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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DEVELOP A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE SAN LUIS REY VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

November 20, 2018

The purpose of this Notice is to notify you that the Pauma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), a multi-agency GSA established by a Memorandum of Understanding in June 2017 and is comprised of the following agencies with water supply, water management, or land use responsibility within the San Luis Rey Valley Groundwater Basin – Yuima Municipal Water District (water supply), Pauma Valley Community Services District (sewer management), Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District (land use responsibility), and other local water districts with water supply authority in their jurisdictions, intends to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the San Luis Rey Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin Number 9-007) [map attached] pursuant to California Water Code (Water Code) Section 10727.8.

Yuima MWD is the lead agency to develop the San Luis Rey Groundwater Basin GSP and is also the contracting agency for consulting services for overall development of the GSP. The GSP development process includes: coordination of GSA activities with consultants, Tribes, and GSA partner agencies to develop GSP components; outreach to stakeholders to ensure participation and input; agreements with Tribes to ensure federally-reserved tribal water rights are respected; creation of data management system capable of storing and reporting GSP information; water resources monitoring program preparation (e.g., groundwater levels, pumping, quality); creation of a hydrogeologic model of the Subbasin that defines the Basin setting and water budget; develop a description of the GSP area; establish sustainable management criteria including a sustainability goal, measurable objectives, minimum thresholds, undesirable results, and a monitoring network; identify projects and management actions to achieve sustainability goals; and develop a GSP implementation plan.

Elements of the GSP include: Plan Area and Basin Setting - physical description of the Basin; Sustainable Management Criteria - measurable objectives and interim milestones; Projects and Management Actions — to achieve sustainability goal; GSP Implementation Plan — costs, schedule, reporting and evaluation of implementation; and References and Technical Studies - appendices. Each GSA partner agency will adopt the GSP.

The Pauma Valley GSA intends to work collaboratively with stakeholders to develop a GSP for the entire Subbasin that is acceptable to DWR, complies with Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), and respects federally-reserved tribal water rights. The GSA partner agencies remain committed to considering the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater. To aid this

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effort, the GSA partner agencies developed a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (November, 2018) for the San Luis Rey Groundwater Basin. The Stakeholder Engagement Plan summarizes the strategies to educate and involve stakeholders and other interested parties in development and evaluation of the San Luis Rey Valley Groundwater Basin GSP. The Stakeholder Engagement Plan outreach activities include: public notice procedures; stakeholder identification; public hearings and meetings; direct mailings/email; newsletters/columns; County SGMA website and Yuima MWD website; database of interested persons and stakeholders; formation of the GSA Executive Team to provide information, guidance and advice on GSP development; and Tribal engagement. The Stakeholder Engagement Plan includes an evaluation section to determine the level of success of the Engagement Plan that includes tracking attendance and participation at meeting and adherence to GSP development schedule.

The Pauma Valley GSA anticipates compiling and assessing existing data in the coming weeks and finalizing the GSP prior to the January 2022 SGMA-mandated deadline.

Interested parties may sign up to receive information about the GSP development at the SGMA San Luis Rey Groundwater Basin GSP webpage located within the Yuima MWD website at https://www.yuimamwd.com. Interested parties may also submit questions regarding the GSP development to Yuima MWD at GSA@yuimamwd.com.

Sincerely,

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