Necessary to Monitor Basin-to-Basin Underflows
    - ▶ Short-Term Borrowing for Wells Construction
- ▶ Includes In-Kind Technical Services (Modeling) from United
- ▶ Lines-up with Original 2017 – 2024 Budget
- ▶ Accounts for Recent Issuance of Credits to Pumpers

## Budget and Assessments



- ▶ Current Assessment \$ 8.50/Acre-Foot
- ▶ Proposed FY 2019-2020 Assessment 12.00/Acre-Foot
- ▶ Approx. Future Years Assessments
  - ▶ FY 2020-2021 12.00/Acre-Foot
  - ▶ FY 2021-2022 Reduce to 4.00/Acre-Foot
- ▶ Short-Term Borrowing for Monitoring Wells Construction

## Budget and Assessments



- ▶ Recommended Actions
  - ▶ Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Budget & Rates
  - ▶ Motion to Adopt Resolution 2019-03 Approving Proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget
  - ▶ Motion to Adopt Resolution 2019-04 Approving Proposed Groundwater Extraction Charges for Period July 19, 2019 to June 30, 2020