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Hello Laura,

Thanks for your presentation at Sonoma County Water Agency yesterday on the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program. Sonoma Ecology Center has a comment on the draft Guidelines and draft PSP.

In Table 5, Application Evaluation Criteria, Q#6 currently says:

"Is land subsidence, as a result of groundwater withdrawals, occurring?"

We request that the question be amended as follows:

"Is land subsidence, as a result of groundwater withdrawals, occurring currently or demonstrably at risk of occurring in the immediate future?"

Rationale: Subsidence is irreversible; it can only be prevented, not repaired. It is paramount that stressed basins not yet experiencing subsidence conduct their groundwater management planning quickly and effectively, to prevent subsidence. Getting full points on this question will help them do just that. Sonoma Valley, where we work, is such a basin.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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