



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

# SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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October 19, 2023

Piret Harmon  
Salinas Valley Basin GSA  
Via email

RE: Response to Inquiry 180/400-Ft Aquifer Subbasin GSP

Dear Ms. Harmon,

The Department of Water Resources (Department) appreciates the desire of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to align the schedule for SGMA implementation reporting for the six subbasins in the Salinas Valley. As discussed in the meeting held on October 16, 2023, the GSA submitted a Plan Amendment for the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin (Subbasin) on September 30, 2022. The Department intends to review the amended Plan by no later than September 30, 2024.

Moving forward, the GSA will need to submit the first Periodic Evaluation for the Subbasin no later than January 23, 2025. The Department will initiate the first Periodic Review of the Subbasin's GSP on this date.

After submitting the Periodic Evaluation for the Subbasin on January 23, 2025, the GSA will be required to submit a Periodic Evaluation at least every five years or whenever the Plan is amended. The GSA may elect to submit subsequent Periodic Evaluations for the Subbasin in coordination with the five other subbasins in the Salinas Valley starting in January 2027 and every five years thereafter.

Please contact Sustainable Groundwater Management Office staff by emailing [sgmps@water.ca.gov](mailto:sgmps@water.ca.gov), if you have any questions regarding this letter or implementation of your GSP.

Thank you,

*Paul Gosselin*

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