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PRESS RELEASE: Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Long-Term Funding for the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan through Proposition 218

VACAVILLE, Calif.—June 9, 2022. On January 31, 2022, the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) submitted the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). As required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014. The GSP describes current groundwater conditions in the Solano Subbasin (Subbasin), sets sustainable management criteria, and identifies projects and management actions to achieve sustainable groundwater management.

Based on the review of decades of groundwater data and the abundance of surface water, Groundwater conditions in the Subbasin are generally stable. The GSP does not include any management actions to restrict groundwater pumping at this time, although efforts to conserve groundwater and enhance groundwater recharge are underway to ensure the sustainability of groundwater in the Subbasin is maintained. The GSP does not require landowners to put meters on their wells.

To comply with SGMA, the GSAs must perform ongoing monitoring and reporting on groundwater in the Subbasin, which includes evaluation of groundwater conditions and annual submittal of reports to DWR. SGMA also requires the Subbasin to complete comprehensive updates to the GSP every five years. To support these required efforts, the Solano GSA has elected to pursue long-term funding needs of the GSP through Proposition 218 within the Solano GSA boundaries. The other GSAs have existing funding mechanisms in place to contribute for their share of GSP administration.

This Proposition 218 election does not include the City of Vacaville GSA, the Solano Irrigation District GSA, the Northern Delta GSA, nor the Sacramento County GSA, only the Solano GSA.

Notices were sent out to landowners within the Solano GSA boundaries (Figure 1) on May 27, 2022, with a proposed maximum flat rate charge of \$2.79 an acre. This includes all parcels within the Solano GSA. If your parcel is ½ acre for example, you would be charged \$1.40 a year. The Solano GSA will hold a public hearing on the Proposition 218 charge at their July 14th meeting at the Solano County Water Agency office in Vacaville¹. To view the agenda and time of the meeting, visit the Solano GSA web page². The notice and the Charge Report explaining the need for the long-term funding can also be found at that link.

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Long-term funding for the GSP is needed to maintain local control and to continue the legacy of water resources management in the Subbasin for the benefit of water users, including ranchers and growers. If the Solano GSA cannot secure long-term funding to support efforts needed to comply with SGMA, the State Water Board can decide to take over management of the Solano Subbasin. The State Water Board could require meters on all wells and could put restrictions on how much groundwater landowners could pump. The fees the State Water Board³ could charge could be many (50-100) times more than what the Solano GSA is contemplating, including a charge of \$300 for every well in the Subbasin and up to \$55 per acre of groundwater pumped, which the local GSAs are not contemplating at all.

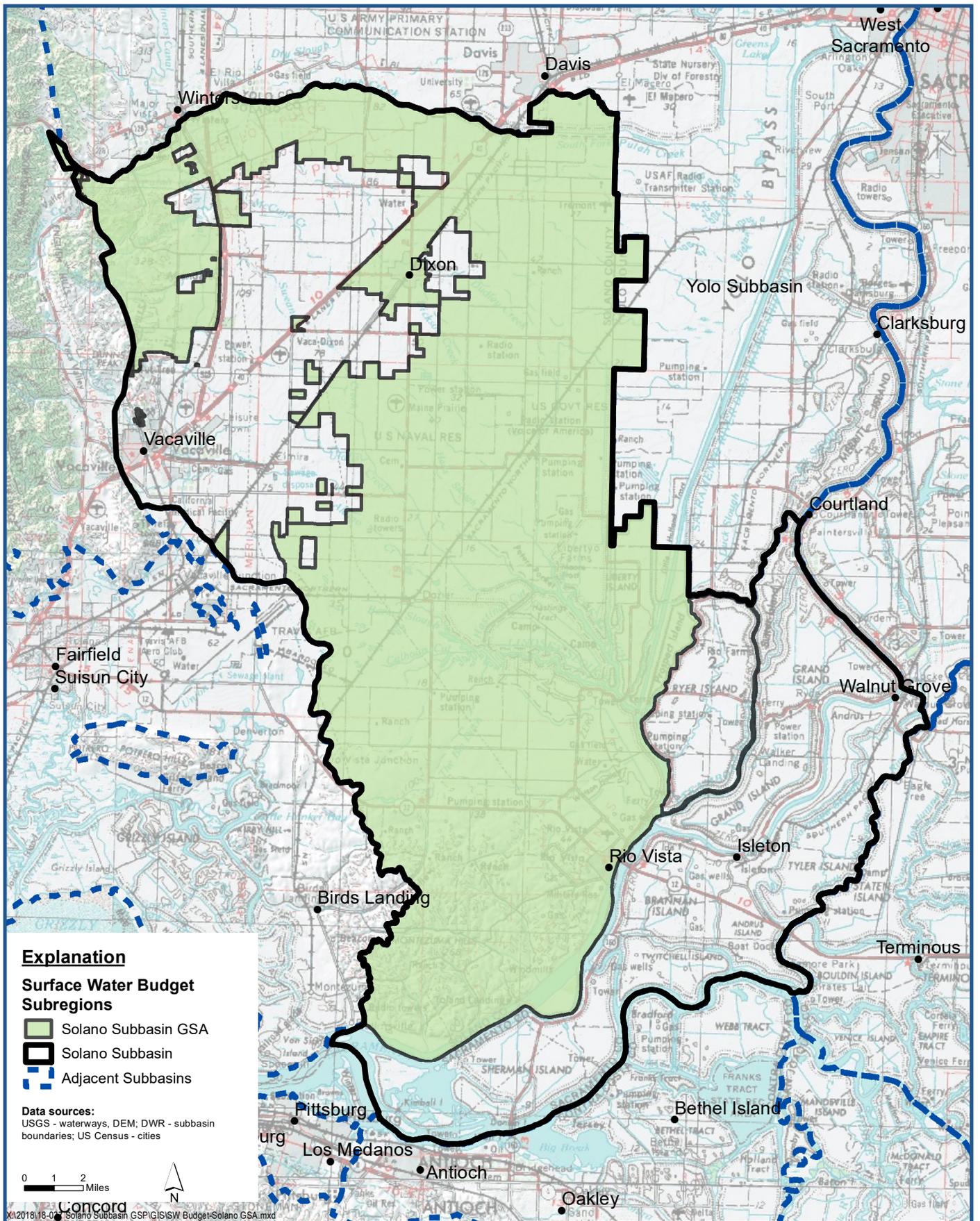
There will be a Virtual Town Hall (VTH) on June 29th at 5:30 pm where you can learn more and ask questions about long-term funding of the GSP. Please register for the VTH at the Solano GSP website⁴.

To learn more about the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, visit [solanogsp.com](https://www.solanogsp.com)⁵.

³ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/sgma/docs/fees/20170517_factsheet.pdf

⁴ <https://www.solanpgsp.com/>

⁵ <https://www.solanogsp.com/>



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Figure 1

