

Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Valley of the Moon Water District

Advisory Committee Opening

Purpose

The Valley of the Moon Water District (VOMWD) has the authority to appoint one volunteer member to the [Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency](#) (SVGSA) Advisory Committee (described below). This is a two-year appointment which can be renewed. Groundwater pumped through wells located in the Sonoma Valley is an important part of the VOMWD's water supply portfolio. The SVGSA was created in 2017 in response to a state law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, that requires local management of groundwater in critically overdrafted, high or medium-priority basins in California. Sonoma Valley is a high-priority basin that is experiencing declining groundwater levels in some areas of the deep aquifer.

Qualifications

VOMWD is seeking a candidate who is interested in and knowledgeable of local water issues. The ideal candidate will have professional or volunteer experience in areas of water resources, water wells, hydrogeology, engineering or finance. Other desired qualifications include experience serving on volunteer committees or task forces and a record of community service. Please see "Eligibility" below for further details.

The successful candidate will commit to:

- Regularly attending advisory committee meetings (which occur from 3- 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, on alternate months);
- Sharing the perspective of VOMWD customers with the advisory committee; and
- Providing quarterly updates on advisory committee activities to the VOMWD general manager.

Deadline and Submittal

Applications are due by COB **April 11th, 2022**. Please find the application form here: <https://www.vomwd.org/employment>. Candidates may submit completed applications, as well as any needed attachments, via email to customerservice@vomwd.org.

Advisory Committee Overview

The SVGSA has a governing board and an advisory committee. The purpose of the advisory committee is to provide input and recommendations to the SVGSA board on implementation of a recently adopted [groundwater sustainability plan](#). The intent of the committee is to provide community perspective and participation in the SVGSA.

Meeting information

From January through June, 2022, the advisory committee will meet from 3-5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of alternate months. The meetings will take place either virtually or at the VOMWD office (Board room). Beginning in July, 2022, it is anticipated that the advisory committee meetings will be held quarterly. Advisory committee members may serve on sub-committees, task forces or working groups. The dates and times of these meetings will be arranged based on members' schedules.

Advisory committee composition

The composition of the advisory committee is intended to represent the beneficial uses and users of groundwater identified in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Terms are for two-years.

Each member of the SVGSA has appointed representatives to the advisory committee, for a total of six members:

1. Valley of the Moon Water District
2. City of Sonoma
3. Sonoma County
4. Sonoma County Water Agency
5. Sonoma Resource Conservation District
6. North Bay Water District

In addition, the Advisory Committee includes six interest-based members, as follows:

7. Environmental representative
8. Rural residential well owner
9. Business community representative
10. Agricultural interest
11. At-large community member
12. At-large community member

Eligibility

The VOMWD representative must live or work within the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Basin or represent an organization with a presence in Sonoma Valley Groundwater Basin, identified by the Department of Water Resources current Bulletin 118, and live or work within the VOMWD boundaries.