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**Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan
for the Santa Monica Groundwater Subbasin
(Water Code Section 10728.4)**

To Santa Monica Basin Stakeholders:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Monica Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), which is composed of the cities of Santa Monica, Culver City, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles through the Department of Water and Power, and the County of Los Angeles, is proposing the adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Santa Monica Groundwater Subbasin pursuant to Water Code Section 10728.4 under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014. The GSP is the governing document related to groundwater for Santa Monica Subbasin, Groundwater Basin Number 4-11.01.

SGMA stipulates that at least 90 days prior to holding a public hearing to adopt a GSP, a GSA must provide notice to a city or county within the area of the proposed GSP (Water Code Section 10728.4). The GSA must review and consider comments from any city or county within the area of the proposed GSP that receives this notice and shall consult with any city or county that requests consultation within 30 days of receipt of this notice.

The GSP was available for public comment from July 15, 2021, to September 28, 2021, and was posted on <https://www.santamonica.gov/gsp>. A Public Hearing for Adoption of the GSP for the Santa Monica Subbasin will be held at 5:30 pm on Thursday, January 13, 2022, via Zoom, pursuant to SB 361. This legislation allows local agencies to address emergent pandemic conditions by allowing local officials, and the public, to participate in public meetings via virtual platforms. The Zoom link to the meeting will be posted on December 1, 2021.

Once adopted by the GSA, the GSP for the Santa Monica Groundwater Subbasin will be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) via the DWR web portal for their review and evaluation. Once the GSP is posted on the DWR web portal, it will be open to additional public comment for 75 days. The GSA will begin implementing the GSP immediately, even before DWR's review of the GSP is complete.

Please contact Dr. Lisette A. Gold (Lisette.Gold@santamonica.gov) for questions or comments on this Notice or any of its contents.



Sincerely,

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