

July 12, 2018

Mr. Trevor Joseph Sustainable Groundwater Management Section Chief California Department of Water Resources P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 954326-0001

RE: Groundwater Sustainability Plan Initial Notification

Dear Mr. Joseph:

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10727.8 and Title 23, Section 353.6 of the California Code of Regulations, the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVBGSA), a California Joint Powers Authority (JPA), hereby gives notice that it intends to initiate development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Ukiah Valley Basin (Basin No. 1-052) within Mendocino County.

The UVBGSA is a JPA formed by the County of Mendocino, the City of Ukiah, The Upper Russian River Water Agency and the Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation and Improvement District. The Board of Directions of the UVBGSA includes representatives from the GSA eligible entities within the Basin, agricultural and tribal communities. The Mendocino County Water Agency provides project management and administrative services on behalf of the JPA. Meetings of the UVBGSA are subject to the California Open Meeting Law (Brown Act), and the public is invited and encouraged to attend. Meetings of UVBGSA Board are on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 1:30 p.m. The meetings are held at the Mendocino County Administration Center located at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1070, Ukiah, CA 95482 and broadcasted live at www.youtube.com/mendocinocountyvideo.

Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the GSP development. In addition, the UVBGSA has established a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). TAC meetings are subject to the Brown Act, and the Committee has members from a broad spectrum of interests, including members from the agriculture community, tribal community, local agencies, resource and land management organizations and neighboring basins. The TAC will be intimately involved in the development of the GSP for the Ukiah Valley Basin. Interested members of the public can participate in TAC and Board of Director meetings, which are publicly noticed at the UVBGSA's website: <a href="www.mendocinocounty.org/uvbgsa">www.mendocinocounty.org/uvbgsa</a>. Interested parties can stay up-to-date on the GSP progress by subscribing to e-notifications. In addition, the UVBGSA will hold numerous public workshops related to the development of the GSP.

The UVBGSA looks forward to working with the Department of Water Resources and basin stakeholders towards sustainable groundwater management planning and implementation.

If you need additional information or have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Dukett, designated GSP Plan Manager at (707) 463-4441 or duketts@mendocinocounty.org.

Sincerely,

Carre Brown, Chair Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency