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What: STAKEHOLDER FORUM – Upper Ventura River (UVRB) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation Forum

When: Tuesday, June 14th 2016 6pm to 8:30pm

Where: Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Road, Oak View CA 93022

To learn more visit: www.uvrgroundwater.org

What: STAKEHOLDER FORUM - Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation Forum

When: Thursday, June 16th 2016 6pm to 8:30pm

Where: Community Meeting Room, City Hall, 501 Poli Street, Ventura CA

To learn more visit: www.venturawater.net

Over the past year water agencies and the County of Ventura have joined forces to address new state legislation – the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This legislation offers local agencies the opportunity to oversee and steward the future sustainability of groundwater basins. The public is encouraged to attend these forums to learn how the organizational structure for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in each basin is being proposed. Community members who receive their water from the Mound and Upper Ventura River Basins can participate in the process of evaluating the recommended organizational proposals.

The next steps will involve local government agency/special district review, and as appropriate, incorporate stakeholder input into the organizational formation. Each agency will go to their respective board to request approval of the organization formation and resultant agreements, and will appoint their respective representative(s). Once the Directors are appointed to the newly formed GSAs, public hearings will be conducted to formally designate GSAs for each respective basin(s). The State of California will finalize and approve all newly designated GSAs.

For more information about the Mound Basin visit <u>www.venturawater.net</u>, and for the Upper Ventura River Basin visit <u>www.uvrgroundwater.org</u>.

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