Ordinance Amending the Basin Management Objective (BMO) Program (Chapter 33A of the County Code)

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Agenda Item

- Presentation on the proposed Ordinance amending the Basin Management Objective (BMO) Program (Chapter 33A of the Butte County Code)

- Request waiving the first reading of the Ordinance
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BMO Program

- BMO Ordinance adopted in 2005
- Required elements of:
  - Groundwater Management Plans (AB 3030 / SB 1938)
  - Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plans
- Complements the monitoring requirements of the Groundwater Conservation Ordinance (Chapter 33 of the Butte County Code)
- The proposed action will not change the monitoring and reporting requirements of the Chapter 33
Goals of the BMO Program

1. Systematic Monitoring of Local Groundwater
   - Groundwater Elevation
   - Groundwater Quality (pH, EC, temperature)
   - Subsidence Monitoring
Goals of the BMO Program

2. Evaluate Groundwater Conditions
   - Established Alert Levels for Groundwater Elevations, Water Quality & Subsidence
   - Reporting and Alert Levels set for Subinventory Units
   - Consultation with the Technical Advisory Committee
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Goals of the BMO Program

3. Report Results to:
   - Water Advisory Committee
   - Water Commission
   - Board of Supervisors - BMO Reports incorporated into the Annual Groundwater Status Report
   - Public - Data, maps and analysis on website
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Goals of the BMO Program

4. Provide Outreach to Stakeholders

- Outreach to stakeholders if Alert Levels reached
- Alert Levels will be used until expiration of the BMO Ordinance (January 31, 2022)
- After January 31, 2022, criteria in Groundwater Sustainability Plans will be implemented
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Review of the BMO Program

- BMO Program elements will be replaced by Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements
- Review conducted by an Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the Water Commission
- Amendments provides a transition to the SGMA implementation
- Water Commission voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed Ordinance amending the BMO Program
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Amendment Summary
1. Incorporate an expiration date (sunset) for the Ordinance of January 31, 2022
   • Align with GSP submittal to DWR
   • Streamline Department work and increase efficiencies
   • Continue monitoring status quo with Alert Stages until expiration
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2. Dissolve Water Advisory Commission (WAC)
   - Remove references to structure, membership, operations, roles and interactions with TAC and Department
   - Rescind WAC bylaws
   - Recruit / encourage member transition to SGMA related Committees
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3. Remove Subinventory Unit References
   - Reporting purposes and WAC membership
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Amendment Summary

4. Clarification Terms and Units
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Action Requested

- Waive the first reading of the Ordinance
Thank you!

Questions / Discussion