



## Staff Report

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### Yountville Town Council Staff Report

**DATE:** May 5, 2020

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Steve Rogers, Town Manager

**TITLE**

Consider appointment of a Yountville Representative to the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee.

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee is to advise the NCGSA Board of Directors on the preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) with policies and recommendations to manage the groundwater within the Napa Valley Sub-Basin to ensure its long-term protection and availability. Working with staff, consultants, and a facilitator in a public forum, the Committee will submit a recommended GSP to the Board of Directors for consideration no later than November 1, 2021.

The Committee shall meet monthly with dates and times to be determined at the first meeting, and may conduct special meetings on an on-call basis as needed, usually at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1195 Third Street, Napa, CA.

The Committee is comprised of 25 individuals representing the following qualifications:

- Cities and Town Representatives: Four (4) members recommended by the individual city or town councils (Calistoga, Napa, St. Helena, and Yountville) located within the sub-basin (no specialized or professional background is required);
- Napa Sanitation District Representative: One (1) member recommended by the Napa Sanitation District (no specialized or professional background is required);
- Surface Water Right Representatives: Two (2) members who own legal surface water rights along the Napa River within the sub-basin (no specialized or professional background is required);
- Public Water System Representatives: Two (2) members who own or operate legally entitled groundwater dependent public water systems within the sub-basin (no specialized or professional background is required);
- Groundwater Rights Representatives: Two (2) members who hold overlying groundwater rights within the sub-basin (no specialized or professional background is required);
- Agricultural Representatives: Five (5) members from the major industry organizations (no specialized or professional background is required).
- Environmental Representatives: Five (5) members from groups that promote the interests of

environmental uses of groundwater within the sub-basin (no specialized or professional background is required);

- Disadvantaged Communities Representatives: Two (2) members who are residents or owners within one of six disadvantaged communities located in the sub-basin designated by the Department of Water Resources (no specialized or professional background is required); and
- Public At Large Representatives: Two (2) members with a strong interest in managing groundwater for the public interest (no specialized or professional background is required).

The Napa County Media Release recruiting for the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee is attached for reference.

Staff is requesting the Town Council appoint the Public Works Director, Deputy Public Works Director, or a representative from the Town Council with one Alternate.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

N/A

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? N/A

Is it Currently Budgeted? N/A

Where is it Budgeted? N/A

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? N/A

Is there a Staff Resource Impact? N/A

## **STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL**

Is item Identified in Strategic Plan? Indirectly

If yes, Identify Strategic Goal and Objective. **Visionary Leadership:** The Town's leadership maintains an open-minded, forward-thinking decision-making process. We value engagement and participation from all members of the community as we work together to create policies and plan for the future. **Exceptional Town Services and Staff:** The Town supports its talented staff who deliver high quality municipal programs and services while maintaining public infrastructure for the benefit of the community.

Briefly Explain Relationship to Strategic Plan Goal and Objective. Appointing a Town Staff Representative to the Advisory Committee will help to ensure Yountville is represented and that data applicable to Yountville will be included in the Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Appoint a Yountville Staff Representative in order to provide information on behalf of Yountville well owners and Town-owned well.

Should Council decide not to appoint a Yountville Staff Representative, it may have an unintended impact on Yountville well owners and the Town-owned well.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive staff report and direct questions to staff.

Receive public comment.

Conduct Council discussion on proposed appointment.

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