October 24, 2025

Subject: Public Review and Comment Period for Draft Extend Orchard Replacement (EOR) Pilot Program Guidelines

Dear Vina Subbasin Stakeholders,

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Vina GSA) invites you to review and provide feedback on the Draft Guidelines for the Extend Orchard Replacement (EOR) Pilot Program. The EOR Pilot Program is designed to help reduce groundwater demand in the Vina Subbasin by incentivizing voluntary participation from orchard operators. The guidelines are currently in draft form and are subject to change based on feedback from stakeholders and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), as the funder.

**Public Review Period:** We are initiating a 30-day public review period to gather comments, suggestions, and concerns from stakeholders who may be impacted by or interested in the program. Your feedback is critical to ensure that the guidelines are comprehensive and effective in promoting groundwater sustainability while addressing the needs of the agricultural community.

How to Submit Comments: Please submit your comments by email to <a href="mailto:vinagsa@gmail.com">vinagsa@gmail.com</a> no later than Friday, November 22, 2024. Comments received by the deadline will be considered as we finalize the guidelines in advance of the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting on December 11, 2024.

Stakeholders are also welcome to reach out to the Agricultural Groundwater Users of Butte County (AGUBC), who serve as the EOR Pilot Program Manager, with any questions or concerns. You can contact AGUBC at <a href="mailto:info@agubc.org">info@agubc.org</a> or by phone at 530-487-0139.

We value your input and appreciate your participation in shaping the future of the EOR Pilot Program.

Sincerely,

**Dillon Raney** 

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