

Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Advisory Committee Application

Purpose

This document provides information and an application for interested applicants to complete and submit for consideration for appointment to the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency/ Santa Rosa Plain GSA) Advisory Committee. The Agency Board is responsible for these appointments.

Deadline and Submittal

Applications are due by March 20, 2020 to the Agency by email to smarson@westyost.com.

Advisory Committee Overview

The Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency is a newly formed public agency and its purpose is to secure groundwater sustainability for the Santa Rosa Plain groundwater basin. The agency has a governing board and an advisory committee. The purpose of the advisory committee is to provide input and recommendations to the Agency Board on groundwater sustainability plan development, implementation and policies. The intent of the committee is to provide community perspective and participation in the Agency. The composition of the Advisory Committee is intended to represent the beneficial uses and users of groundwater identified in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Terms will be two-years (after initial staggered terms), and interested individuals can apply to participate.

Each Member of the Agency, as well as the Mutual Water & Public Utilities Commission-Regulated Companies, will appoint a representative from staff or the community to the Advisory Committee, for a total of nine members:

1. City of Santa Rosa
2. Town of Windsor
3. City of Rohnert Park
4. City of Cotati
5. City of Sebastopol
6. Sonoma County
7. Sonoma County Water Agency
8. Sonoma Resource Conservation District
9. Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District
10. Mutual Water Companies/ PUC-Regulated

The following eligible entities have elected not to participate on the Agency Board but shall hold a seat on the Advisory Committee. These entities, not the Agency Board, will appoint their representatives:

11. Graton Rancheria

In addition, the Agency Board will appoint 7 interest-based members. This application is for these 7

interest-based seats:

- 11. Environmental representative
- 12. Environmental representative
- 13. Rural residential well owner
- 14. Rural residential well owner
- 15. Business community representative
- 16. Agricultural interest (surface water or GW user)
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Eligibility

Members must live or work within the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Basin or represent an organization with a presence in Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Basin, identified by the Department of Water Resources current Bulletin 118, to be eligible to participate. (NOTE: The Board may appoint one of the interest-based members from within the watershed, but outside of the Bulletin 118 boundary.)

The Board encourages entities and individuals within each interest group to work together to recommend a candidate to fill that interest’s seat. The Board will give strong consideration to appointing candidates that have the backing of multiple organizations or individuals within that interest group.

The Board encourages candidates with experience and familiarity with groundwater and its management. The Board will also give preference to applicants with experience working with diverse community-based groups.

Disclosures

All meetings of the Advisory Committee will be open to the public and subject to the Brown Act.

Advisory Committee Applicant information is not regarded as confidential except for the applicant’s and applicant references’ addresses, phone numbers, and emails.

State law and the may require appointees to file disclosure statements (Form 700).

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>

APPLICATION FORM

Date Submitted

First and Last Name

Describe how you meet Eligibility (address of home or business) [link to basin map](#)

- resident
- place of employment

For which Interest-group Seat would you like to be considered?

Applicant can select more than one interest

- Environmental representative (2 seats available)
- Rural residential well owner - domestic water primary use (2 seats available)
- Business community representative (1 seat available)
- Agricultural interest (surface water or GW user) (2 seats available)

Describe how you will represent this interest group and communicate with other members of this interest group.

Current Occupation

Within the last 12 months

Current License(s)

Professional or occupational, date of issues / expiration, including status

Education / Experience

Applicant may attach resume containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating the application.

Other Board / Commission / Committee on which you Serve / have Served

Name / Date of Service

Letters of Support

For interest-based seats, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate support from local organizations and community groups engaged on issues related to the interest that the applicant seeks to represent (i.e. environmental, business, agriculture, rural communities) by attaching letters of support. Letters of support are not necessary for eligibility, but are welcome to demonstrate the applicant's ability to represent those interests.

Please list letters here: Organization, Author, Date

References

At least 2 names and contact information

Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve and, in your opinion, how you feel you can contribute.

NOTE: The Agency will keep all applications on file for one year from the date of receipt of the application.