



Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

June 13, 2017

Mark Nordberg, GSA Project Manager
Sustainable Groundwater Management Section
California Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
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Re: Notice of Decision to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

Per Section 10723.8(a) of the California Water Code, the City of Santa Monica, City of Beverly Hills, Culver City, the Los Angeles County Planning Division, and the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power hereby give notice of their decision to form the Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SMBGSA) for the entire Santa Monica Groundwater Basin (DWR Bulletin 118 basin number 4-11.01).

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), passed in 2014, requires that all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins that are subject to critical overdraft condition are to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) or coordinated GSPs (Section 10720.7). The Santa Monica Groundwater Basin is classified as a medium-priority basin.

Water Code Section 10723.8(a)(1) requires that a GSA notification with supporting materials be submitted to DWR within 30 days of the decision to form the GSA by its member agencies. This process was completed June 13, 2017. This GSA notification must include information regarding the service area boundaries of the GSA and the boundaries of the basin that the GSA intends to manage. Exhibit 1 is a map that shows the Santa Monica Groundwater Basin boundaries and the SMBGSA boundaries, which are the same. The service areas of the five SMBGSA members are also provided.

On April 12th, all five SMBGSA member agencies held a public meeting regarding the formation of the SMBGSA (Water Code Section 10723.b). All identified stakeholders on a comprehensive list of persons interested in the SMBGSA (Water Code Section 10723.4) were notified of this public meeting. This stakeholder list will be maintained by the SMBGSA and updated as new persons or entities ask to join.

The City of Santa Monica will act as the lead member agency for notifications and communication. Santa Monica has compiled 5 Resolutions for all member agencies and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between all 5 member agencies to form the SMBGSA and manage groundwater resources sustainably within the GSA boundary.

If you have any questions or require any clarification regarding the information provided in this GSA Notification submittal, please contact Mr. Gilbert Borboa, P.E., at 310-458-8230.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gilbert M. Borboa, Jr." with a stylized, cursive script.

Gilbert M. Borboa, Jr., P.E.
Water Resources Manager
City of Santa Monica