



March 22, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

Lacey McBride, Water Resources Coordinator
Merced County
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Merced, CA 95340
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Re: Notice of Intent to Adopt Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Dear Ms. McBride,

In accordance with California Water Code section 10728.4, the Grassland Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GGSA) is hereby providing notice to the cities and counties within the geographic area covered by the Grassland Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) of the GGSA's intent to adopt an amended GSP no earlier than 90 days upon your receipt of this notice. Considerations to adopt this document shall occur as part of the public hearings to be held by the Grassland GSA and the Merced County Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MCDMGSA). Once adopted, the amended Grassland GSP will govern sustainable groundwater management actions within the GGSA's jurisdictional boundaries and within a portion of the MCDMGSA's jurisdictional boundaries, in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin.

The Grassland GSP was originally submitted to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") on January 12, 2020, as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. DWR completed its two-year review of the Grassland GSP – along with the other five coordinated GSPs submitted for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin – on January 21, 2022, determining all GSPs submitted in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin to be incomplete and identifying corrective actions that must be completed within 180 days of the determination.¹

Recipients of this notice may request to consult on the amended Grassland GSP. These requests must be received within 30 calendar days upon receipt of this notice. Requests to consult with one or more GSAs intending to adopt the amended Grassland GSP can be directed to Ricardo Ortega (rortega@gwdwater.org or 209-826-5188). The GSSA intends to continue its ongoing

¹ DWR's letter determination can be accessed on DWR's SGMA Portal website:
<https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsp/status>.

consultation with the MCDMGSA. As soon as possible, you will receive the chapters comprising the revised Grassland GSP. After receiving your feedback, the draft GSP is anticipated to be released for public comment in May. The GGSA anticipates holding a public hearing for adoption proceedings of the Grassland GSP in June or early July, 2022. For more information, please visit www.gwdwater.org/sustainability-agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ricardo Ortega', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ricardo Ortega
Grassland Groundwater
Sustainability Agency