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California Department of Water Resources
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770 Fairmont Ave, Suite 200
Glendale, CA 91203

Re: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
Notice Pursuant to Water Code Section 10728.4

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written on behalf of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (Authority). In accordance with California Water Code section 10728.4 (§ 10728.4), the Authority and its members, including each of the cities and counties subject § 10728.4 (namely the City of Ridgecrest, County of Kern, County of San Bernardino, and County of Inyo) have each had continuous written notice of, active participation in, and direct input on the Authority's development and adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") since virtually the inception of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

The Authority was specifically formed to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the entire Basin by, and to this day remains governed by, all of the cities and counties subject to § 10728.4 and the Indian Wells Valley Water District. This formation was accomplished pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) dated July 1, 2016. Additionally, each of the cities and counties subject § 10728.4 are voting general members of the GSA and they all commented, and voted, on the adoption of the GSP at the regular meeting of January 16, 2020. It is also worth noting that the JPA requires a super majority vote on the adoption of the GSP and that standard was met. As such the notice and comment requirements of § 10728.4 have been met and exceeded by the GSA in the adoption of the GSP.

Feel free to contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

Respectfully,

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General Counsel for the Authority