

Merced Subbasin Notification, Issued August 6, 2019

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Joint Meeting of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to Review Public Comments Received on Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Meeting Date: September 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 18, 2019, the three Merced Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) will meet jointly to discuss the Merced Subbasin Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and public comments on the Draft GSP.

In 2017, in accordance with California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), three GSAs were formed to address groundwater management in the Merced Subbasin (see map). Since then, the GSAs have been working together to develop one GSP for the Subbasin. The three GSAs are:

1. Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MSGSA)
2. Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MIUGSA)
3. Turner Island Groundwater Sustainability Agency (TIWDGSA-1)

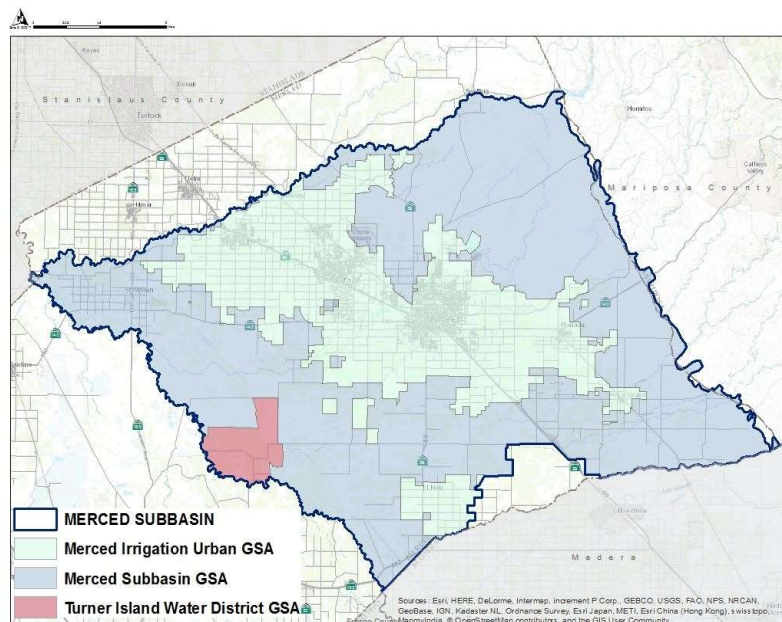
A joint meeting of the Board of Directors of each of the three GSAs has been set as follows:

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Sam Pipes Room, Merced Civic Center, 678 W 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340.

**Purpose:** GSA staff and consultants will provide a summary of the public comments received on the Merced Subbasin Draft GSP, which is currently available for public review through August 19. The GSAs boards will discuss the comments and provide direction on revisions to the GSP. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the draft GSP.

The agenda and meeting materials for this meeting will be available at [www.mercedsgma.org](http://www.mercedsgma.org) at least 72 hours before the meeting.





## Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Available for Public Comment through Monday, August 19.

The Draft GSP is available for public review and comment through August 19, 2019. The full document is available as follows:

- Online at [www.mercedsgma.org](http://www.mercedsgma.org)
- Hardcopies of the Draft GSP are available at the following public locations:
  - **MSGSA** – Merced County Community and Economic Development, Front Counter, 2222 M Street, Merced, CA 95341
  - **MIUGSA** – Merced Irrigation District, 744 W. 20th Street, Merced, CA 95340
  - **TIWDGSA-1** – 1269 West I Street, Los Banos, CA 93635
  - **Merced Public Library**, 2100 O St, Merced, CA 95340
  - **Le Grand Branch Library**, 12949 Le Grand Rd, Le Grand, CA 95333
  - **Atwater Branch Library**, 1600 Third St, Atwater, CA 95301
  - **Winton Branch Library**, 7057 Walnut Ave, Winton, CA 95388
  - **Livingston Public Library**, 1212 Main St, Livingston, CA 95334
  - **Planada Community Services District**, 103 Live Oak St, Planada, CA 95365

Public comments may be submitted by August 19, 2019 by mail or email to:

- Email: [mercedsgma@woodardcurran.com](mailto:mercedsgma@woodardcurran.com)
- U.S. Mail: Hicham ElTal, Merced GSP Contact, Merced Irrigation District, 744 W 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95340

## July 22, 2019 Notice of Intent to Adopt GSP Issued

The three GSAs provided notice to the cities and counties within the geographic area covered by the Merced Subbasin GSP of each GSA's intent to adopt the GSP no earlier than 90-days from the notice. Read the [Notice of Intent](#).

## Next Steps

**Adoption Hearings to be Held in Fall 2019:** In accordance with California Water Code Section 10728.4, consideration to adopt the jointly developed Merced Subbasin GSP will occur as part of public hearings to be held by the three GSAs no sooner than October 21. Meeting times and locations will be posted at [www.mercedsgma.org](http://www.mercedsgma.org) once finalized. Once adopted, the Merced Subbasin GSP will govern sustainable groundwater management actions within each GSA's jurisdictional boundaries located in the Merced Subbasin.

## Submittal to DWR

The three GSAs will jointly submit the final GSP to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for review and approval by the January 31, 2020 regulatory deadline.