

SANTA MARGARITA Groundwater Agency



Private Well Representative Selection

July 31st, 7PM, 2 Civic Center Dr, Scotts Valley, CA 95066

The Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) was recently formed to develop and implement a groundwater management plan for the Santa Margarita Basin. The governing board of the SMGWA has 2 positions for private well owners, with also a designated alternate. A meeting will be held on July 31 to provide an opportunity for private well-owners to self select their representatives to serve on the Board.

This meeting is for stakeholders in the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin that receive their water from a non-municipal source: either a well or a small water system or mutual water company. Four applications were received for the 3 available seats for private well owner representatives on Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board (two Directors and one alternate Director). As part of a self-selection process, the applicants have an opportunity to choose the final candidates from among the applicants to represent the private well owners. While the decision to withdraw an application will ultimately fall to the applicants, all stakeholders can attend this meeting to participate in the process and provide input. This process was approved by the SMGWA Board of Directors on June 14th as described below:

Upon the close of the filing period, if there are more applicants than the number

of positions available, the applicants shall be notified of the opportunity to act as a group to select the representatives of the private well owners by reaching agreement among themselves for some applicants to withdraw their applications so that the remaining number of applications is the same as the number of positions available. Applicants shall be given the names and contact information of the other applicants and shall be allowed 40 days to meet and confer and seek agreement on which applicant(s) shall become the group representative(s).

Withdrawal. *Withdrawal of an application must be done by submitting a request to withdraw signed by the applicant at the Agency office. If after 40 days, the number of applications is greater than the number of positions available, the procedure for selection described below will be followed.*

Screening and Interviews. *A subcommittee of the Board, with member agency staff participation as appropriate, shall screen applications using the set of screening criteria included in the notification described in the above paragraph. The subcommittee shall hold interviews with the top candidates from the screening process and develop recommendations for the full Board's consideration.*

Nomination. *The subcommittee of the Board involved with screening and interview of candidates shall nominate candidates for appointment to the Director positions representing private well owners, including one Alternate Director.*

Appointment. *Appointment of Directors and Alternate Director representing private well owners shall be made by a unanimous vote of the Member Agency Directors in compliance with Section 6.3.7 of the JPA Agreement. If the private well owners have self-selected their representatives, the Board shall appoint those representatives.*