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Re: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan

To the Department of Water Resources, the California Public Utilities Commission, and Interested Parties:

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10727.8 and the Title 23, Section 353.6 of the California Code of Regulations, the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SVBGSA”), a California Joint Powers Authority (“JPA”), hereby gives notice that it intends to initiate development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) for the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin no. 3-004) within Monterey County, including the following: 1) 180/400 Foot Aquifer (No. 3-004.01); 2) East Side Aquifer (3-004.02); 3) Forebay Aquifer (3-004.04); 4) Upper Valley Aquifer (3-004.05); 5) Langley Area (3-004.09); 7) Monterey sub-basin (3-004.10); and, 8) the Paso Robles Area (3-004.06). Not included in the area for the GSP are the jurisdictional boundaries of the Marina Coast Water District (acting as the Marina Coast Groundwater Sustainability Agency), the City of Greenfield (acting as the Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Agency), and the adjudicated Seaside sub-basin (No. 3-004.08).

The development of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin GSP will be in coordination with the groundwater sustainability agencies (“GSAs”) for the Paso Robles Area in San Luis Obispo County, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Authority, the Seaside Basin Water Master, the Marina Coast GSA (operating within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Marina Coast Water District), and the Arroyo Seco GSA (operating within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Greenfield). The SVBGSA anticipates entering into a management area agreement with the Marina Coast GSA for management of a portion of the Monterey sub-basin. Other management area agreements are possible.

As mentioned, the SVBGSA is a JPA formed by the County of Monterey, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, the Cities of Salinas, Soledad, Gonzales, and King, the Castroville Community Services District, and Monterey One Water (formerly the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, itself a JPA). The Board of Directors of the SVBGSA includes representative from the GSA eligible entities within the Basin, and agricultural, environmental, disadvantaged community and rural residential well owners. Meetings of the SVBGSA are subject to the California Open Meeting Law (the “Brown Act”), and the public is invited and encouraged to attend. Meetings of the SVBGSA Board are broadcast live and on replay.

Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the GSP development, and the SVBGSA has established an Advisory Committee as contemplated in Water Code section 10727.8. Advisory Committee meetings are subject to the Brown Act, and the Committee has members from a broad spectrum of interests, including members from agriculture, the environmental community, urban/domestic users, and disadvantaged communities. The

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Advisory Committee will be intimately involved in the development of the GSP for the Salinas Basin. Interested members of the public can participate in Advisory Committee and Board of Director meetings, which are publicly noticed at the SVBGSA's website: <https://svbgsa.org>. In addition, the SVBGSA will hold numerous public workshops related to the development of the GSP.

The SVBGSA looks forward to working with the Department of Water Resources and basin stakeholders towards sustainable groundwater management planning and implementation. Please do not hesitate to contact Gary Petersen SVBGSA General Manager at [peterseng@svbgsa.org](mailto:peterseng@svbgsa.org) if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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Gary Petersen  
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