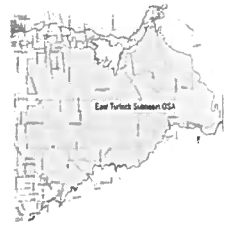


**EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**



January 11, 2018

Mr. Trevor Joseph, Section Chief
California Department of Water Resources
PO Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

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

Dear Mr. Joseph:

The East Turlock Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETSGSA), 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 Turlock Groundwater Subbasin, DWR Bulletin 118 Basin Number 5-22.03. The ETSGSA filed notice of intent to serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for portions of the Turlock Subbasin on April 3, 2017 and has since been designated as an exclusive GSA.

The ETSGSA was formed as a joint powers agency and holds quarterly public meetings each calendar quarter on the fourth Thursday of the month, at 10 AM, at Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, California. Interested parties may participate in the planning and development of the GSP by attending the ETSGSA board meetings or the Technical Advisory Committee meetings, which are open to the public. The ETSGSA is collaborating with the West Turlock Subbasin GSA on a single GSP for the Turlock Subbasin and on coordinated stakeholder outreach and education efforts.

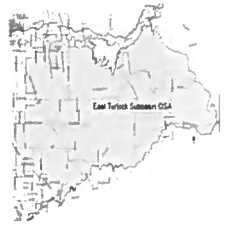
Since the passage of SGMA, Turlock Subbasin local agencies have taken a proactive approach to stakeholder engagement, and that will continue throughout the sustainable groundwater management planning horizon in the coming decades. A website for Turlock Subbasin groundwater management and GSA business activity is currently under development and will be available this winter at www.turlockgroundwater.org.

Specific to the GSP process, the public will continue to be encouraged to participate in GSP development in a number of ways; principally by attending meetings and other public events to be scheduled, and by submitting comments prior to ultimate GSP adoption. Stakeholders will be provided multiple opportunities to be included on the GSA's Interested Parties List, maintained pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.4, to be informed of upcoming meetings and GSP development by emailing the GSA at info@turlockgroundwater.org.

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The ETSGSA looks forward to working collaboratively with DWR on developing and implementing a GSP. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (209) 969-1175.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Kauffman".Handwritten initials "KAO" in black ink.

Kevin Kauffman, Coordinator
East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

CC: Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Merced County Board of Supervisors

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