



January 10, 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 West Turlock Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WTSGSA), 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 WTSGSA filed notice of intent to serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for portions of the Turlock Subbasin on March 27, 2017 and has since been designated as an exclusive GSA.

The WTSGSA was formed as a joint powers agency and holds quarterly public meetings each calendar quarter on the first Thursday of the month, at 6 PM, at the Turlock Irrigation District Board Room, 333 East Canal Drive, Turlock, California. Interested parties may participate in the planning and development of the GSP by attending the WTSGSA board meetings or the Technical Advisory Committee meetings, which are open to the public. The WTSGSA is collaborating with the East 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](http://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](mailto:info@turlockgroundwater.org).

The WTSGSA looks forward to working collaboratively with DWR on developing and implementing a GSP. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (209) 668-5590.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Cooke".

Michael Cooke, Chair

WTSGSA Technical Advisory Committee

CC: Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors  
Merced County Board of Supervisors  
City of Turlock City Council  
City of Ceres City Council  
City of Modesto City Council  
City of Hughson City Council  
City of Waterford City Council