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**RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO BE A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR
THE TULELAKE SUBBASIN (Basin Number 1-002.02)**

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8, the County of Modoc (the County) hereby notifies the California Department of Water Resources of its election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), and its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management for portions of the Klamath River Valley-Tulelake (Basin Number 1-002.01) groundwater subbasin located within Modoc County outside the district boundaries of the Tulelake Irrigation District.

On February 28, 2017, the Modoc County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing in accordance with Water Code Section 10723(b). The public hearing was noticed in accordance with Government Code Section 6066.

The other GSAs operating within this subbasin include:

- Tulelake Irrigation District (TID)
- City of Tulelake
- County of Siskiyou

After holding a public hearing, the Modoc County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution# 2017-08 electing to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency. In taking the action to be a GSA, the Modoc County Board of Supervisors did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances or new authorities.

Modoc County has developed a list of interested parties (Water Code Section 10723.8(a)(4) and will continue to revise the list as necessary during the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development process. Modoc County will consider all beneficial uses of Groundwater, groundwater users and those responsible for developing GSPs (Water Code Section 10723.2). Modoc County will solicit feedback and engage in discussions with other interested parties during GSP development. The interested parties include, but are not limited to, the following:

Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

- a) **Agricultural users** – The County is working with landowners through the Modoc County Farm Bureau, Cooperative Extension and the Modoc County Groundwater Advisory Committee. The County will consider the interest of these owners and conduct outreach when and where appropriate in developing a GSP and governing a GSA.
- b) **Domestic well owners** – The County will engage domestic well owners through direct contact, civic organizations and other approaches. The County will consider the interest of these domestic wells users and conduct outreach when and where appropriate in developing a GSP and governing a GSA.
- a) **Municipal well operators** – The City of Tulelake and the Newell County Water District. The County will continue to work with any municipal well operators within the GSA.
- b) **Public Water Systems** – The City of Tulelake and the Newell County Water District. The County will continue to work with any public water systems within the GSA.
- c) **Local land use planning agencies** – The County of Siskiyou, City of Tulelake, and the County of Modoc.
- d) **Environmental users of groundwater** – The County will work with any agencies proposing environmental users of the groundwater within the GSA.
- e) **Surface water users where there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies** – Tulelake Irrigation District, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Bureau of Reclamation.
- f) **Federal government, including but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands** - The County will continue to work with federal government agencies as it pertains to the GSA.
- g) **California Native American tribes** – There are no known California Native American Tribes within the boundaries of the listed portion for the County of Modoc that utilize groundwater. The County will continue to work with and provide outreach and information to tribal representatives on groundwater and the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).
- h) **Disadvantaged communities, including but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems** – The County will work with agencies within the subbasin to collaborate with and consider the disadvantaged communities in the subbasin during the GSP development.
- i) **Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or part of a groundwater basin managed by the GSA** – Tulelake Irrigation District and the Department of Water Resources.

Since the enactment of SGMA, Modoc County has actively conducted outreach to the community with an interest in groundwater management (as listed in Water Code Section 10723.2) as well as civic organizations, municipalities, and the general public. The County will continue to work cooperatively with other GSAs, local agencies and interested parties concerning sustainable groundwater management. In an effort to work cooperatively with all interested parties, the County:

- Maintains a list of interested parties.
- Holds monthly Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee meetings to advise the Board of Supervisors and to assist County staff and technical consultants with recommendations regarding the management of groundwater resources, including the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
The Committee is comprised of up to thirteen county residents appointed by the Board of Supervisors representing diverse interests from a geographical perspective and interest-based perspective including, but not limited to, agricultural, environmental and community interests.
- Has a webpage dedicated to SGMA.
- Provides SGMA updates to the Modoc County Board of Supervisors through the Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee.
- Implementing further public outreach to educate the community on SGMA, GSA role and the formation of a GSP.

With this notification, the County of Modoc has provided DWR with all the applicable information required to become a GSA as detailed in Water Code section 10723.8 (a). If the Department of Water Resources has any questions or requires any further information, please contact me at (530) 233-6201.

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