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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT THE DEMONSTRATION RECHARGE, EXTRACTION, AND AQUIFER MANAGEMENT PROJECT (DREAM PROJECT) WITH EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (EBMUD)

To Landowners located near the DREAM Project:

The North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD), Stockton East Water District, San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation, and San Joaquin County would like to invite you to attend an informational meeting to be held at:

**Lodi Grape Festival - Jackson Hall
413 E. Lockeford Street
Lodi, CA 95240
February 24, 2016 at 10:00 am and again at 6:00 pm**

The purpose of the meeting is to explain the proposed DREAM Project, which is a small scale demonstration of groundwater recharge and groundwater banking. You have been invited to the meeting because you own property within two miles of the project.

A DREAM Project fact sheet is enclosed for your information. Generally, the DREAM Project is a joint effort by local water districts, San Joaquin County and East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) to perform a small scale, one-time groundwater banking project. A key aspect of the project is to avoid adverse impacts to area landowners.

The proposal involves EBMUD delivering approximately 1,000 acre-feet of EBMUD's water to NSJWCD landowners. The landowners will use the EBMUD surface water for irrigation instead of pumping local groundwater, generating a 1,000 acre-foot "credit" in the groundwater basin. Then, during the winter months of a subsequent year, no more than 500 acre-feet of groundwater will be pumped and delivered to EBMUD. The remaining 500 acre-feet of groundwater "credit" will stay in the basin for future use by NSJWCD landowners. This "two-for-one" rule ensures that EBMUD provides 2 acre-feet of new water to our area for each 1 acre-foot that they take out.

The project also involves EBMUD funding several water delivery infrastructure improvements in NSJWCD that can be used for both this project and future NSJWCD surface water delivery operations to farmers and paying all of the costs to operate the project. All groundwater extractions will be controlled by San Joaquin County and NSJWCD, who will operate all facilities used for this purpose.

We look forward to explaining the proposed project to you in more detail at the meeting and answering any questions that you may have.



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Enclosure