

Chowchilla Water District

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April 18, 2022

City of Chowchilla  
Attn: City Clerk  
130 S. Second Street  
Chowchilla, CA 93610

County of Madera  
Attn: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
200 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Madera, CA 93637

County of Merced  
Attn: County Executive Officer  
2222 M Street  
Merced, CA 95340

Re: Notice of Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan  
(Water Code §10728.4)

Dear Ms. McClendon, Ms. Cargill and Mr. Jim Brown:

The Chowchilla Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Chowchilla GSP) was adopted and forwarded to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in January of 2020. Subsequently, DWR completed a review of the Chowchilla GSP and released an incomplete determination of the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP, initiating a 180-day consultation period between January 28, 2022, and July 27, 2022. In this determination, DWR identified three potential deficiencies that may preclude DWR's approval of the GSP: (1) insufficient information to support the selection of chronic lowering of groundwater levels sustainable management criteria, (2) insufficient information to support the selection of land subsidence sustainable management criteria, and (3) insufficient information to support the

determination that interconnected surface water or undesirable results related to depletions of interconnected surface water are not likely to occur in the Chowchilla Subbasin. The GSA's have begun consultations with DWR to discuss plans for addressing those deficiencies and to update and modify the Chowchilla GSP so that it is acceptable to DWR. The GSAs plan to continue their consultation with DWR during 2022, and will adopt and submit a modified GSP to DWR for evaluation no later than July, 2022.

Pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) for the Chowchilla Water District, County of Madera, County of Merced and Triangle T Water District hereby provide notice to the City of Chowchilla, County of Madera and the County of Merced of each GSA's intent to modify and adopt the Joint GSP for the Chowchilla Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) no earlier than 90-days upon your receipt of this notice. Considerations to adopt this modified joint document shall occur as part of public hearings that will be noticed to be held individually or jointly by the above referenced GSAs. Once adopted, the modified Joint GSP for the Chowchilla Subbasin will govern sustainable groundwater management within each GSA's jurisdictional boundaries located within the Chowchilla Subbasin. California Water Code (CWC) Section 10728.4, pursuant to passage of the SGMA, obligates distribution of this notice to any city or county whose jurisdictional area is within the area of the proposed GSP. Cities or counties that receive this notice may request to consult on the Joint Chowchilla Subbasin GSP. These requests must be received within 30 calendar days upon receipt of this notice. Written requests to consult with one or more GSAs intending to adopt the Joint GSP for the Chowchilla Subbasin shall be delivered to the GSP plan manager identified below.

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To receive other information, including a schedule of public hearings, visit

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<https://www.maderacountywater.com/maps/chowchilla-subbasin/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Welch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Douglas" being more prominent than the last name "Welch".

Douglas Welch  
General Resources Manager  
Chowchilla Water District

