



## Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority & the San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin Authority

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### **Mokelumne Watershed Interregional Sustainability Evaluation (MokeWISE) Program**

*The Mokelumne Collaborative Group will host a Community Outreach Workshop on June 1  
It's your watershed, your future – your voice matters!*

In the midst of one of California's most severe droughts on record, a diverse group of stakeholders has developed a broadly-supported water resources plan that will help us prepare for an uncertain water future. The Mokelumne Collaborative Group (MCG), made up by agencies and organizations interested in Mokelumne River watershed issues from the Sierras to the Delta, have developed the MokeWISE Implementation Plan.

In developing the MokeWISE program the MCG evaluated a variety of potential water supply sources including stormwater, recycled water, Mokelumne River surface water, groundwater, desalination, and conservation. To achieve an integrated and collaborative water management strategy the MCG identified those projects and actions with the broadest support among participating stakeholders and developed a multi-regional plan to implement a preferred program. The recently completed plan includes projects and programs designed to enhance the sustainability of the Mokelumne's water resources for present and future generations. While MokeWISE will not mitigate the current drought, it may well position regional stakeholders to better manage the consequences of future droughts.

Residents and individuals interested in Mokelumne River water resources within Amador, Calaveras and San Joaquin Counties are invited to attend a June 1<sup>st</sup> public workshop to learn about the bi-regionally supported projects included in the MokeWISE Implementation Plan. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts on the MokeWISE program and discuss important water issues within the Mokelumne River watershed.

For the June 1 workshop, which is the fifth and final public workshop, the focus will be on the broadly-supported projects selected by the MCG throughout the watershed and on the plan for their implementation. At the workshop, attendees will be able to ask questions, provide input, and learn about what comes next now that MokeWISE is completed.

The workshop will be held on June 1, 2015 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau located at 3290 Ad Art Road, Stockton, CA.

The MokeWISE Program is a collaborative effort being initiated by the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA) and the San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Authority (GBA).

**About UMRWA:**

***Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority is a Joint Powers Authority comprised of six water agencies and the counties of Amador, Calaveras and Alpine. The six member water agencies are Alpine County Water Agency, Amador Water Agency, Calaveras County Water District, Calaveras Public Utility District, East Bay Municipal Utility District and Jackson Valley Irrigation District. UMRWA was approved in 2009 by the California Department of Water Resources as the regional water management group for the MAC Integrated Regional Water Management Region. The MAC Region includes major portions of Amador, Calaveras and western Alpine Counties.***

**About the GBA:**

***The San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Authority (GBA) was established in 2001 to collectively develop locally supported projects to strengthen water supply reliability in San Joaquin County. Formed as a joint powers authority, GBA is the regional water management group for the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Region. GBA members are the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, City of Stockton, Central Delta Water Agency, City of Lodi, South Delta Water Agency, Woodbridge Irrigation District, California Water Service Company, Stockton East Water District, San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation, Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District.***