

# MONROEVILLE WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED SPECIAL TAX

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In compliance with California State Law, notice is hereby given that the Monroeville Water District (MWD or District) will conduct a **public hearing on:**

**June 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ord Bend Community Hall, 3241 State Hwy 45, Glenn, CA 95943 and via teleconference** to consider the adoption of a **special tax in the amount of \$5.29 per acre annually** beginning with the 2020-21 Fiscal Year to fund operations of the MWD. The special tax will be submitted to the voters of the District, and it will be levied only if two-thirds of the votes cast by the voters approve it.

## **Notificación en Español:**

Para leer este aviso en Español, llame (916) 918-2020 para solicitar que se le envíe un aviso por correo o correo electrónico.

## **Public Hearing:**

Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard at the Public Hearing. Testimony may be presented in person or submitted in written form prior to the hearing and made a part of the hearing record.

### MODIFIED BROWN ACT PROCEDURES IN LIGHT OF COVID-19:

In compliance with CA Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-20-20, members of the Board of Directors and members of the public are suggested to participate in this meeting via teleconference. During this period of modified Brown Act Requirements, the District will use best efforts to swiftly resolve requests for reasonable modifications or accommodations with individuals with disabilities, consistent with American Disabilities Act, and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility.

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## **Background:**

The MWD is a new water district that was formed on June 20, 2017 to provide leadership and organized involvement in the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for the landowners within the District boundary. The District has received a Board seat on the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA). The GGA is a joint powers authority (JPA) that was formed to provide SGMA compliance in the Colusa Subbasin portion of Glenn County. In conjunction with the Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) which covers the portion of the Colusa Subbasin located in Colusa County, the GGA is developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Plan) for the subbasin. The Plan will establish a method for achieving groundwater sustainability in the Colusa Subbasin by January 2042.

The District is also joining the Corning Sub-Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. It was formed to provide SGMA compliance in the Corning Subbasin portion of Glenn County.

Compliance with SGMA is achieved through the preparation and implementation of one or more Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP or Plan). Plan development is underway in the Basin and the Plan(s) must be adopted by January 31, 2022. If the local GSAs do not comply with SGMA including the development of the Plan(s) and the necessary activities required to implement the Plans, the State Water Resources Control Board may take over groundwater management responsibilities.

## Long-Term Funding:

In order to ensure District representation and advocacy on the GGA Board, the formation and current operations of the District have heretofore been funded through landowner contributions and loans. However, a special tax is needed to fund the District's long-term operations.

To fund its activities, the MWD developed a budget for annual operations expenses for a five-year period spanning fiscal years 2019/20 to 2023/24. This budget includes projected costs for legal and technical services, administrative operations, facilitation, and formation costs.

The MWD has retained Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group to prepare an Operations Study to review the best options to fund MWD operations over the next five years. An operations cost analysis is included in the study. Each parcel of land within the MWD's boundary is receiving SGMA representation services from the MWD and the tax was developed by allocating the MWD budget in proportion to the cost of providing services to each acre of land in its service area.

By collecting the special tax, MWD will provide landowners with local groundwater representation for a tailored, more affordable approach for managing the Basin.

## Notice:

In addition to this notice, the MWD has also posted the notice on the MWD website at <http://monroevillewater.specialdistrict.org> and has been published in accordance with Government Code 6066 and Water Code section 10730.

## Proposed Special Tax:

This notice is for the MWD's proposal to implement a per-acre special tax to fund the MWD operations. The MWD is considering the adoption of a special tax in the amount of:

- **\$5.29 per acre** (in 2020 dollars)
- The proposed charges, if approved, will become effective for the 2020/21 fiscal year, with the first payment due by November 30, 2020.

For more information, including the Operations Study summarizing the findings, please visit the MWD website at <http://monroevillewater.specialdistrict.org> or call Provost & Pritchard (MWD's Consultant) at (916) 918-2002. The Study is also available for review during normal business hours at 109 N Marshall Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

## Information Availability:

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## Upcoming Board Meetings:

- June 3, 2020 @ 10:00am at Ord Bend Community Hall

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