

## **Ratepayer Gathering Notes**

**Wednesday, February 6, 2019      Library Conference Room - 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**In attendance: Laara Maxwell, Jack Laughlin, Hans Hoeffler, Ruth Otis, Dave Otis, Diane Johnson, Mary Mitts**

These notes consist of reflections on the gathering and, most probably, incomplete recollection of the issues discussed, with a focus on our ultimate goal: a **Ratepayer Statement of Concerns and Beliefs**.

Following are our five main concerns and beliefs as expressed so far

- We believe that BWD/Ratepayers should be allocated an initial minimum of 1700 AFY
- We believe that the 20-year implementation period set out by SGMA should be shortened
- We are concerned about water quality
- We are concerned and would like information about the fundraising efforts being undertaken for land/water purchases
- We are concerned about how the GDEs (Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems) will be addressed in the Plan

### **Future scheduled meetings:**

**Tuesday, February 12.            5-6:00 pm. The American Legion**

**Tuesday, February 19.            5-6:00 pm. Library Community Room**

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Very brief notes today, but want to reiterate our need to begin to recruit other folks to our cause as soon as possible. Chapter 5 of the GSP was presented at the last AC meeting on January 31. The Plan now is in its final stages and will become available for comment and revision at some point in March.

We agreed that our goal is to promote our five objectives as widely as possible in our community.

The suggestion was that we all begin to contact friends and neighbors, but also communicate our purpose to BWD as forcefully as possible so that they understand our commitment to our goals and implement these during the GSP process.

I promised to craft a statement outlining the above five points. You can help me by writing down your reasons for each one of the five points (for example, "I believe BWD should intensively pursuing funds to be used to purchase water/land from agriculture to ensure sustainable, safe and reasonably-priced water for the ratepayers.")

I will compile and organize the reasons in support of our goals.