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# MEMORANDUM

To: Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC)  
From: Tovey Giezentanner, Agricultural Groundwater Users of Butte County  
Date: Friday, November 15, 2024  
Subject: Update on Demand Reduction Strategies: Feedback from DWR and Program Adjustments

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The Demand Reduction Strategies (DRS) component of the SGM Implementation Grant aims to improve the sustainability of the Vina Subbasin by reducing groundwater use and minimizing non-beneficial consumptive use. This goal will be pursued through two programs: the Precision Irrigation Program and the Extend Orchard Replacement Program.

The Agricultural Groundwater Users of Butte County (AGUBC) has been contracted by the Vina GSA to manage the DRS component.

On October 24, 2024, the Vina GSA released the Extend Orchard Replacement Pilot Program Guidelines and opened a 30-day public comment period, which will end on November 25, 2024. However, on November 13, 2024, Vina GSA staff received notification from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Office of the General Counsel that DWR SGM Grant Implementation funds cannot be used to provide direct incentive payments to growers for this program.

AGUBC staff will provide an update to the SHAC on DWR's feedback and solicit feedback on potential adjustments to both program components.