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NEW WEBSITE OFFERS INFORMATION ON LOCAL GROUNDWATER

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Walnut, CA (July 16, 2019) – The recently-formed Spadra Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Spadra Basin GSA) has launched a new website to provide stakeholders with meeting notices, historical records and other news and announcements regarding the progress of the GSA and its groundwater planning activities. The basin lies beneath the San Gabriel Valley, in the western portion of the City of Pomona, and is made up of primary water users in the area including Walnut Valley Water District, the City of Pomona and Cal Poly Pomona.

The Spadra Basin GSA is responsible for developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan, which will detail how the local groundwater basin will be managed over the long-term. www.SpadraBasin.com presents an overview of the process and timeline to develop the Plan including anticipated decisions, progress updates and stakeholder engagement forums.

“Our new website is primarily a tool to give interested parties a convenient way to participate in the development of the agency itself,” explains Brian Teuber, Spadra Basin GSA Administrative Officer. “As the GSA develops the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for Spadra Basin, it is important that we prioritize active public engagement. This new site offers an opportunity for people and agencies to get involved in the process and provide us with useful feedback.”

The Spadra Basin GSA was formed to comply with the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA). The Spadra Basin supplies groundwater primarily to the City of Pomona, Walnut Valley Water District and Cal Poly Pomona. Rowland Water District is also a primary stakeholder in the basin. Water from the basin is used by local residents and for industrial and irrigation purposes.

“Spadra Basin is an important part of the region’s water supply, and the decisions we make as an agency will have long-lasting impacts,” added Teuber. “We urge all stakeholders to get involved and get in touch.”

In February 2017, the City of Pomona and the Walnut Valley Water District agreed to collaborate to sustainably manage groundwater at the Spadra Basin, forming the Spadra Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. As key stakeholders, Cal Poly Pomona and Rowland Water District will play a vital role the development of the plan to sustainably manage the basin. Pursuant to the State Water Code, the Spadra Basin GSA will follow the guidelines of SGMA and the California Department of Water Resources.

To learn more about Spadra Basin GSA and the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, visit www.spadrabasin.com.

About the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) empowers local agencies to adopt groundwater management plans that are tailored to the resources and needs of their communities. California depends on groundwater for a major portion of its annual water supply, and sustainable groundwater management is essential to a reliable and resilient water system.

<https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management>

