

October 23, 2017

Mr. Trevor Joseph
Sustainable Groundwater Management Section Chief
California Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

RE: East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainable Agency
Notification of Intent to Develop Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Dear Mr. Joseph:

On behalf of East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (**EKGS**A) I am writing to notify the Department of Water Resources of EKGS A's intention to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (**GSP**), pursuant to Water Code Section 10727.8 and California Code of Regulations Title 23 Section 353.6, for a portion of the Kaweah Sub-basin (Basin Number 5.022.11, DWR Bulletin 118). EKGS A's formation notice was posted on June 6, 2017. EKGS A is an exclusive GSA within the bounds of its jurisdiction.

Interested parties may participate in the development and implementation of the GSP in multiple forums.

EKGS A's Advisory Committee is a standing committee made up of various persons and representatives with interests relevant to the sub-basin. Members of the Advisory Committee represent residential, agricultural, environmental, rural, domestic well, and other groundwater interests. The Advisory Committee will be responsible for making recommendations to the EKGS A board regarding community outreach and adoption of a GSP that takes account of local interests. Over the coming months, the Advisory Committee will consider the best means to engage the public in the development of the GSP. Members of the public and partners from other local agencies are encouraged to attend and contribute their voice to the development of that engagement process.

EKGS A's Board of Directors will adopt general policies regarding development and implantation of the GSP. Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board of Directors meetings to participate in the agency's adoption of policies and hear presentations from key consultants on the outlook and challenges for GSP development and implementation.

The Advisory Committee holds regular meetings on the third Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m. The Board of Directors holds regular meetings on the fourth Monday of every January, April, July, and October at 3:00 p.m. All meetings are held at the Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 North Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247. For notice of any special meetings, which EKGSA anticipates holding with increased frequency as GSP development advances, members of the public are encouraged to contact EKGSA's Executive Director, Mike Hagman, by e-mail at mhagman@lindmoreid.com.

Development of a GSP will be coordinated with two other GSAs in the Kaweah Sub-basin, Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (**GKGS**A) and Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (**MKGS**A). As of the writing of this notice, the three GSAs are finalizing an agreement pursuant to which the GSAs will establish joint a Management Team Committee and a joint Technical Advisory Committee to develop coordinated proposals for their respective Boards of Directors. Although each GSA will be responsible for developing its own GSP, the joint committees will be charged with developing the data and methodologies necessary to create a Coordination Agreement between the GSAs, pursuant to Water Code § 10727.6. Meetings of the joint committees will be open to the public.

EKGSA's GSP, which will rely on the data and methodologies developed for the Coordination Agreement, will be developed by input from various committees, consultants, EKGSA staff, and the public.

The public is encouraged to participate in GSP development by attending meetings and other public events to be scheduled, and by submitting comments. Information on upcoming meetings and GSP development can be found on EKGSA's website: ekgsa.org. All inquiries should be directed to the Executive Director, Mike Hagman: mhagman@lindmoreid.com.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Hagman
Executive Director