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Subject: Initial Notification To Prepare Groundwater Sustainability Plan for a Portion of  
the 180/400-Foot Subbasin of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

In accordance with California Water Code § 10727.8 and the Title 23, Section 353.6 of the California Code of Regulations, the City of Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“MGSA”) hereby gives notice that the MGSA intends to initiate preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) within a portion of the 180/400-foot Aquifer Subbasin (DWR Basin Number 3-004.01).

On March 20, 2018, the City Council of the City of Marina formed the MGSA. On April 16, 2018, the MGSA notified the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”), pursuant to Water Code § 10723.8(a), of its intent to become the exclusive GSA in an area within its jurisdictional limits, but which lies outside the jurisdictional limits of the Marina County Water District (“MCWD”) GSA. The MGSA boundaries include Monterey County Assessor Parcel Numbers (“APN”) 203-011-001; 203-011-019; 203-011-020; and portions of APN 203-011-023; 175-011-046; 175-011-031; and 203-011-011 (Figure 1).

Recent research work in this area of the 180/400-Foot Subbasin<sup>1</sup> has demonstrated that it includes significant freshwater resources within otherwise seawater-intruded portions of the Dune Sand and 180-Foot Aquifers, and that the water quality of the underlying 400-Foot and 900-Foot Aquifers is potentially vulnerable to water quality degradation from additional seawater intrusion

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<sup>1</sup> See for example the following references:

Goebel, Pidlisecky, and Knight, 2017. Resistivity imaging reveals complex pattern of saltwater intrusion along Monterey coast. *Journal of Hydrology* (manuscript accepted February 17).

Gottschalk, Ian, R. Knight and others, 2018. Interpretation of Hydrostratigraphy and Water Quality from AEM Data Collected in the Northern Salinas Valley, CA. Prepared for Marina Coast Water District. March 15.

Monterey County Water Resources Agency, 2017. Recommendations to Address the Expansion of Seawater Intrusion in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin. Special Reports Series 17-01. October.

Pidlisecky, Moran, Hansen, and Knight, 2016. Electrical resistivity imaging of seawater intrusion into the Monterey Bay aquifer system. *Groundwater*, Vol. 54, No. 2, p. 255-261.

as a result of local conditions. Development of a locally-focused GSP is therefore warranted to coordinate with the GSP currently under preparation for the remainder of the 180/400-Foot Subbasin by the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SVBGSA”). The MGSA locally-focused GSP will establish the MGSA GSP Area, define local hydrogeologic conditions, and establish local sustainable management criteria to protect the beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the area, and assure sustainable groundwater management in accordance with 23 C.C.R. § 350.4(e).

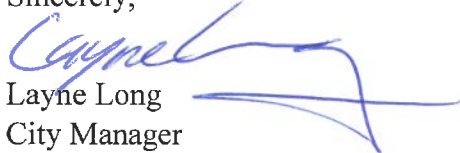
The GSP will be developed by MGSA staff and its consultants using information compiled by the SVBGSA and the MCWD GSA for preparation of their respective GSPs, supplemented by local investigation, monitoring data and other relevant information. The MGSA will work to establish an intra-basin coordination agreement with the SVBGSA pursuant to Water Code § 10727.6 and 23 C.C.R. § 357.4, and an inter-basin coordination agreement or equivalent document with the MCWD GSA to assure that preparation and implementation of the two GSPs in the 180/400-Foot Subbasin is effectively coordinated, subbasin sustainability goals are met, and the interests of all beneficial water users and uses in the subbasin are recognized and protected.

Interested parties are encouraged to participate in this GSP development. Specific avenues of participation that are or will be available pursuant to Water Code §§ 10723.2, 10723.4 and 10727.8(a) include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Interested parties can comment on this notification in accordance with 23 C.C.R. § 353.8 by posting their comments on the DWR SGMA Portal (<https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsp/init/all>);
- Interested parties can comment on the GSP for a 45-day public comment period after it is released in early October 2019;
- Interested parties can attend and provide comments at public meetings/workshops convened by the MGSA in the City Council chambers, currently scheduled on August 7 and October 29, 2019, which will be noticed and conducted in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code §§ 54950, *et seq.*) and Water Code § 10727.5(a);
- MGSA will post information regarding GSP preparation and the draft GSP on its SGMA webpage at: <https://cityofmarina.org/918/Groundwater-Sustainability-Plan>, where parties can get additional information, sign up for the interested stakeholder email list, see materials for past or upcoming meetings related to the GSP development, and access a public review draft of the GSP;
- MGSA will distribute information regarding GSP preparation and related activities to a list of interested parties maintained in accordance with Water Code § 10723.4 and § 10723.8(a)(4);
- Interested parties can attend and provide public comment at MGSA hearings to adopt the draft GSP in or before January 2020 that will be noticed and conducted in accordance with the Brown Act and Water Code § 10727.5(a); and
- Marina City Council meetings are open to the public and include multiple opportunities for public comment. Presentations by technical specialists will occur as needed as the GSP preparation process continues.

A GSP Plan Manager and single point of contact for the GSPs in the 180/400-Foot Aquifer Subbasin will be designated in the Coordination Agreement that will be developed with the SVBGSA in accordance with 23 C.C.R. § 357.4 and Water Code § 10727.6. The MGSA has designated Brian McMinn, Public Works Director for the City of Marina, as the manager for its GSP preparation efforts. Please contact Mr. McMinn regarding any questions regarding this notification or if you would like additional information. He may be reached at [bcmcminn@cityofmarina.org](mailto:bcmcminn@cityofmarina.org) or (831) 884-1212.

Sincerely,



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