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Greetings!

By now, you all should have heard plenty about the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Per the requirements of SGMA, the Districts must have a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) submitted to the Department of Water Resources and implemented by January 2020. The GSP will be the District's plan on how to reach groundwater sustainability by 2040. January 2020 will be here before we know it.

The Districts each have formed Groundwater Planning Commissions who have been meeting for almost two years, on a monthly basis and working through the many issues that will have to be considered and become part of the Plan. Issues like; sustainable yield and allowable pumping levels, water measurement and metering, groundwater banking at a landowner level and water accounting and water transfers.

It is very important for you, as landowners and water users, to understand SGMA and how it will effect your business. If you go to the District website, there is a page dedicated to SGMA. It is located at www.ltrid.org/sgma. On the website, you can see a calendar of events, get informational and educational materials about SGMA, links to the California Department of Water Resources and other organizations that contain information on SGMA, and the policy issue Chapters that our Groundwater Planning Commissions have drafted.

The goal of the Groundwater Planning Commissions are to have draft plans ready for Board of Director adoption by spring 2019. An important piece of drafting, approving and implementing a successful plan will be engagement and feedback from the landowners and water users. Besides providing information and outreach through our website, **the Districts have scheduled informational landowner meetings in January 2019.** See below for the schedule.

Lower Tule - Divisions 1 & 2 - **January 14, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**
Lower Tule Divisions 3 & 4 - **January 14, 1:00 pm to 3:00 p.m.**
Lower Tule Division 5 - **January 15, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
Pixley Divisions 1 & 2 - **January 15, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Pixley Divisions 3 & 4 - **January 17, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
Pixley Division 5 - **January 17, 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.**

You should have received a letter in the mail earlier this month with your division and designated meeting time. If you are not sure which Division you are in, please call Nancy Soto at the office.

Lastly, in order to prepare for the meetings and receive landowner input, we would ask that you follow the link below to complete a survey, no later than Friday, January 4.

[SGMA Survey](#)

Sincerely,

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