



Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority

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Mokelumne Watershed Interregional Sustainability Evaluation (MokeWISE) Program

The Mokelumne Collaborative Group will host February 19th Community Outreach Workshop.

In the midst of one of California’s most severe droughts on record a diverse group of stakeholders is working to develop a broadly-supported water resources plan that will help us better prepare for an uncertain water future. The Mokelumne Collaborative Group (MCG), made up by agencies and organizations interested in Mokelumne River watershed issues from the Sierras to the Delta, are steadily working to develop the MokeWISE plan. When complete the plan will include potential projects and programs intended to enhance the sustainability of the Mokelumne’s water resources for present and future generations. While MokeWISE will not mitigate the current drought it may well position regional stakeholders to better manage the consequences of future droughts.

Residents and individuals interested in Mokelumne River water resources within Amador, Calaveras and San Joaquin Counties are invited to attend a February 19 public workshop to learn about MokeWISE and the ongoing effort to develop a plan that will improve water resource conditions in the Foothills and northeastern San Joaquin County. MokeWISE is also intended to enhance the two neighboring region’s eligibility for future state grants.

The MokeWISE program will focus on and evaluate a variety of potential water supply sources including stormwater, recycled water, Mokelumne River surface water, groundwater, desalination, and conservation. To complete the MokeWISE program the MCG will:

- Evaluate opportunities for integrated and collaborative water management, with the potential to provide benefits to a broad range of Mokelumne River basin stakeholders
- Identify actions with broad support amongst participating stakeholders
- Develop a multi-regional conceptual plan to implement the preferred program

During this first of a series of five public workshops you will learn more about the MokeWISE program, be able to ask questions, and learn about how you can get involved in the process.

The workshop will be held on February 19, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors’ Chambers of the Amador County Administration Building located at 810 Court Street in Jackson, CA.

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About UMRWA:

Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority is a Joint Powers Authority comprised of six water agencies and the counties of Amador, Calaveras and Alpine. The six member water agencies are Alpine County Water Agency, Amador Water Agency, Calaveras County Water District, Calaveras Public Utility District, East Bay Municipal Utility District and Jackson Valley Irrigation District. UMRWA was approved in 2009 by the California Department of Water Resources as the regional water management group for the MAC Integrated Regional Water Management Region. The MAC Region includes major portions of Amador, Calaveras and western Alpine Counties.

About the GBA:

The Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin Authority (GBA) was established in 2001 to collectively develop locally supported projects to strengthen water supply reliability in Eastern San Joaquin County. Formed as a joint powers authority, GBA is the regional water management group for the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Region. GBA members are the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, City of Stockton, Central Delta Water Agency, City of Lodi, South Delta Water Agency, Woodbridge Irrigation District, California Water Service Company, Stockton East Water District, San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation, Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

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