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**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 2024
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, the District granted a request for Augmented Service for The

1 Marcia McCloskey Trust No. 2, Susan McCloskey Trust No. 2, Sharon McCloskey Trust No. 2, and
2 Gordon T. McCloskey. The Augmented Service was approved in the amount of 12.2 acre-feet (AF)
3 per year, for Assessor's Parcel Numbers 065-080-010 and 065-080-011. After granting this request,
4 the District reports that it has issued a cumulative 500 acre-feet per year of Augmented Service from
5 the date of the Judgment up to this Annual Report, consistent with Section 23 of the Judgment.

6 **B. Exchange Service**

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

8 **C. Water Imported by the District**

9 In 2023, the District imported the following water supplies:

- 10
- Cachuma Project: 10,719 AF
 - State Water Project: 176 AF (including water delivered and water exchanged with ID
11 No. 1)
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13 **D. Water Produced by the District from the Basin**

14 The District extracted 108 AF of water from the Basin in 2023.

15 **E. Water Injected by the District into the Basin**

16 The District injected 863 AF of water into the Basin in 2023.

17 **F. Amount of Water the District Intends To Import**

18 In calendar year 2024, the District intends to import the following water supplies:

- 19
- Cachuma Project: 12,187 AF (inclusive of spillwater)
 - State Water Project: 274 AF (including water delivered and water exchanged with ID
20 No. 1)
- 21

22 **G. Amount of Groundwater the District Intends To Extract**

23 The District intends to produce 88 AF of groundwater in 2024.

24 **H. Evaluation of the Integrity of the Basin**

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

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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 2023 and Changes Since April 2023” and shows comparative levels from April 2023 and December 2023. The data shows a steady increase in overall levels, which was anticipated due to the wet conditions of the winter of 2022-23 and injection of water in 2023.

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 46,721 AF. In 2023, the District extracted 108 AF, injected 863 AF, and obtained 2,350 AF of entitlement, bringing the new total amount stored in the Basin at the end of 2023 to 49,826 AF.

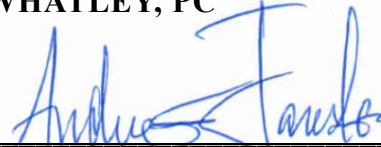
L. Other Necessary and Appropriate Information

The District has completed a Water Supply Management Plan most recently updated on May 14, 2024, Groundwater Management Plan most recently updated on April 11, 2022, and an Urban Water Management Plan and Drought Preparedness and Water Shortage Contingency Plan updated on June 8, 2021. These documents are available on the District website (www.goletawater.com) and assist the District in managing its water resources in compliance with Judgment and the SAFE Water Supplies Ordinance.

During the 2023 calendar year, the court issued an order on a Motion to Quantify Groundwater Right and Intervene in the Judgment. The motion was brought by the Ronald M. Caird, Patricia G. Caird, Erin Caird Williams, The Brian and Debra Caird Revocable Trust, Caird Family Revocable Trust, Ekwill Investors, LLC (collectively “Caird”) regarding the overlying groundwater rights for parcels APN 071-190-036, 071-140-048, and 065-230-012. The court ordered the requested identification of Participating Party status for parcel APN 071-190-036, and ordered a quantified, overlying right of 99.7 AF. The court ordered Ekwill Investors, LLC as assuming the Nonparty Status for APN 071-140-048 and clarified the right to extract 13.9 AF as a Nonparticipating Party. The court ordered Caird Family Revocable Trust as assuming Nonparticipating Party status for APN 065-230-012 and clarified the right to extract 39.7 AF as a Nonparticipating Party.

DATED: June 12, 2024

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GOLETA WATER DISTRICT - GOLETA GROUNDWATER BASIN
Ground Water Level Measurements by USGS of 41 Monitoring Wells
for December 2023 and changes since April 2023

