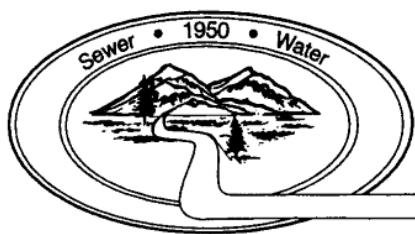


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December 17, 2021

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RE: Follow-up Response to Letter Request for Guidance due to Impact of Emergencies; First Five-Year Update of the Alternative Plan for the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin (6-005.01)

Dear Mr. Gosselin:

The South Tahoe Public Utility District (“District”) appreciates your October 8, 2021, response to the District’s September 21, 2021, request for guidance due to the impact of emergencies confronting the District. The purpose of this letter is to provide the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) with the requested update on the District’s progress in developing the first five-year update of the Alternative Plan for the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin (“Alternative Plan”). The Alternative Plan was initially approved by DWR in July 2019.

The District is continuing its best efforts to prepare the update of the Alternative Plan and is making steady progress on the schedule previously provided to DWR. Despite those best efforts, for the reasons previously outlined to DWR, it is simply not possible for the District to complete the current update of the Alternative Plan by the statutory deadline of January 1, 2022. While the draft update of the Alternative Plan is now substantially complete, the District needs additional time to complete Stakeholder Advisory Group (“SAG”) participation and integration of their comments. Further, additional time is then needed to complete the public process for noticing and holding the requisite public hearings, incorporating any further comments into the Alternative Plan and then to obtain the Board of Director’s approval from the District and El Dorado Water Agency prior to resubmittal of the updated final Alternative Plan to DWR. This public process is crucial in continuing to maintain a successful Alternative Plan for groundwater management within the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin.

Based on our updated review of the project schedule, further discussions with consultants, and interaction with the SAG, we still believe that we need an additional one hundred twenty (120) days to complete an updated final Alternative Plan. For your benefit, we have updated the Revised Project Schedule, which is attached for your review and information. Importantly, we still believe that the updated Alternative Plan can be completed prior to the end of April 2022. As we cannot complete the first five-year update of the Alternative Plan by the statutory deadline, we understand that DWR will be consulting with the State Water Resources Control Board on next steps related to the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin. We are available to participate in those discussions and provide any further updates as may be desired.

We want to assure you that the District is working diligently to complete the first five-year update of the Alternative Plan as soon as possible. As with DWR, we appreciate the cooperation and partnership with DWR in developing the Alternative Plan and want to assure DWR that the District is dedicated to the long-term sustainable management of groundwater in the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at ibergsohn@stpud.us or directly by telephone at (530) 543-6204.

Sincerely,



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Revised Project Schedule

	ITEM	START DATE	END DATE
	Draft Alternative Plan to SAG	12/17/2021	12/17/2021
	Draft Alternative Plan - SAG Review	12/17/2021	1/17/2022
	Address SAG Comments	12/22/2021	1/30/2022
	Public Draft Alternative Plan Notice of Availability (30-Day Comment Period)	2/08/2022	3/10/2022
	EDWA Public Hearing I: Public Draft Alternative Plan	1/30/2022	2/9/2022
	STPUD Public Hearing I: Public Draft Alternative Plan	2/7/2022	2/17/2022
	Prepare summary of comments and responses	3/11/2022	4/3/2022
	EDWA Public Hearing II: Public Comments -Consider to Adopt I	4/3/2022	4/13/2022
	STPUD Public Hearing II: Public Comments -Consider to Adopt I	4/11/2022	4/21/2022
	Final Alternative Plan to DWR	4/27/2022	4/29/2022