



Subject: SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT – IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GROWERS

Dear Grower:

As you may know, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) took effect on January 1, 2015. The law allows local control of groundwater resources through the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for the purpose of developing, implementing, and enforcing a basin's sustainability program described in their Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). MID has consistently advocated for Merced Irrigation District growers' groundwater rights during GSP development as a member agency of the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MIUGSA) and the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETSGSA).

The Merced Subbasin's GSP was submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in January 2020. In 2022, California DWR identified deficiencies in the Merced GSP; the GSAs in the Merced Groundwater Subbasin are collaboratively addressing those comments. The Turlock Subbasin's GSP was submitted to DWR in January 2022.

Implementation of both GSPs began immediately after submittal to DWR. MIUGSA is currently developing rules, regulations, and policies for implementation within the GSA's boundaries. For more information regarding GSP implementation in the Merced Groundwater Basin, please visit mercedgroundwater.org and mercedsgma.com. For more information regarding GSP Implementation in the Turlock Groundwater Subbasin, please visit turlockgroundwater.org.