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Re: Public comments on non-agenda items June 14, 2022

**City of Stockton Groundwater Sustainability Agency:**

The residents of Stockton live within the boundaries of the City of Stockton Groundwater Sustainability Agency with specific responsibilities under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act regarding public notification and participation during Groundwater Sustainability Plan development and implementation.<sup>1</sup> DWR issued a final determination of “Incomplete Plan” in January 2022 with Plan revisions due in July 2022. No draft revision report has been made available for public comment or review. Concerns have been expressed regarding the protection of domestic wells during plan implementation. Technical Advisory meetings are no longer open to the public nor are Water Accounting, Funding and Financing meetings.



Possible Actions:

- 1) Include in the City Council’s title: Groundwater Sustainability Agency and maintain a notice list of interested stakeholders.
- 2) Hold regular meetings to discuss the development and implementation of the Plan so that interested stakeholders may engage in the process.

**Bicycle Ancillary Infrastructure**

The recently completed Active Transportation Plan focused on the core downtown but includes references to citywide bicycle parking needs. Bicycle use requires that there be safe bicycle parking facilities and implementation strategies were proposed.<sup>2</sup> Both bicycle shops on Miner Avenue’s “complete street” project have no adjacent bicycle parking facilities. Bicycle grant applications and projects should be developed with adequate attention to bicycle parking facilities.



**Traffic Mitigation Fees for Warehousing Projects**

According to information obtained from City staff on 4.13.2022, the City is using mitigation fees developed in the 1990’s and in 2023, a study to update should be complete. No project should be considered with significant and unavoidable environmental impacts that include development agreements fixing mitigation to the time of approval rather than when building permits are requested. Profits should not be over people. The residents of Stockton deserve better.



<sup>1</sup> <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management> Water Code 10723.2, Water Code Section 10727.8.

<sup>2</sup> [http://stocktonca.gov/files/Greater\\_Downtown\\_Stockton\\_ATP\\_Final\\_Plan.pdf](http://stocktonca.gov/files/Greater_Downtown_Stockton_ATP_Final_Plan.pdf)