

A - #3. Please explain how the Submitting Agency has determined that the Alternative satisfies the objectives of SGMA. This description might include a resolution adopted by the Submitting Agency, the minutes or agenda of Board meetings considering the Alternative, notices of intent to consider the Alternative at Submitting Agency meetings, or other evidence of compliance with Submitting Agency, local, and State rules.

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The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PV Water) was established by an act of the State Legislature in 1984 to manage the Pajaro Valley Groundwater Subbasin. The Agency Act provides the legal basis for this work. Since 1984, PV has developed hydrologic flow models, Basin Management Plans, environmental impact reports, groundwater monitoring plans and quality assurance procedures, databases to store data, a rate structure to fund project and program implementation, and water supply infrastructure including a conjunctive use Managed Aquifer Recharge and Recovery Facility, a Recycled Water Facility, Blend Wells, and over 21 miles of water conveyance pipeline. Existing water supply facilities along with the implementation of projects and programs described in the Basin Management Plan, taken together, is projected to result in a balanced groundwater basin without seawater intrusion.

The goals of the Pajaro Valley Basin Management Plan are closely aligned with the goals of SGMA. As stated in the introduction to the Basin Management Plan Update (2014), this plan's established goals include, (among others):

- Managing local groundwater resources toward the avoidance and prevention of conditions of long-term overdraft, land subsidence, and water quality degradation.
- Including reasonable measures to prevent further increases in the amount of long-term overdraft, and accomplishing continuing reduction in long-term overdraft.
- Efficiently and economically managing existing and supplemental water supplies in order to prevent further increases in, and to accomplish continuing reduction of, long-term overdraft and to provide and ensure sufficient water supplies for present and anticipated needs.
- Defining the appropriate course of action towards optimizing the use of available supplies and solving seawater intrusion than overdraft problems.
- Accomplishing these tasks through a community-based process that is inclusive and adaptive.

PV Water has taken numerous steps toward achieving sustainability in recent years. On April 16, 2014, the Board of Directors adopted an updated Basin Management Plan that contains a suite of projects and programs intended to halt seawater intrusion and balance the Pajaro Valley Groundwater Subbasin, and approved Resolution 2010-04 Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Basin Management Plan Update Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. On August 19, 2015, the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2015-25, electing to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency under SGMA.

In particular, on December 21, 2016, the PV Water Board of Directors approved Resolution 2016-16 authorizing the General Manager or Designee to Submit the Basin Management Plan Update and Associated Agency Documents as an Alternative to a Groundwater Sustainability Plan under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act to the California Department of Water Resources. This resolution affirmed the Board of Directors belief that PV Water's historical and ongoing groundwater management activities satisfy the intent of SGMA.