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# News Release

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## Public Invited to Discussion on Environmental Impact of Wells

On March 23, 2018, the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources released the public review draft of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for its discretionary well permitting program under the Groundwater Ordinance adopted in November 2014. The PEIR was funded by a Proposition 1 grant from the Department of Water Resources, and County and a number of water agencies, cities and other stakeholders.

The PEIR evaluates the benefits and potential environmental impacts associated with implementing the well permitting program, and includes information that is a key step forward in understanding groundwater conditions and management in the County. The PEIR has helped to refine and streamline the well permitting program, and provides information that local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies can use to help develop Groundwater Sustainability Plans as required under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. A public workshop discussing the PEIR will occur at the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau at 1201 L Street in Modesto from 1:30 to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 12, 2018.

Copies of the Draft PEIR are available for review at the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Modesto. The Draft PEIR is also available at the Stanislaus County Library, 1500 I Street, Modesto. In addition, the documents may be downloaded from the county's groundwater resources web page at the following internet address: <http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/>. The Draft PEIR public comment period ends on May 7, 2018.

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