| Local Well Number | Local Well Name | December 2023 Measurements | | | | April 2023 Measurements | | Variance |
|-------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | | Date | Well Land Elevation | Measurement from Well Land Elev to Water Surface | Ground Water Level Elevation | Date | Measurement from Well Land Elev to Water Surface | Ground Water Level Change Since April |
| | | | (A) | (B) | (C = A - B) | | (D) | (E = D - B) |
| 4N028W02N002S | TUCKER'S GR | 12/19/2023 | 178.85 | 31.90 | 146.95 | 4/28/2023 | 19.13 | -12.77 |
| 4N028W03N008S | SCHMANDT #6 | 12/19/2023 | 94.15 | 53.02 | 41.13 | 4/28/2023 | 54.54 | 1.52 |
| 4N028W03N010S | CATHERINA | 12/19/2023 | 120.45 | 65.35 | 55.10 | 4/28/2023 | 66.48 | 1.13 |
| 4N028W05N004S | STOW | 12/19/2023 | 89.56 | 22.13 | 67.43 | 4/28/2023 | 18.61 | -3.52 |
| 4N028W05R001S | MARTINI | 12/19/2023 | 72.32 | 41.26 | 31.06 | 4/28/2023 | 42.46 | 1.20 |
| 4N028W05R008S | SCHMANDT | 12/19/2023 | 70.44 | 39.55 | 30.89 | 4/28/2023 | 40.70 | 1.15 |
| 4N028W07R001S | BARDEX 1 | 12/19/2023 | 17.00 | 13.90 | 3.10 | 4/28/2023 | 14.41 | 0.51 |
| 4N028W08B010S | FAIRVIEW | 12/19/2023 | 41.78 | 71.67 | -29.89 | 4/28/2023 | 74.26 | 2.59 |
| 4N028W08G001S | SHIRREL | 12/19/2023 | 38.26 | 68.89 | -30.63 | 4/28/2023 | 72.24 | 3.35 |
| 4N028W08K011S | SILVERMAN 1 | | 28.24 | No Access | No Access | | No Access | No Access |
| 4N028W08N007S | PACIFIC MAT'LS LAB | 12/19/2023 | 35.23 | 31.70 | 3.53 | 4/26/2023 | 32.52 | 0.82 |
| 4N028W08N008S | BARDEX 2 | 12/19/2023 | 34.50 | 31.83 | 2.67 | 4/26/2023 | 32.68 | 0.85 |
| 4N028W08P004S | UCSB SOUTH | 12/19/2023 | 21.09 | 50.47 | -29.38 | 4/28/2023 | 52.68 | 2.21 |
| 4N028W08P005S | AIRPORT | 12/19/2023 | 20.54 | 53.27 | -32.73 | 4/28/2023 | 55.34 | 2.07 |
| 4N028W08P006S | UCSB NORTH | | 21.06 | Not Measured | Not Measured | | Not Measured | Not Measured |
| 4N028W08R003S | MAGNOLIA | 12/19/2023 | 30.21 | 69.72 | -39.51 | 4/26/2023 | 71.02 | 1.30 |
| 4N028W09A003S | MULLIGAN | 12/19/2023 | 86.49 | Not Measured | Not Measured | 4/28/2023 | 57.80 | Not Measured |
| 4N028W09G003S | BERKELEY 1 | 12/19/2023 | 62.97 | 71.55 | -8.58 | 4/28/2023 | 96.31 | 24.76 |
| 4N028W09G004S | NEW BERKELEY | 12/19/2023 | 62.23 | 91.48 | -29.25 | 4/28/2023 | 95.97 | 4.49 |
| 4N028W09H003S | BORGARO | 12/19/2023 | 76.28 | 111.42 | -35.14 | 4/26/2023 | 114.44 | 3.02 |
| 4N028W09J002S | SB DISTRIBUTORS CO. | 12/18/2023 | 66.69 | 101.79 | -35.10 | 4/26/2023 | 104.41 | 2.62 |
| 4N028W09K002S | ELKS | | 56.24 | Not Measured | Not Measured | | Not Measured | Not Measured |
| 4N028W09R013S | GVVMWC | 12/18/2023 | 59.30 | 108.07 | -48.77 | 4/25/2023 | 110.01 | 1.94 |
| 4N028W10F003S | BARQUERO | 12/18/2023 | 92.95 | 135.17 | -42.22 | 4/28/2023 | 139.15 | 3.98 |
| 4N028W10J001S | EL CAMINO | 12/18/2023 | 72.12 | 135.02 | -62.90 | 4/25/2023 | 124.37 | -10.65 |
