



Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority
The Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority

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Mokelumne Watershed Interregional Sustainability Evaluation (MokeWISE) Program

*The Mokelumne Collaborative Group will host a Community Outreach Workshop on January 8
It's your watershed, your future – your voice matters!*

In the midst of one of California's most severe droughts on record, a diverse group of stakeholders continues to work on developing a broadly-supported water resources plan that will help us 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, is steadily working to develop the MokeWISE water resources plan. Public input into the plan is critical at multiple points along the path. This is one of those junctures.

In developing the MokeWISE program the MCG is evaluating a variety of potential water supply sources including stormwater, recycled water, Mokelumne River surface water, groundwater, desalination, and conservation. To achieve an integrated and collaborative water management strategy the MCG will identify those projects and actions with the broadest support among participating stakeholders and develop a multi-regional plan to implement a preferred program. The plan will include projects and programs designed 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 January 8 public workshop to learn about the ongoing efforts to develop the MokeWISE plan. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts on the MokeWISE program and discuss important water issues within the Mokelumne River watershed.

For the January 8 workshop, which is the third in a series of five public workshops, three key aspects of the MokeWISE plan will be discussed: the Water Availability Analysis conducted as part of MokeWISE, project concepts being considered in the MokeWISE program, and the MokeWISE approach to assessing project concepts. At the workshop, attendees will be able to ask questions and learn about future MokeWISE outreach opportunities.

The workshop will be held on January 8, 2015 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Calaveras County Water District Boardroom located at 120 Toma Court, San Andreas, CA.

The MokeWISE Program is a collaborative effort being initiated by the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA) and the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Authority (GBA).

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.