

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**REQUEST FOR BOUNDARY MODIFICATION OF THE SAND POINT AREA
AND WILSON GROVE FORMATION HIGHLANDS GROUNDWATER BASINS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Marin County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider a resolution authorizing the Deputy Director of Environmental Health Services to file an application for a boundary modification of the Sand Point Area Groundwater Basin (2-27) as defined in the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118. The proposed boundary change would extend the northern boundary of the Sand Point Area Basin to include that portion of the Wilson Grove Formation Highlands (Wilson Grove) Groundwater Basin currently in Marin County; this would include Lawson's Landing, Dillon Beach and Tomales. The new northern boundary of the Sand Point Area Basin would be the Marin County line. If accepted by DWR, the new Wilson Grove Basin would be solely in Sonoma County.

The proposed action addresses changes being implemented by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) this year relating to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) to change the priority of several groundwater basins in the State, potentially requiring a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to be formed in the Wilson Grove Basin. A newly formed GSA would likely be based in Sonoma County where over 85% of groundwater extractions occur in the current Wilson Grove basin. The agricultural and public water uses in Sonoma are very different from the Marin portion of the basin.

The expanded Sand Point Area Basin would promote sustainable groundwater management by ensuring oversight of land and groundwater use by a single planning jurisdiction focused on the resources, needs, and management practices pertinent to Marin users. It is anticipated that the newly reconfigured groundwater basin would remain a low priority.

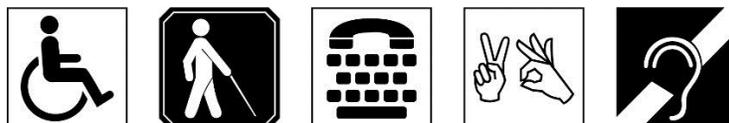
The proposed modification of the Sand Point Area Basin boundary is not a CEQA project in accordance with Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines because the proposed boundary modification consists of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

The public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Marin County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers (Room 330 - Administration Building), Civic Center, San Rafael, California, where anyone interested in this matter may appear and be heard. The time of the hearing will be indicated on the hearing agenda posted on the Board of Supervisors webpage. The staff report and recommended resolution will be available on the groundwater resources webpage <https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/environmental-health-services/groundwater-resources> and the Board of Supervisor's webpage on Friday, September 14, 2018, <https://www.marincounty.org/depts/bs/meeting>.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposed boundary modification, or want to be notified of the decision, please contact me at (415) 473-6919.

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