| 4N028W10Q002S | EMMENS | 12/18/2023 | 68.54 | 113.66 | -45.12 | 4/25/2023 | 116.27 | 2.61 |
| 4N028W11E002S | WATLING | 12/18/2023 | 119.03 | 182.86 | -63.83 | 4/28/2023 | 188.04 | 5.18 |
| 4N028W11D003S | CHURCH | 12/18/2023 | 150.48 | 197.21 | -46.73 | 4/28/2023 | 197.21 | 0.00 |
| 4N028W11K005S | SAN ANTONIO | 12/18/2023 | 52.75 | 155.05 | -102.30 | 4/28/2023 | 161.82 | 6.77 |
| 4N028W11P006S | SAN MARCOS | | 43.72 | Not Measured | Not Measured | | Not Measured | Not Measured |
| 4N028W12C002S | LORRAINE | | 224.37 | Not Measured | Not Measured | | | Not Measured |
| 4N028W12P003S | LCMWC #7 | 12/18/2023 | 91.00 | 190.64 | -99.64 | 4/25/2023 | 201.48 | 10.84 |
| 4N029W13A002S | MOSELEY | 12/19/2023 | 21.55 | 18.07 | 3.48 | 4/26/2023 | 18.52 | 0.45 |
| 4N028W14C002S | LCMWC (ALT) | 12/18/2023 | 44.60 | 43.48 | 1.12 | 4/25/2023 | 50.13 | 6.65 |
| 4N028W14C003S | LCMWC | 12/18/2023 | 43.67 | 80.50 | -36.83 | 4/25/2023 | 81.62 | 1.12 |
| 4N028W14M001S | SANDPIPER | 12/19/2023 | 71.00 | 24.63 | 46.37 | 4/28/2023 | 23.01 | -1.62 |
| 4N028W15A003S | VAN REES | 12/18/2023 | 60.41 | 104.99 | -44.58 | 4/25/2023 | 105.94 | 0.95 |
| 4N028W15E002S | SAN RICARDO | 12/18/2023 | 38.53 | 85.16 | -46.63 | 4/25/2023 | 83.79 | -1.37 |
| 4N028W15H004S | ANITA 1 | 12/18/2023 | 44.45 | 89.51 | -45.06 | 4/25/2023 | 87.28 | -2.23 |
| 4N028W16C005S | REDFORD | 12/18/2023 | 33.01 | 74.49 | -41.48 | 4/26/2023 | 76.05 | 1.56 |
| 4N028W16F008S | MISSION INDUSTRIES | 12/18/2023 | 20.45 | 60.99 | -40.54 | 4/26/2023 | 62.92 | 1.93 |
| 4N028W16H003S | SB CORP | | 32.68 | Not Measured | Not Measured | | Not Measured | #VALUE! |
| 4N028W16J002S | CIAMPI 2 | 12/18/2023 | 28.40 | 79.47 | -51.07 | 4/25/2023 | 79.84 | 0.37 |
| 4N028W16J005S | CIAMPI 1 | 12/18/2023 | 28.25 | 8.39 | 19.86 | 4/25/2023 | 8.07 | -0.32 |
| 4N028W16J006S | GROEN ROSE | | 23.91 | Not Measured | Not Measured | | Not Measured | Not Measured |
| 4N028W16R002S | MORE RD. | | 24.68 | No Access | No Access | | No Access | No Access |
| 4N028W18E001S | U.E.C. | 12/19/2023 | 21.00 | 18.01 | 2.99 | 4/26/2023 | 18.23 | 0.22 |
| 4N028W18F001S | AIRPORT 3 | | 8.58 | Not Measured | Not Measured | | Not Measured | Not Measured |
| 4N028W09P007S | SEMERJIAN | 12/18/2023 | | 78.74 | | 4/26/2023 | 80.10 | 1.36 |
| 4N028W10G007S | UNIVERSITY (INJECTION) | USGS Does not take readings on University Well | | | | | | |

Notes:

- 1) "Well Land Elevation" is the elevation above mean sea level (MSL).
- 2) "Ground Water Level Elevation" is the elevation above mean sea level (MSL) where (+) is above sea level and (-) is below sea level
- 3) Variance is the change in the ground water level since the last reading where (+) is an increase in the ground water level and (-) is a decrease in the ground water level
- 4) All elevations, measurements and variances are in feet.

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