



May 23, 2018

Lori Waterman
Interim City Manager
Office of the City Manager
750 Bellevue Road
Atwater, CA 95301

Re: Transmittal of *Notice of Intent to Develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for Merced Subbasin*

Dear Ms. Waterman:

Attached is a Notice of Intent to Develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Merced Subbasin. This is being provided to you on behalf of the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in accordance with California Water Code Section 10727.8. It states that the GSAs must give notice to the legislative bodies of cities within the geographic area covered by the GSP to coordinate land use and water management planning.

Should you have any questions, the attached notice provides general contact information. You may also reach me at ssalvia@woodardcurran.com or 415-321-3423.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Samantha Salvia".

Samantha Salvia
Senior Project Manager
Woodard&Curran

January 4, 2018

Trevor Joseph
Sustainable Groundwater Management Section Chief
California Department of Water Resources
PO Box 94236
Sacramento, CA 94236

Subject: Notification of Intent to Develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for Merced Subbasin

Dear Mr. Joseph,

In accordance with California Water Code Section 10727.8 and California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 353.6, the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MIUGSA), the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MSGSA) and Turner Island Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency - 1 (TIWDGSA) hereby give notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) that they will initiate development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Merced Groundwater Subbasin.

The Merced Subbasin is one of 21 basins in the State of California identified by DWR as critically overdrafted and one of 48 basins considered high priority. The Merced Groundwater Subbasin has both significant sustainability challenges and a long history of water agencies and stakeholders working collaboratively to meet these challenges. The Merced Subbasin GSAs look forward to developing a GSP collaboratively through robust stakeholder and public outreach and in coordination with neighboring basin GSAs.

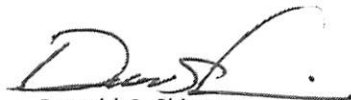
The public may participate in the planning process multiple ways. The GSAs each hold regular meetings open to the public and welcome public participation and input. In addition, the GSAs will be convening a Stakeholder Coordinating Committee for the GSP process. Public workshops specific to the development of the GSP will be conducted to encourage public participation and to provide educational outreach. Workshops will be noticed publicly via website and to the list of interested parties maintained pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2. Additional information on SGMA and the GSP process for the Merced Subbasin will be available at the website www.Mercedsgma.org.

The Merced Subbasin GSAs look forward to working with DWR on the development and implementation of the GSP. Should you have any questions, please contact Hicham Eltal at 209-722-5761.

Sincerely,



Hicham Eltal
Merced-Irrigation-Urban GSA
Chair



Donald C. Skinner
Turner Island Water District GSA #1
Chair



Bob Kelley
Merced Subbasin GSA
Chair