



January 31, 2017

Daniel Woldesenbet  
Director of Public Works  
Alameda County Public Works Agency  
399 Elmhurst Street  
Hayward, CA 94544

Subject: Notice of Public Hearing – Consideration of Becoming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Dear Mr. Woldesenbet:

You are receiving this communication as a stakeholder or interested party in the sustainable management of groundwater resources within the City of Hayward. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into State law in 2014. SGMA requires comprehensive and sustainable management of California's groundwater resources, in part, by empowering local agencies overlying a groundwater basin or subbasin to become a "Groundwater Sustainability Agency" (GSA) and assume responsibility for sustainable management of that basin. The City of Hayward overlies the southern portion of the East Bay Plain Subbasin of the Santa Clara Basin and is eligible to become a GSA and manage groundwater for this portion of the basin.

The Hayward City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 7, 2016** at or about 7:00 pm to obtain citizen input regarding this matter. Following the public hearing, the Council will make a decision. If the Council elects to serve as the GSA, it will be responsible for managing and monitoring the groundwater resources within its purview, including preparing and implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan, and for performing appropriate public outreach and inter-agency coordination. If the Council opts not to serve as the GSA, either another local agency will need to become a GSA for the portion of the basin beneath the City, or the State will intervene to manage this portion of the basin on an interim basis until a local agency takes on the long-term responsibility.

The staff report will be available on the Friday before the hearing and may be reviewed in the City Clerk's Office, at either of the City's two public libraries, or on the City's website at <https://hayward.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. You are also welcome to contact Jan Lee, Water Resources Manager, at 510-583-4701, or by email at [jan.lee@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:jan.lee@hayward-ca.gov), if you have questions or comments.



We appreciate your interest in this important issue and will continue to keep you informed of our activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Ameri".

Alex Ameri, Director  
Department of Utilities & Environmental Services

cc: Hank Ackerman, Principal Civil Engineer  
James Yee, Engineer