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**Local Efforts Underway to Preserve and
Secure Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater**
First Public Meeting Set to Provide Plan Updates and Seek Feedback

Stockton, CA: The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority is hosting its first open house about its Groundwater Sustainability Plan on August 29 from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center, Calaveras Room, 2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton, CA. The Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin has been identified as one of 21 critically overdrafted subbasins in the state.

For the first time in California's history, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) provides a framework for sustainable groundwater management.

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority was established to ensure initial and ongoing SGMA compliance within the subbasin. They are developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan to reflect local needs and conditions and prioritizes local control over groundwater resources.

The Groundwater Authority is hosting a series of public meetings to provide updates on local efforts to meet the state goals of SGMA. The first public meeting will give an overview on the current groundwater management status and conditions. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input on the plan.

Additional public meetings will be held between now and summer 2019. SGMA requires that the plan must be complete by January 31, 2020 and the basin must reach sustainability by 2040.

For more information, visit www.esjgroundwater.org. For questions, call (209) 468-3089 or email ESJgroundwater@sjgov.org.

About Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority:

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority's mission is to provide dynamic, cost-effective, flexible and collegial organization to ensure initial and ongoing SGMA compliance within the subbasin. Its purpose is to provide coordination among its 17 Groundwater Sustainability Agency members, carry out SGMA purposes, develop, adopt and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan and satisfy SGMA's requirements for coordination among the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. Visit www.esjgroundwater.org for more information.

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