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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN UPDATE TO THE SAN LUIS OBISPO INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN – July 23, 2014 - Members of the public are invited to attend the August 2014 San Luis Obispo County (SLO Co) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan adoption hearings of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), comprised of 23 Local Agencies and IRS 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organizations representatives, and its Lead Agency.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the RWMG of the SLO Co IRWM Program intends to adopt an update to the SLO Co 2007 IRWM Plan at its public meeting on August 6, 2014 in the San Luis Obispo Library Community Room located at 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. The RWMG's Lead Agency, San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) Board of Supervisors, will consider adoption of the SLO Co IRWM Plan at a public hearing set for August 12, 2014 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at the County Government Center, 1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

The SLO Co IRWM Plan Update was prepared with funding awarded by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) pursuant to a Proposition 84 Planning grant. The SLO Co IRWM program is intended to promote implementation of IRWM strategies to ensure sustainable water uses, reliable water supplies, better water quality, enhanced groundwater reliability, environmental stewardship, efficient urban development, protection of agricultural water uses, drought preparedness, and watershed awareness.

The IRWM Plan inventories local agencies' and stakeholders' concepts, projects, and programs that are designed to address the region's needs for water supply reliability, ecosystem and watershed protection, water quality improvement, groundwater management, flood protection, and overall improved water resources management and communication. Eligibility for project funding through the California DWR IRWM program requires plans to be updated to meet new state requirements. The IRWM Plan public draft published on June 6, 2014 incorporates relevant data and planning efforts conducted since 2007, and addresses DWR's Proposition 84 IRWM Guidelines. The plan was finalized and submitted to DWR by its submittal deadline, July 21, 2014.

A number of specific regional planning efforts are underway – also funded by the DWR under the Proposition 84 Planning grant. These efforts include: Watershed Management Planning, Identification of Basins Requiring Salt and Nutrient Management Plans (SNMPs), Model SNMP – Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Model Update, Conceptual Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin Model, and Regional Recycled Water Planning. These planning studies are being led by various agencies and will be incorporated into the SLO Co IRWM Plan upon completion.

To view the IRWM Plan, please visit the County's IRWM website: <http://www.slocountywater.org> or visit County Branch libraries for copies of the plan. Contact Carolyn Berg at (805) 781-5536 to be added to the Interested Stakeholder email list.