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GOLETA WATER DISTRICT

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, ANACAPA DIVISION**

MARTHA H. WRIGHT, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GOLETA WATER DISTRICT, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. SM57969

Unlimited Jurisdiction

**GOLETA WATER DISTRICT'S 2023
ANNUAL REPORT**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Judgment in this matter required the GOLETA WATER DISTRICT ("District") to achieve Hydrologic Balance of the Goleta Groundwater Basin ("Basin") by December 31, 1998. In the Court's Order filed August 13, 1998, the Court found that the District had achieved Hydrologic Balance as defined by the Judgment. The Court also found that the District was in compliance with the Judgment and all orders issued by the Court pursuant to the Judgment.

In that same 1998 Order, the Court approved a procedure that requires the District to file an Annual Report in a summary format, with no further requirement to file an annual report with the Court, or to have a hearing or a Court Order to approve the Annual Report. The report is based upon calendar, not water years. Consistent with that Order, the District submits the following:

II. ANNUAL REPORT

A. Augmented Service

Since the last Annual Report, there have been no new Augmented Service requests or approvals.

B. Exchange Service

Since the last Annual Report, there have been no new Exchange Service approvals.

C. Water Imported by the District

In 2022, the District imported the following water supplies:

- Cachuma Project: 5,962 AF
- State Water Project: 3,351 AF (including water delivered and water exchanged with ID No. 1)

D. Water Produced by the District from the Basin

The District extracted 1,643 AF of water from the Basin in 2022.

E. Water Injected by the District into the Basin

The District injected 0 AF of water into the Basin in 2022.

F. Amount of Water the District Intends To Import

In calendar year 2023, the District intends to import the following water supplies:

- Cachuma Project: 9,322 AF (plus spillwater)
- State Water Project: 45 AF (including water delivered and water exchanged with ID No. 1)

G. Amount of Groundwater the District Intends To Extract

The District intends to produce 60 AF of groundwater in 2023.

H. Evaluation of the Integrity of the Basin

The District is unaware of any evidence of saltwater intrusion, subsidence, or well interference resulting from District operations.

I. Effects on Groundwater Quality

The District is unaware of any evidence of deleterious effects on groundwater quality resulting from its operations.

J. Water Levels in Seven Index Wells

The District provides data from seven index wells identified as representative of the Basin. The wells have complete historical records dating from 1972. The District contracts with the U.S. Geological Survey to conduct twice-yearly regional groundwater level monitoring in April and December. These months reflect when the water levels are generally at their highest and lowest.

The information regarding the seven index wells is found on the attached document titled “Ground Water Level Measurements by USGS of 41 Monitoring Wells for December 2022 and Changes Since April 2022” and shows comparative levels from April 2022 and December 2022. The data shows a slight decline in overall levels, which was anticipated due to the increased amount of pumping occurring from April 2022 to December 2022.

K. Groundwater Storage in the Basin

In its Order filed April 30, 1992, the Court recognized the District’s right to store its annual entitlement to water in the Basin, by deferral of extractions and injection. The District maintains a Drought Buffer in the Basin pursuant to Ordinance 91-01, the SAFE Ordinance.

In last year’s Annual Report the District reported stored water pursuant to the terms of the Judgment in excess of 46,014 AF. In 2022, the District extracted 1,643 AF and obtained 2,350 AF of entitlement, bringing the new total amount stored in the Basin at the end of 2022 to 46,721 AF.

L. Other Necessary and Appropriate Information

The District has completed a Water Supply Management Plan, Groundwater Management Plan most recently updated on April 11, 2022, Urban Water Management Plan and Drought Preparedness and Water Shortage Contingency Plan. These documents are available on the District website (www.goletawater.com) and assist the District in managing its water resources in compliance with the Wright Judgment and the SAFE ordinance.

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