



San Benito County Water District

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Mr. Nordberg:

The service area of San Benito County Water District (SBCWD) encompasses the San Benito County portion of basins formally referred to as the Bolsa Subbasin, Hollister Subbasin, San Juan Bautista Subbasin, and the Tres Pinos Valley Basin. In 2018, DWR approved SBCWD's basin boundary modification request to combine all four into one new basin, North San Benito Groundwater Basin (3-003.05). This consolidation supports the continuation of historically integrated management of these basin areas.

On February 8, 2017, the SBCWD Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2017-03 establishing SBCWD as Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Bolsa, Hollister, and San Juan Bautista Subbasins within San Benito County. Similarly, Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) is GSA for basin portions in Santa Clara County. SBCWD and SCVWD have executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which sets forth their respective roles and responsibilities in GSP preparation for shared basin areas. On April 25, 2018, the District conducted a public hearing on the decision to become the GSA for the Tres Pinos Valley Basin. SBCWD filed the appropriate GSA Formation Notifications with the Department of Water Resources to become the GSA for all four basins and became the exclusive GSA for the San Benito County portion of each of these basins. SBCWD and SCVWD GSAs are proceeding with groundwater sustainability planning for the North San Benito Basin.

As part of the SGMA process, SBCWD is updating the GSA Formation Notice for the North San Benito Groundwater Basin to include all four basins and is withdrawing the notification for the Tres Pinos Valley, a basin that no longer has an official designation. In addition, SBCWD is resubmitting a GSP initial notification to indicate that the GSP now being prepared will encompass the entire North San Benito Groundwater Basin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Cattaneo", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeff Cattaneo
General Manager
San Benito County Water District