

# SGMA REQUIREMENTS REGARDING LAND USE INFORMATION

## **SASb GSPWG:**

- County of Sacramento
- Northern Delta
- Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
- Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
- Sloughouse RCD

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# Overarching Statements of Fact

- Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) obligation:
  - to **use best available land use plan information** in Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development
- **GSAs will not ever supersede land use planning authority** of existing agencies with that jurisdiction
- **GSAs must coordinate** with land use planning agencies
  - GSAs have flexibility in that coordination role during GSP development and implementation

# SGMA Requirements

California Water Code, Division 6, Chapter 5, 10726.8 (f)

“Nothing in this chapter or a groundwater sustainability plan shall be interpreted as superseding the land use authority of cities or counties, including city or county general plans, within the overlying basin.”

# Additional SGMA Requirements

GSP Chapters where Land Use Plan information is required to be used, per DWR Regulations:

- Chapter 1 – Administrative Information
  - Description of Plan Area
- Chapter 2 - Basin Setting
  - Water Budgets

# Description of Plan Area

*DWR Regs – Section 354.8 requires:*

- Maps of **existing land use designations**
- Summary of **general plans or other land use plans**
- How **land use plans may change future water demands**
- How GSP affects **water supply assumptions in land use plans**
- GSP must describe **process for permitting new wells**
- GSP may address potential impact of **land use plans outside the basin**

# Water Budgets

*DWR Regs – 354.18 requires development of a Water Budget*

“Water budget” = accounting of total annual volume of GW and surface water entering and leaving the basin

- Current Water Budget – use **most current land use information**
- Historic Water Budget – assess conditions existing over last 10 years
- Projected Water Budget – based on water demands associated with projected changes in **land use**, population, climate

# Entities with Land Use Authority within South American Subbasin

- **County of Sacramento**
- **City of Elk Grove**
- **City of Rancho Cordova**
- City of Sacramento
- City of Folsom

# Sacramento County Water Agency – Opportunities for Interaction with Land Use Entities

1. Board of Supervisors, City Councils, Planning Commission, Community Planning Advisory Councils, LAFCo hearings
  - a. Project Initiation and follow-on hearings
2. General Plan
  - a. General Plan updates
3. Environmental Processes
  - a. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
  - b. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
4. Public Water Supplier Processes
  - a. Master Plan
  - b. Urban Water Management Plans
  - c. SB 610 Water Supply Assessments



# Closing

- SGMA obligations regarding use of land use planning information will be met in development of the GSP
- GSP development is ongoing – public draft next June
- Questions???