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**Local Efforts Underway Related to Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater  
*Informational Meeting Set to Provide Plan Updates and Seek Feedback***

**Lockeford, CA:** The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority is hosting its third public informational meeting about its Groundwater Sustainability Plan on February 12 from 6:00 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Lockford Community Center, 19258 N. Jack Tone Rd., Lockford, CA.

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority was established to promote initial and ongoing compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) within the subbasin. They are developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan to reflect local needs and conditions and prioritize local control over groundwater resources.

The Groundwater Authority began hosting a series of public meetings to provide updates on local efforts to meet the state goals of the SGMA in the summer of 2018. This second public informational meeting will give an overview on the current groundwater management status and conditions, and will provide an update on key plan elements. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input on the plan.

A fourth public informational meeting will be held between now and summer 2019. SGMA requires that the plan must be complete by January 31, 2020 and the basin must reach sustainability by 2040.

For more information, visit [www.esjgroundwater.org](http://www.esjgroundwater.org). For questions, call (209) 468-3089 or email [ESJgroundwater@sjgov.org](mailto:ESJgroundwater@sjgov.org).

**About Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority:**

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority's mission is to provide a dynamic, cost-effective, flexible and collegial organization to promote initial and ongoing SGMA compliance within the subbasin. Its purpose is to provide coordination among its 17 Groundwater Sustainability Agency members, carry out SGMA purposes, develop, adopt and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan and satisfy SGMA's requirements for coordination among the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. Visit [www.esjgroundwater.org](http://www.esjgroundwater.org) for more information.

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