Groundwater Sustainability Project Concept Form

Purpose

This *Groundwater Sustainability Project Concept Form* is intended for use by landowners and growers in Stanislaus County who are interested in implementing project(s) on their land and who may be seeking funding for their project concept through any grant opportunities. Interested parties should complete this form and submit it to Stanislaus County (see instructions below).

How this Relates to the Stanislaus County's Grant Applications

Stanislaus County will be applying for grants to support groundwater sustainability projects in 2027. This form collects data to help the county asses potential project concepts. Stanislaus County will conduct initial screening of each project concept received to determine if the project concept aligns with program goals and criteria. Stanislaus County will then follow up with each project concept submitter with initial feedback and information on opportunities and next steps. Stanislaus County may reach out to obtain more detailed information about your project concept to support the grant application. Interested parties can complete and submit this form to receive initial feedback from Stanislaus County on their project concepts. Submittal of this *Groundwater Sustainability Project Concept Form* does not constitute an application or obligation to participate in any specific Stanislaus County grant application, nor does it obligate Stanislaus County to accept a project for funding.

Timing and Process – What to Expect

Completed forms can be provided to Stanislaus County at any time. Stanislaus County will endeavor to provide initial screening and feedback to the submitter within two weeks of receipt of the completed form.

Examples of Project Types

Project approach(es) can include, but are not limited to:

- construction of ponds for retention and/or recharge of local stormwater runoff
- capture of excess surface water to facilitate recharge
- installation of new surface water delivery infrastructure (pipes, pumps, side gates, etc.)
- substitution of new alternative water supplies for current groundwater uses
- removal of irrigated crops and planting of non-irrigated cover crop, establishment of beneficial vegetation such as pollinator habitat, and/or rewilding of former agricultural lands
- construction of new basins for managed groundwater recharge or irrigation water management
- refurbishment or upgrade of existing infrastructure for renewed demand reduction purposes

Instructions

Completed forms can be submitted to Stanislaus County by one of the following methods:

Email: cmckinnon@envres.org

Mail: Groundwater Resources Division
Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C,
Modesto, CA 95358

For questions or assistance, please contact us at: bharker@envres.org or call (209) 525-6711.

1 CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

*Please use the space below (and extra pages if needed) to describe your **groundwater sustainability project concept** by providing the following information to the extent possible:*

- *Project location and layout – Please include a map and the parcel number(s)*
- *Brief description of the project, including the proposed type(s) and activity(s) (see examples above)*
- *Project status with respect to design and permitting (none, conceptual/early, in progress, complete)*
- *Approximate size of the project (e.g., area of land to be repurposed, capacity of proposed infrastructure to be constructed, etc.)*
- *Current and planned land use (crop type)*
- *Current and planned water source(s)*
- *Potential project timeline including sequence of steps and overall duration*
- *Existing or planned partners (e.g., water agencies, resource conservation districts, NGOs, etc.)*
- *Estimated groundwater demand reduction or recharge resulting from the project, if known*
- *Estimated project cost, if known*
- *Anticipated need for technical assistance in project development and implementation*
- *Any other information about the project concept that you would like Stanislaus County to know*