

SPECIAL VACANCY NOTICE

APPOINTMENT OF INITIAL LASSEN AND MODOC COUNTY PUBLIC MEMBERS OF THE BIG VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lassen and Modoc County Boards of Supervisors took action on June 11, 2019, and May 14, 2019, respectively, and executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to form the Big Valley Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee (BVAC). The MOU in its entirety, detailing all of the responsibilities and expectations of the BVAC, is available from the Lassen County Clerk of the Board, the Modoc County Clerk of the Board, and from the Lassen County Department of Planning and Building Services (contact information below). The MOU and further information regarding the legislation can also be found on the following website:

<http://www.lassencounty.org/dept/planning-and-building-services/sustainable-groundwater-management-act>

The BVAC consists of the following members:

1. One (1) member of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors selected by said Board.
2. One (1) alternate member of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors selected by said Board
3. One (1) member of the Modoc County Board of Supervisors selected by said Board.
4. One (1) alternate member of the Modoc County Board of Supervisors selected by said Board
5. Two (2) public members selected by the Lassen County Board of Supervisors. Said members must either reside or own property within the Lassen County portion of the Big Valley Groundwater Basin.
6. Two (2) public members selected by the Modoc County Board of Supervisors. Said members must either reside or own property within the Modoc County portion of the Big Valley Groundwater Basin.

This Notice pertains to the two public members appointed by the Lassen County Board of Supervisors (#5 above) who must reside or own property in the Lassen County portion of the Big Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin), and the two public members appointed by the Modoc County Board of Supervisors (#6 above) who must reside or own property in the Modoc County portion of the Basin. Members must also be registered voters in the County in which they apply.

The purpose of the BVAC is to advise both Lassen and Modoc Counties on the preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Big Valley Groundwater Basin. Preparation of a GSP is required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), because the Big Valley Groundwater Basin was designated a “medium priority” basin by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The GSP must include measurable objectives that can be used to demonstrate that the basin can be sustainably managed within twenty years of implementation. Pursuant to the SGMA, Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) for basins designated medium or high priority by DWR are required to prepare a GSP. The Lassen and Modoc County Boards of Supervisors adopted resolutions (17-013 and 2017-09, respectively) declaring themselves to be the GSAs for the portion of the Big Valley Groundwater Basin within their respective jurisdictions and are therefore responsible for preparing the required GSP.

The following are desired attributes for BVAC members, as listed in the MOU:

- a. Have knowledge and experience in water resources management.

- b. Represent an agency, organization, tribe, academia, or interest that is under-represented in the region (e.g., disadvantaged communities or unincorporated areas).
- c. Have the ability and desire to objectively articulate the perspective of his/her BVAC seat and caucus at a level beyond that of his/her individual interest.
- d. Provide recommendations with the best interests of the entire Big Valley region in mind.

The Committee will be active until at least January 31, 2022, at which time the GSP must be submitted to the Department of Water Resources. Meetings of the BVAC will be conducted as frequently as needed, but likely not more than monthly.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any registered voter in either Lassen County or Modoc County interested in volunteering on this committee may submit an application for appointment to their applicable County Board of Supervisors as follows:

If you are applying for a public member position in the LASSEN COUNTY PORTION OF THE BASIN, application forms are available from and must be submitted to:

Lassen County Clerk
220 South Lassen St., Suite 5
Susanville CA 96130
(530) 251-8217

Applications can be downloaded from the Lassen County Clerk's website at:
<http://www.lassencounty.org/dept/county-clerk-recorder/county-clerk-recorder>

Questions should be addressed to:
Lassen County Planning and Building Services
707 Nevada St., Suite 5
Susanville CA 96130
(530) 251-8269

If you are applying for a public member position in the MODOC COUNTY PORTION OF THE BASIN, application forms are available from and must be submitted to:

Modoc County Clerk
204 South Court Street
Alturas, CA 96101
(530) 233-6201

Applications can be downloaded from the following Modoc County website:
<http://www.co.modoc.ca.us/departments/board-of-supervisors/groundwater-management>

In compliance with the Maddy Appointment Act, these appointments can be made on August 22, 2019, or thereafter. Applications may be submitted up until the respective Board of Supervisors considers the applications at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The contacts identified above can inform you if the pertinent Board has made the appointments and if applications are still being accepted.

Dated and posted this 30th day of July, 2019.

JULIE BUSTAMANTE,
Lassen County Clerk and
ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

TIFFANY MARTINEZ,
Modoc County Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors