

## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PREPARE AN INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Southern Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Group (Group) plans to prepare an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). This IRWMP will be prepared in accordance with the State of California Department of Water Resources Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Guidelines. The IRWMP will include groundwater, surface water, and other water management goals and objectives and identify strategies to accomplish the objectives of the IRWMP.

The Regional Water Management Group is a group of water management stakeholders operating under a consensus-seeking memorandum of understanding to manage and implement the IRWMP. The Authority currently includes 13 Members (participants who have signed the MOU) and over 150 Stakeholders (participating but have not signed the MOU). A map of the Southern Sierra IRWM, as well as a list of each of the Members and stakeholders can be found at the Group's website: <http://www.sequoiariverlands.org>

The Regional Water Management Group formed to steer the development of the IRWMP and the implementation of projects to achieve the projects laid out in the Plan. Agencies, non-profits and landowners and other interested stakeholders who wish to provide input to the IRWMP, may do so by submitting a written letter to Chris Moi, Conservation Project Manager, Sequoia Riverlands Trust, 428 S. Garden Street, Visalia, California 93277. There will be a public outreach meeting to discuss information gathered thus far and to solicit feedback about the Region and local issues at the Sierra National Forest Headquarter's Office, 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611. August 8, 2013 1:00 – 4:00.

This Notice has been prepared in accordance with Government Code 6066 requirements. Following completion of preparation of the IRWMP, the Group, as well as each member entity, will adopt the IRWMP. Prior to adoption, a Notice of Intent to Adopt the IRWMP will be properly noticed in accordance with Government Code 6066.

/s/ Chris Moi July XX, 2013, Conservation Project Manager

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