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To: All District Landowners
From: Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer-Manager
Date: March 4, 2024
Subject: Draft Groundwater Allocation Policy Development

Dear Landowner,

This letter is to inform you that the Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WRMGSA) has begun developing a groundwater allocation policy which may impact your future groundwater usage and/or operations.

The WRMGSA formed its Project and Management Action Committee to explore various project and management options available to the GSA, including consideration of a groundwater allocation policy that could be implemented when necessary, should the GSA need to enact rapid demand reduction. **This policy is only in draft form;** it is still being reviewed and expanded and has not been adopted by the GSA Board of Directors. Development of this policy has been intentionally iterative, with a focus on maximizing landowner engagement and feedback.

District staff encourage all landowners to review the policy and provide any pertinent feedback. Questions or comments can be submitted in writing, by email, or by phone. The Draft Groundwater Allocation Policy is publicly available on the District website at <https://wrmwsd.com/resources/sgma/>.

While all portions of the policy are open for review and comment, various sections within the policy are intentionally marked 'In Progress'. Some of these items are ministerial in nature and will be further developed as implementation gets closer, e.g. year-end procedures, etc. Other sections are pending additional information from staff or consultants, such as the sustainable yield data, which is pending the results of the Todd Groundwater basin study, and the subsidence section, which is pending additional information from E.K.I. Environment and Water Inc.

District landowners are encouraged to attend the next meetings of the P/MA committee, March 18th at 8:00 am, and March 20th at 1:00 pm, where this policy will be discussed. The meetings will be held in person at the District headquarters located at 12109 Highway 166, Bakersfield CA 93313. Virtual attendance will also be available via GoToMeeting (<https://meet.goto.com/WRMWSD/pmacommittee>).

Please feel welcome to contact District Engineer-Manager Sheridan Nicholas (661-527-6075) or Water Resources Manager Eric McDaris (661-527-6069 | emcdaris@wrmwsd.com) with any questions.

Respectfully,
Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer-Manager