

LITTLE LAKE VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Virtual Public Hearing

August 26, 2020

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on behalf of the City of Willits

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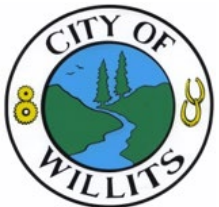
Meeting Purpose

- Review and consideration of the adoption of a Groundwater Management Plan for the Little Lake Valley Groundwater Basin



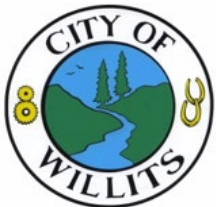
Purpose of the Plan

- Voluntary, **non-regulatory** plan governed by the Groundwater Management Act [NOT subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)].
- No inherent authority.
- General guidelines for local understanding and management of groundwater resources.
- Allows the City of Willits to be eligible for grant funding administered through the Department of Water Resources (DWR)



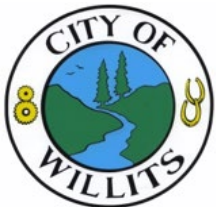
Background

- City of Willits awarded ~\$500,000 in Prop 1 grant funding through DWR for well improvement project.
- GWMP is condition of grant funding. If GWMP is not approved, funding must be returned to the State.
- GWMP must be adopted by September 6, 2020.
- December 11, 2019 City Council formally approved a resolution noticing its intent to prepare a GWMP.



Plan Area

- Limited to areas within City of Willits jurisdictional authority
 - City limits
 - City-owned properties



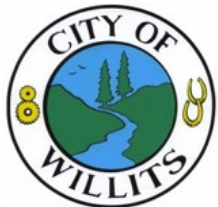
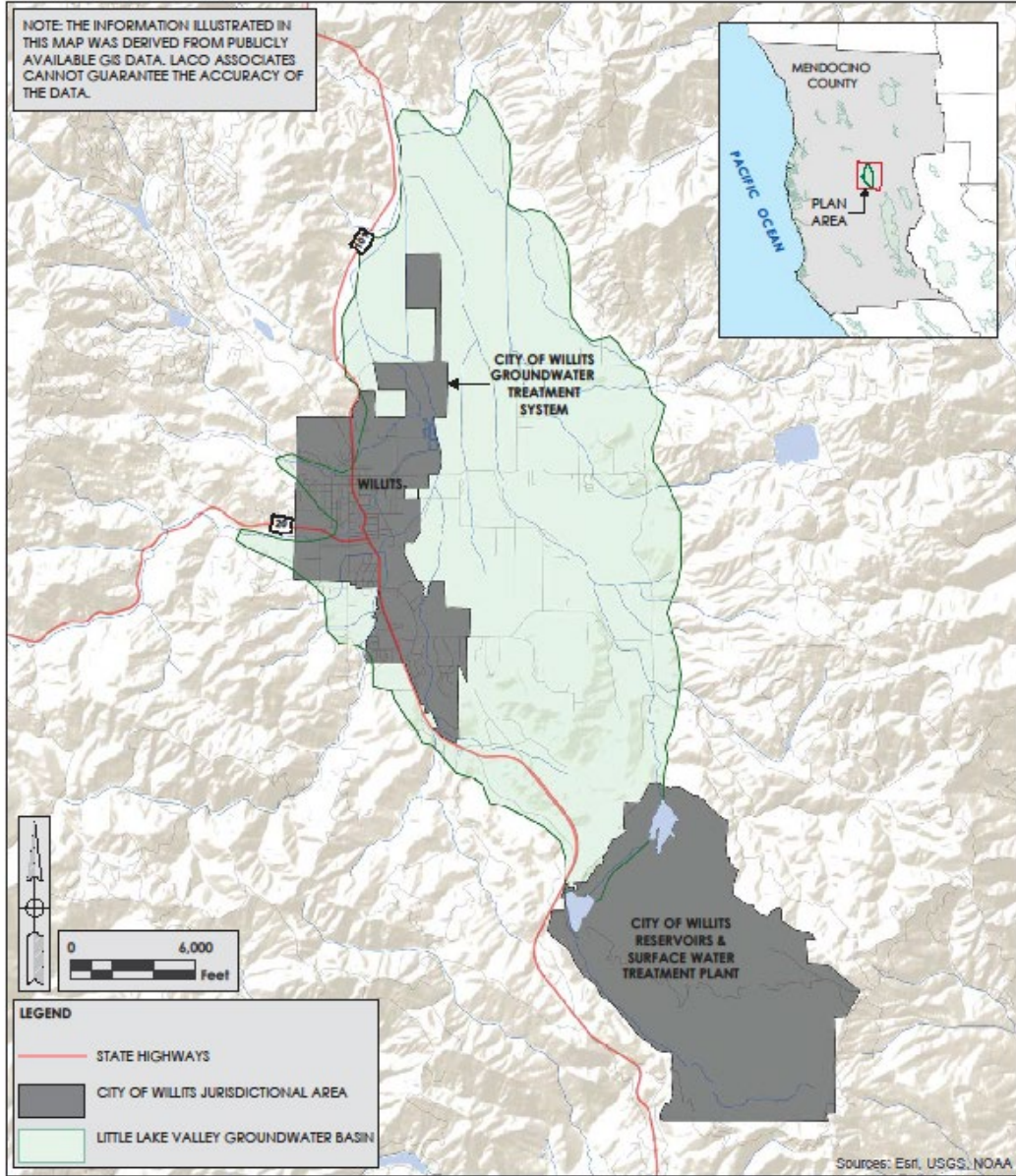
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PROJECT: LITTLE LAKE VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN	BY: JRG	FIGURE: 1-1
CITY: CITY OF WILLITS	CHECK: RMD	
LOCATION: WILLITS, CALIFORNIA	DATE: 6/08/2020	JOB NO.: 8509.07
PLAN AREA		

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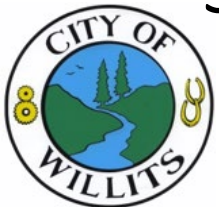
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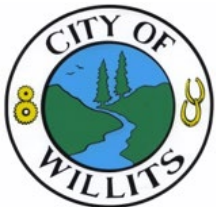
Public Communication and Notification Methods

- Public Hearings
- Public Workshops
- Public Opinion Survey – 6 responses received;
- Press Releases;
- Email List; and
- Website.
- Social Media



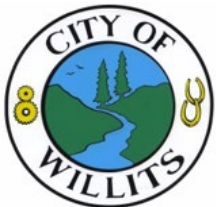
Public Input Forums

- Willits City Council Public Hearings(2)
 - December 11, 2019
 - August 26, 2020
- Public Workshops (3)
 - February 13, 2020
 - February 20, 2020
 - August 5, 2020

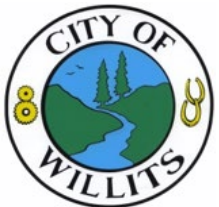


Recommendations

- Expand the monitoring program
 - Additional funding and cooperative effort needed
- Continue exploring conjunctive use operations
 - City seeking to supplement surface water supplies with groundwater to provide a resilient water source



Questions and Open Discussion



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