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Re: Notice of Election to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the
Bedford-Coldwater Subbasin (Basin No. 8-.004.02)

Pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8 of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the Bedford-Coldwater Joint Powers Authority (JPA) provides this notice of election to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the entire Bedford-Coldwater Subbasin (Basin No. 8-004.02) (the "Subbasin"). The JPA was formed by way of joint powers agreement among Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Temescal Valley Water District, and the City of Corona. The Board of Directors of the JPA approved a resolution forming the JPA on March 29, 2017.

Along with this letter and a copy of the joint powers agreement, we have also uploaded to the DWR SGMA Portal–GSA Formation Notification System a map and GIS shapefiles depicting the boundaries of the Subbasin from Bulletin 118 and the service area boundaries of the members of the JPA.

The GSA and its management area cover the entire 7,025-acre Subbasin. For planning purposes, minor portions of the Subbasin are located outside the service area boundaries of the member agencies of the JPA. The first of these areas comprises approximately 114 acres of steep, remote canyons within the Cleveland National Forest. To the JPA's knowledge, no pumping is currently occurring in the portion of the Subbasin within these canyons and it is likely that no pumping has historically or will ever occur there due to their inaccessibility and relative lack of groundwater.

A second small area consisting of approximately 44 acres outside of the JPA's boundaries is the eastern end of Dawson Canyon, which is located in the central, eastern side of the Subbasin. To the JPA's knowledge, there are only two de minimis, domestic pumpers in this area. The remote canyon has little potential for significant groundwater extraction. Notwithstanding, the GSA intends to ensure through the groundwater sustainability planning process that sustainability is reached within the SGMA statutory timeframe in the Dawson Canyon and all other areas of the Subbasin, including within the above-indicated U.S. Forest Service lands.

The JPA members have worked with the County of Riverside and the Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District ("Flood Control") to obtain their support for the JPA to secure GSA status over the entire Subbasin. Support letters from the County of Riverside and Flood Control are attached. In the unlikely event that any pumping in the United States Forest Service or Dawson Canyon areas outside of the JPA's service area were to ever occur or exceed de minimis thresholds, the JPA will work with the County and Flood Control to regulate such pumping, as may be appropriate.

We have also uploaded to the DWR SGMA portal all of the other information needed to form a GSA, including copies of the JPA's Government Code section 6066 notice, the JPA resolution approving the formation of the GSA, and the list of interested parties.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have about this matter.

Sincerely,



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