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**Subject: Initial Notification of Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development for the Mound Subbasin (4-004.03)**

Dear Mr. Joseph:

This letter is to provide initial notification that the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) intends to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the subject basin pursuant to Water Code Section 10727.8 and GSP Regulations Section 353.6. The Agency filed notice of intent to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the subject basin in June 2017.

The Mound subbasin (4-004.03) has a wide variety of stakeholders, as evidenced by the composition of the Agency Board of Directors. The five-member Board of Directors consists of one member from United Water Conservation District (a wholesale water agency and water conservation district), the County of Ventura (land use entity), the City of Ventura (a land use entity and municipal water purveyor), a stakeholder director from the Mound Basin Agricultural Water Group (MBAWG), and a stakeholder director from Environmental Interest Groups (to represent interests of environmental organizations performing work in the basins).

The Agency is currently in the process of developing a GSP, assisted by its Executive Director (Bryan Bondy of Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc.) and United Water Conservation District. A plan for stakeholder engagement will be developed to interface with the public on activities needed to develop the GSPs. The stakeholder engagement strategy will address outreach challenges, including: building trust among water agencies, agricultural interests, and environmental interests; and determining the need for—and potential composition of—an advisory committee or facilitation support. The stakeholder engagement plan will address noticing, time and place of meetings, roles and responsibilities of any committees, how stakeholder input will be documented and addressed, as well as target audiences and key messaging.

As part of the stakeholder engagement plan, the Agency will implement a public outreach plan. This will involve developing materials for public outreach and then holding forums on the GSPs at critical junctures. Materials will be developed to provide consistent messaging. Informational materials will be developed that can be used to inform the stakeholders and the community about basin status, GSP goals, objectives, process, and outcomes. These materials will be suitable for both printed distribution and via the internet.

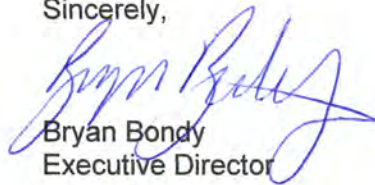
The Agency has established a website (<https://moundbasingsa.org/>) and a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/moundbasingsa/>) for stakeholders and interested parties to stay abreast of GSA activities, GSP development progress, and meeting announcement notification.

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Draft GSP chapters and other relevant Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) information will be posted to the Agency's website. Additionally, updates on GSP development will be provided at publicly noticed Agency Board meetings. Stakeholders should send an email to [info@moundbasingsa.org](mailto:info@moundbasingsa.org) with questions regarding GSP development or to request to be placed on the Agency's interested parties list.

Please feel free to contact me, via email at [Bryan@BondyGroundwater.com](mailto:Bryan@BondyGroundwater.com) or by phone at 805-212-0484, if you should have any questions about this initial notification of GSP development.

Sincerely,



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