

# OLCESE WATER DISTRICT

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To: California Department of Water Resources

From: James L. Nickel, Olcese Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

**Subject: Initial Notification to Prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan  
Kern County Subbasin (DWR No. 5-022.14)**

This initial notification is to meet the requirements of California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 23, §353.6. The Olcese Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Olcese GSA) hereby gives notice that it intends to initiate development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the portion of the Kern County Subbasin (Department of Water Resources [DWR] Subbasin No. 5 022.14) within the Olcese Water District service area.

The Olcese GSA, composed exclusively of the Olcese Water District, intends to develop a GSP for its portion of the Kern County Subbasin (Basin). Olcese GSA is currently scheduling meetings with other GSAs to discuss preparation of a coordination agreement for GSPs in the Basin. Meetings with representatives of the Kern River GSA were held on 13 March and 27 March 2018 and representatives of the Olcese GSA have been invited to participate in the Kern County Subbasin policy group that is supporting Basin-wide GSP coordination. The Olcese GSP development effort is scheduled to be completed by the statutory deadline of 31 January 2020.

The Olcese GSA welcomes the participation of interested parties in its GSP development and implementation. The GSP will be developed in a transparent and collaborative fashion such that local stakeholders and interested parties will have opportunity to provide timely input. A Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Plan (SCEP) will be developed to conform with requirements of the GSP regulations (i.e., CCR Title 23, §354.10) and to guide stakeholder engagement throughout the GSP development process. The SCEP will describe specific activities for informing interested members of the public and other GSAs, including development of a website and mailings (email and post).

Additionally, Olcese GSA Board Meetings are open to the public and include multiple opportunities for public comment. SGMA-related presentations will be made by technical specialists during the Board Meetings on an as-needed basis. Regular Board Meetings are held on the third Monday at 4:00 p.m. of the months February, May, August, and November at 15701 Highway 178, Bakersfield, CA 93306.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Nickel at:

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Sincerely,



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