



December 20, 2017

Mr. Trevor Joseph
Sustainable Groundwater Management Section Chief
California Department of Water Resources
P. O. Box 94236
Sacramento, CA 94236

Re: Notification of Intent to Develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Dear Mr. Joseph:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Kern Groundwater Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency (KGA) intends to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) pursuant to Water Code Section 10727.8 for its service area within the Kern County Subbasin (Basin Number 5-22.14, DWR Bulletin 118). The KGA is an exclusive GSA whose formation was posted by DWR on April 21, 2016.

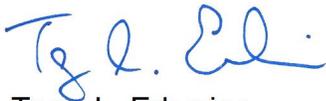
The KGA is engaged in several coordination and outreach efforts across the Kern County Subbasin, as well as within the more specific service area of the KGA. The KGA actively participates in technical and planning meetings and forums with other GSAs in the Kern County Subbasin, recognizing that the findings of the KGA's GSP will need to be coordinated with other GSP development efforts occurring in parallel within the Kern County Subbasin. In addition to the monthly KGA Board of Directors meetings, the KGA holds monthly public meetings to review and discuss on-going planning activities in support of the GSA and GSP development process. These meetings welcome public input and feedback to the GSA and the GSP development process.

The KGA will also be holding educational workshops specifically intended for the interested parties and general public living, working and operating farms and businesses in the KGA service area. These additional workshops will have an educational focus to inform attendees on the overall role and purpose of the GSA, describe the method and process to develop the GSP, and solicit input on the development of the GSP. An initial workshop in 2018 will focus on public involvement and seek input on approaches, such as an Advisory Committee, to regularly acquire input from a wide variety of public stakeholders, and from disadvantaged communities in particular. One of the key goals of the public workshops will be to hear comments and feedback from the public that can be used to further inform the GSP development process.

The KGA has established a website at: <http://kerngwa.com/>. This website is already actively in use and will continue to provide the public with key information regarding the GSA and GSP development process including the dates of public meetings and workshops. The KGA website also makes our resource planning and GSP documents available to the public.

If you have any questions regarding our GSP development process, please don't hesitate to contact me at the phone number or email below.

Sincerely,



Terry L. Erlewine
Kern Groundwater Authority

Cc: City of Delano
City of Wasco
City of Shafter
City of Arvin
County of Kern
City of McFarland