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Media Advisory

Department of Water Resources and Water Education Foundation Provide Briefing on San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Conditions

SACRAMENTO –Water year 2016 is an improvement over the previous four severely dry years, but drought conditions persist in the San Joaquin Valley. As growers confront reduced surface water allocations, they continue to turn to groundwater. This heavy reliance on groundwater has resulted in declining water levels, increased overdraft and a heightened awareness of the new [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\)](#).

These issues will be discussed at a special June 1 [briefing](#), to be held at the Alice Peters Auditorium (PB 191) in the [University Business Center](#) at CSU Fresno, from 9:30 a.m. – noon and 1:30p.m. – 3 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the [California Department of Water Resources](#) and the [Water Education Foundation](#) and held in cooperation with the Center for Irrigation Technology.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Hydrologic conditions and drought status
- San Joaquin Valley groundwater conditions and status of SGMA implementation
- Monitoring valley land subsidence with remote sensing
- Beginning SGMA implementation – the local perspective
- Private residential wells and drought

Although this event is free, registration is required. Register here:

<http://www.watereducation.org/foundation-event/water-year-2016-san-joaquin-valley-groundwater-conditions>

Every Californian should take steps to conserve water; find out how at SaveOurWater.com.