

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE
5-YEAR UPDATE TO THE 2014 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE TAHOE SOUTH SUBBASIN**

On December 4, 2014, the South Tahoe Public Utility District (“District”) adopted the 2014 Groundwater Management Plan (“2014 GMP”) for the Tahoe South Subbasin of the Tahoe Valley Groundwater Basin (6-005.01) (“TVS Basin”). The 2014 GMP was prepared in accordance with the Groundwater Management Act (“AB 3030”) which then defined the regulatory requirements for groundwater management plans.

In September of 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown signed into law the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (“SGMA”). Under SGMA, local agencies are required to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) with the authority and responsibility to sustainably manage their local groundwater basin. On November 17, 2015, the District was recognized by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) to serve as the GSA for the portion of the TVS Basin located within its service area boundary. On September 13, 2017, the El Dorado County Water Agency (“Water Agency”) was recognized by DWR to serve as the GSA for the portion of the TVS Basin located outside of the District’s service area boundary.

GSAs are required to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) or an approved alternative for sustainable management of their respective groundwater basin(s). On December 29, 2016, the District submitted, with the Water Agency’s concurrence, the 2014 GMP along with additional plans, reports and other related documents to DWR for evaluation as an alternative to a GSP. On July 17, 2019, DWR made findings that the 2014 GMP satisfied the objectives of SGMA and DWR approved the 2014 GMP as an alternative plan to a GSP for the TVS Basin.

GSAs are required to periodically review, assess and update their groundwater management plans. Approved alternative plans are required to be reviewed every five years to ensure that they remain in compliance with SGMA. On May 21, 2020, the District adopted Resolution 3140-20 establishing the District’s intent to draft an update to the 2014 GMP for the portion of the TVS Basin located within its service area boundary. On July 8, 2020, the Water Agency adopted Resolution WA-6-2020 establishing the Water Agency’s intent to draft an update to the 2014 GMP for the portion of the TVS Basin located outside of the District’s service area boundary. The first five-year update to the 2014 GMP is due to DWR by January 1, 2022.

The South Tahoe Public Utility District GSA and the El Dorado County Water Agency GSA jointly encourage all interested parties to participate in the five-year update of the 2014 GMP. The South Tahoe Public Utility District GSA serves as the point of contact for both GSAs. Interested parties may participate in both GSAs update of the five-year update of the 2014 GMP by any or all of the following;

- Add your email to the 2014 GMP Interested Parties list to receive notifications of public meetings/workshops convened for the five-year update to the 2014 GMP. To add your email, please send a message to Ivo Bergsohn (ibergsohn@stpub.dst.ca.us).
- Attend and provide comments at public meetings/workshops convened by the South Tahoe Public Utility District GSA and El Dorado County Water Agency GSA. In light of the current COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, all public meetings/workshops will be provided as on-line meetings; all attendance will be virtual. Meeting dates will be posted on the District’s Groundwater Management

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webpage (stpud.us/news/groundwater-management-process) and emailed to the 2014 GMP Interested Parties list.

- Send inquiries and/or comments related to the five-year update of the 2014 GMP to the District's mailing address: South Tahoe Public Utility District GSA, 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. or send an email message to Ivo Bergsohn (ibergsohn@stpud.dst.ca.us).
- Visit the District's Groundwater Management Plan Webpage at: <https://stpud.us/news/groundwater-management-plan/>. The District will post information and updates regarding the preparation of the five-year update to the 2014 GMP on this web-page.