



## **Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

Advisory Committee Application: Business Community Representative

### **Purpose**

This document provides information and an application for interested applicants to complete and submit for consideration for appointment to the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) Advisory Committee. The Agency Board is responsible for these appointments. The Board is currently seeking candidates to represent the Sonoma Valley Business Community.

### **Deadline and Submittal**

Applications are due to [ann.dubay@scwa.ca.gov](mailto:ann.dubay@scwa.ca.gov) by August 31, 2019.

### **Advisory Committee Overview**

The Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency is a public agency and its purpose is to secure groundwater sustainability for the Sonoma Valley groundwater subbasin. The agency has a governing board and an advisory committee. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide input and recommendations to the Agency Board on groundwater sustainability plan development, implementation and policies. The intent of the committee is to provide community perspective and participation in the Agency. The composition of the 11-member Advisory Committee is intended to represent the beneficial uses and users of groundwater identified in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Terms are for two-years, and interested individuals can apply to participate.

The Agency Board appoints five interest-based members: Environmental representative, rural residential well owner, business community, agricultural interest and at-large community representative. **This application is for a representative of the business community.**

In addition, each Member of the Agency appoints a representative from the community to the Advisory Committee, for a total of six members:

1. City of Sonoma
2. North Bay Water District
3. Valley of the Moon Water District
4. Sonoma County
5. Sonoma County Water Agency
6. Sonoma Resource Conservation District



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## **Eligibility**

Advisory Committee members must live or work within or represent an organization with a presence in the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Basin, identified by the Department of Water Resources current Bulletin 118.

The Board encourages interest groups to work together to recommend a single candidate to fill that interest's seat. The Board will give strong consideration to appointing candidates that have the backing of multiple organizations or individuals within that interest group and familiarity with groundwater and its management. The Board will also give preference to applicants with experience working with diverse community-based groups.

For the current business seat opening, the Board expressed preference for a candidate who has an understanding of the issues and concerns of business owners in the 8<sup>th</sup> Street East area, which is reliant on groundwater for its water supply.

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

The Advisory Committee meets eight to ten times a year. Currently, meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month, 3-5:30 p.m. Advisory Committee members can expect to spend between six to eight hours a month preparing for, traveling to and attending advisory committee meetings.

Advisory Committee members reflect the diverse interests of local public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and groundwater users. The criteria for Advisory Committee members are to:

- Serve as strong, effective advocates for the interest group represented,
- Work collaboratively with others,
- Commit time needed for ongoing discussions, and
- Collectively reflect the diversity of basin interests, and
- Bring personal experiences with the benefit of advising the Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

As part of membership, members agree to:

- Arrive at each meeting fully prepared to discuss the issues on the agenda. Preparation may include reviewing meeting summaries, technical information, and draft documents distributed in advance of each meeting.
- Present their constituent members' views on the issues being discussed and be willing to engage in respectful, constructive dialogue with other members of the group.
- Develop a combined consensus building and problem solving approach in which they consider the interests and viewpoints of all group members, in addition to their own.
- Keep their constituencies informed about the deliberations and actively seek their constituents' input.



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## Disclosures

Applicants must live or work in the Sonoma Valley subbasin.

[This link will take you to the California Department of Water Resources basin map finder.](#)

- After the finder is open, and the application is loaded, click the button “Enter tool”.
- Enter your address (including city name) in the search bar in the dashboard at the top left of the webpage.
- A ‘pin’ with your address will show up on the map. If the ‘pin’ is within the orange area, you are in the basin.

All meetings of the Advisory Committee will be open to the public and subject to the Brown Act.

Advisory Committee Applicant information is not regarded as confidential except for the applicant’s and applicant's references’ addresses, phone numbers, and emails.

State law and the may require appointees to file disclosure statements (Form 700).

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>

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