

Closing Comments from Navy Representative, Commander Peter Benson:

- *Navy continues to be a committed partner to help the GA and the community on strategies to bring the basin into sustainable yield and will lean in as far as we can within the unique and specific federal legal limitations.*
- *As we understand the purpose of SGMA, it is NOT to make decisions on water rights in the basin, but rather allocations to bring the basin into sustainable yield.*
- *In response to the GA and to further their SGMA goals, Navy submitted a report to outline historic pumping, changes in pumping, current pumping, anticipated base growth and demographics of off-base personnel in support of the mission, in good faith to aid the GSP development.*
- *As part of that report, the Navy agreed to an allocation of 2041 ac-ft through the GSP process to support on base activity, to include anticipated growth.*
- *The Navy did not provide a Federal reserve water right (FRWR) number, as that will be decided through an adjudication after extensive discovery and cross examination.*
- *The IWVGA alone made the decision to use Navy's pumping data to estimate a FRWR.*
- *Additionally, the IWVGA made the allocation decisions to transfer the IWVGA estimated FRWR.*
- *The Navy did not direct, ask or imply that the IWVGA should transfer the estimated FRWR balance.*