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**ANNOUNCEMENT AND GUIDANCE FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTATIONS TO NDWR REGARDING CONJUNCTIVE USE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR THE HUMBOLDT RIVER REGION**

On March 28, 2023, staff of the State Engineer's Office held a public information meeting regarding future water management in the Humboldt River region, with emphasis on surface water/groundwater connection and preventing future conflict in accordance with the foundations of prior appropriation and beneficial use. A recording of that meeting can be viewed [here](#).

This announcement describes the next steps to promote participation and inclusion of interested parties.

The State Engineer is inviting all interested parties to provide an abstract(s) describing a concept, method, or idea to conjunctively manage all sources of water within the Humboldt River hydrographic basins. These abstracts will be used to develop the agenda for an upcoming public meeting (**the first of which will be held Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 1:00 pm**) to discuss specific strategies for conjunctive management of surface water and groundwater in this region. NDWR staff will review the submitted abstracts to determine which of those are feasible (e.g., complete, legal, timely, etc.) and authors of those abstracts will be invited to give a short presentation to NDWR and other stakeholders at that meeting.

The goal of these presentations is to expand upon existing proposals and to find ideas that may not have been previously considered to get as many creative solutions on the table as possible. Participation with NDWR and other stakeholders is intended to facilitate further development, refinement, and vetting of conjunctive management concepts. Progress on the conjunctive management framework will also continue to be shared publicly with the greater water resource community.

The section below provides details and timelines for requested abstracts and presentations.

**Guidelines for Abstracts:**

- 1) Submit a brief abstract to NDWR describing your concept in 1 page or less (**due by July 7, 2023**).
- 2) The abstract should discuss the following:
  - a. Brief description of the concept/method/idea and how it would work.
  - b. Discussion on how to implement this concept and what is needed.
  - c. If this concept has been implemented successfully in other states, provide additional information on how it was implemented and examples.
  - d. Any pitfalls or issues (funding concept, additional needs by public or State Engineer's office)?

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## Guidelines for Presentations:

Abstract authors invited to give a presentation at the August 1 meeting will be contacted by NDWR staff by **July 18, 2023**, to place your concept/idea on the agenda. The State Engineer asks that you prepare and submit a 15-minute (or less) summary presentation of your concept. Any prepared presentation **MUST** be submitted to NDWR no later than **July 28, 2023**, to allow adequate time for staff to load the presentation onto NDWR's system. To the degree possible, presentations should cover:

- a. A brief description of the concept and how it would work.
- b. Discussion of steps/considerations needed to implement the concept.
- c. Funds needed and potential source(s) of funding.
- d. Description of steps and timeline that may be needed to implement the concept.
- e. Description of the expected/desired outcomes.
- f. If known, describe examples where the concept has been or is being implemented successfully. What actions were required to reach agreement and how were stakeholders afforded the opportunity to be involved?