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# **Agenda Worksheet**

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| **Regular** | **[x]**  |  | **Time Requested:** | **30 minutes** | **Meeting Date:** | **October 5, 2021** |
| ***OR*** |
| **Consent** | **[ ]**  |  |
| **Contact Person/Department:** | **Rick Dean** | **Phone:** | **841-2113** |
| **Address:** | **806 South Main Street** |
| **Person Appearing/Title:** | **Community Development, Director** |
| **Subject/Summary of Issue:** |
| Continued public hearing on, and discussion and possible direction on implementation of the County’s well permitting program.  In May of 2021, Larry Walker Associates (LWA) introduced the Board and the public to a hydrologic modeling tool that LWA developed to inform well permitting decisions in the Scott Valley and to help the County evaluate potential public trust impacts to the Scott River. LWA has modeled various pumping scenarios using its tool, which has resulted in a series of maps that delineate color-coded impact zones surrounding the Scott River. These example maps model impacts from the pumping of both a fifty gpm and a five gpm well continuously pumped twenty-four hours a day during the irrigation season in either a year with average flows or in a dry year using data collected over a twenty-year period from 1991-2011. Depending on Board direction, staff may use LWA’s modeling tool to make findings on whether the pumping from a proposed well site in its reasonably foreseeable volumes and seasons will substantially impair or interfere with any public trust uses or values within interconnected downstream navigable waters, including the Scott River. Staff seeks Board input on the following issues: 1) the possibility of implementing a (cont’d on next page) |
| **Financial Impact:** |
| **NO** | [x]  | *Describe why no financial impact:* TBD, minimal direct financial impact changes will likely require additional staff time to manage |
| **YES** | [ ]  | *Describe impact by indicating amount budgeted and funding source below* |
| Amount: |       |  |  |  |  |
| Fund:  |       |  | Description: |       | Org.: |       | Description: |       |
| Account: |       |  | Description: |       |  |
| Activity Code:  |       |  | Description: |       |  |
| Local Preference: YES [ ]  NO [ ]  |
| For Contracts – *Explain how vendor was selected:*       |
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| Additional Information: |       |
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| **Recommended Motion:** |
| **I move to take the following actions:** *Board direction as it deems appropriate*. |
| **Reviewed as recommended by policy:** |  | ***Special Requests*:** |
| County Counsel |       |  |  |
|  |  |  | *Certified Minute Order(s)* |       | *Quantity:* |       |
| Auditor |       |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Personnel |       |  | *Other:* |       |
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Well-drilling moratorium for agricultural wells in a certain impact zone or zones; 2) the potential for conditioning agricultural well permits on some form of groundwater recharge/replacement or showing of no new “consumptive use effect”; 3) de minimis thresholds upon which Environmental Health’s analyses may rely, for example the permitting of domestic wells; and 4) imposing fees for those applications that would not fall under a de minimis threshold and may be run through LWA’s model to inform a permitting decision.