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Subject: Notice of Intent to prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Napa Valley Subbasin

Dear Ms. Ravazzini:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you, pursuant to Water Code §10727.8, that the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Napa County GSA) intends to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Napa Valley Subbasin. The GSP will meet all applicable requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and GSP Regulations. Previously, the Napa County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution (2019-152; December 17, 2019) establishing the Napa County GSA and affirming the intent to prepare a single GSP for the Napa Valley Subbasin. The Napa County GSA is designating staff of Napa County, including David Morrison (Director of Planning, Building and Environmental Services) and Jeff Sharp (Principal Planner), as the Primary and Secondary Plan Managers, respectively, for the Napa Valley Subbasin GSP.

In conformance with Water Code §10723.2, the Napa County GSA has identified interested parties whose interests and beneficial uses will be considered during GSP development. These interested parties include the following:

- Holders of overlying groundwater rights (including domestic well owners and agricultural users such as winery and vineyard owners, and farmers),
- Municipal well operators and public water systems (including the City of Napa, Town of Yountville, City of St. Helena, City of Calistoga, State of California, and other small system purveyors),
- Local land use and planning agencies (including cities with land use authority: City of Napa, Town of Yountville, City of St. Helena, and City of Calistoga),
- Environmental users of groundwater (including entities that represent the interests of

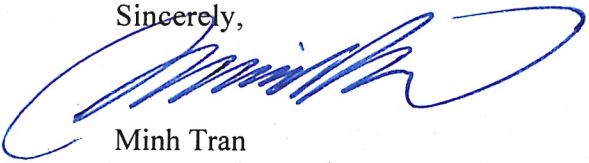
environmental users of groundwater: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. National Marine Fisheries Services, and non-governmental environmental organizations),

- Surface water users (including users with registered Points of Diversion and associated surface water rights), and
- Disadvantaged communities.

Coordination with stakeholders, including outreach and solicitation of input, will be the foundation of a transparent and stakeholder-driven GSP preparation process in the Napa Valley Subbasin. As such, the Napa County GSA will host a series of public meetings and workshops to provide a forum for stakeholder engagement and participation during development of the GSP over the next two years (leading up to the January 31, 2022 deadline for submitting the GSP to DWR). The Napa County GSA will be holding a special meeting on March 17, 2020 where they are anticipated to provide direction to staff related to formation of an advisory committee. The Napa County GSA posts the agendas of its meetings that are open to the public on <https://www.countyofnapa.org/> and <https://www.napawatersheds.org/sustainable-groundwater-management>. The Napa County GSA also maintains an interested parties email list (<http://eepurl.com/bWgdin>), currently with over 195 participants, to provide SGMA and GSP updates to the public.

If you have any questions, or wish to be added to the interested parties email list, please contact Jeff Sharp at 707-259-5936, or jeff.sharp@countyofnapa.org.

Sincerely,



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