Community members invited to attend a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation Committee Stakeholder Meeting, Jan. 28 at 6pm

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**What:** Stakeholder forum – Upper Ventura River (UVRB) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation Committee

**When:** Thursday, January 28th 2016 6pm to 8:30pm

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

**Who:** Open to the public and interested community members

A public stakeholder forum is scheduled to provide an opportunity for interested stakeholders to learn more about the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) process, and provide targeted feedback to the Upper Ventura River Basin (UVRB) GSA Formation Committee on its plans and proposed actions to become a GSA. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28th 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Road in Oak View.

The five local agencies currently working together to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency include the Meiners Oaks Water District, Ventura River Water District, Casitas Municipal Water District, City of Ventura, and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District.

The initial outreach meeting held back in April 2015 provided background on the groundwater basin and allowed the public an opportunity to discuss ideas and voice concerns about the formation of a GSA. The January 28th meeting will dig deeper into the process and purpose of the SGMA and how stakeholders can participate in the future GSA. Time will be provided for participants to give feedback and input as well as ask questions and discuss any aspect of the GSA Formation Committee’s activities.

For information regarding this new agency, or to receive emails about future updates on the Agency formation, please call or e-mail Bert Rapp, General Manager, Ventura River Water District at (805) 646-3403, Bert@VenturaRiverWD.com.

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