



TEJON-CASTAC
WATER
DISTRICT



May 30, 2024

Kathleen Krause
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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City of Arvin
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Re: Updated Notice of Intent to Amend the GSP for the South of Kern River Pursuant to Water Code Section 10728.4

Dear Ms. Krause and Mr. Jones:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires each groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) that is adopting or amending a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) to provide notice of such adoption or amendment to any city or county within the area of the proposed or amended GSP. See Water Code § 10728.4. Accordingly, on September 14, 2023, the Arvin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), Wheeler-Ridge Maricopa GSA, and Tejon-Castac Water District GSA (collectively, South of Kern River GSAs), in coordination with the Arvin Community Service District, provided notice of our intent to amend the GSP for areas of the Kern Subbasin located within our GSA boundaries. This updated notice provides supplemental information about the proposed, amended Kern Subbasin GSP that the South of Kern River GSAs intend to adopt no earlier than 90-days from today.

In July 2022, we adopted the South of Kern River GSP, which was one of six GSPs developed pursuant to SGMA to cover the Kern Subbasin. In January 2023, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) determined the six GSPs submitted for the Kern Subbasin were, collectively, inadequate. In the ensuing months, we have worked with other GSAs and stakeholders in the Subbasin to develop an amended Kern Subbasin GSP that corrects the deficiencies identified by DWR and includes other improvements based on feedback from State Water Resources Control Board staff.

The public review draft of the amended Kern Subbasin GSP will be available for download on May 31, 2024, at the South of Kern River's website, www.sokrgsp.com, and each individual GSA's

website. We will review and consider comments from the County of Kern and City of Arvin (and other interested parties) and, upon request, consult with the County and/or City within 30 days of receipt of this updated notice. Please direct comments and requests for additional information regarding the proposed, amended GSP to:

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661-854-5573.

We look forward to continued cooperation with the County and City in implementing SGMA throughout the Subbasin, and within our management areas specifically.

Sincerely,

Arvin-Edison Water Storage District



By: _____
Jeevan Muhar, Engineer-Manager

Wheeler ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District



By: _____
Sheridan Nicolas, Engineer-Manager

Tejon-Castac Water District



By: _____
Angelica Martin, Water Resources Manager

Arvin Community Services District



By: _____
Raul Barraza, Jr., General Manager