



February 27, 2018

Mr. Trevor Joseph, Section Chief
California Department of Water Resources
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Sacramento, CA 94236

RE: Notice of Intent to Develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan in the Chowchilla Subbasin

Dear Mr. Joseph:


The County of Merced Chowchilla Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, pursuant to California Water Code Section 10727.8 and California Code of Regulations Title 23 Section 353.6, hereby gives notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) that it will initiate development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Chowchilla Groundwater Subbasin, DWR Bulletin 118 Basin Number 5-22.05. The County of Merced Chowchilla GSA filed a notice of intent to serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for portions of the Chowchilla Subbasin on March 13, 2017 and has since been designated as an exclusive GSA.

The County of Merced Chowchilla GSA is governed by the County of Merced Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors hold public meetings two Tuesday's per month, at 10AM, at the Merced County Administration Building Board Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, California. Interested parties may participate in the planning and development of the GSP by attending the board meetings or the monthly Chowchilla Subbasin GSP Advisory Committee meetings, which are open to the public. The County of Merced Chowchilla GSA is collaborating with the Chowchilla Water District GSA, the County of Madera GSA, and the Triangle T Water District GSA on a single GSP for the Chowchilla Subbasin and on coordinated stakeholder outreach and education efforts.

The public is encouraged to participate in GSP development by attending meetings and other public events to be scheduled, and by submitting comments. Stakeholders may be included on the Interested Parties list, maintained pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.4, to be informed of upcoming meetings and GSP development by emailing county staff at lkiriakou@countyofmerced.org. Additional information on the County of Merced Chowchilla GSA may be available at <http://www.countyofmerced.com/Chowchilla-Subbasin>.

The County of Merced looks forward to working collaboratively with DWR on developing and implementing a GSP.

Sincerely,


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Chairman

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