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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DEVELOP A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE BORREGO VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

Dear Mr. Joseph:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Borrego Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), which comprises the County of San Diego (County) and Borrego Water District (District), intends to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin (BVGB) [Attachment 1] pursuant to California Water Code (Water Code) Section 10727.8. In November 2016, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) acknowledged resolution of the overlapping GSA status of the County and District through the adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two agencies, and approved the Borrego Valley GSA as the Exclusive Multi-Agency GSA for the BVGB (DWR Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin Number 7-24).

To determine the best way to consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, pursuant to Water Code Sections 10723.2 and 10723.4, the Borrego Valley GSA established an ad-hoc advisory committee (AC) to aid in developing and implementing the GSP. The first meeting of the Borrego Valley Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) AC occurred on March 6, 2017. In accordance with Water Code Section 10727.8(a), interested parties may participate in the development and implementation of the GSP by attending AC meetings in Borrego Valley and may sign up to receive information about AC meetings and GSP development at the County's SGMA webpage located at: <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/SGMA/borrego-valley.html>. AC meeting notices will also be posted at the Borrego Post Office, provided to the *Borrego Sun*, and posted to the District's website at: <http://borregowd.org/>.

The Borrego Valley GSA reviewed the Emergency Regulations for Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Alternatives that were adopted by the California Water

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Commission on May 18, 2016 (California Code of Regulations Title 23. Division 2. Chapter 1.5. Subchapter 2. Groundwater Sustainability Plans) and developed a scope of work to comply with these regulations. The GSP will include, among other components, a groundwater model and projects/management actions that will be required to sustainably manage groundwater in the BVGB. The Borrego Valley GSA anticipates compiling and assessing existing data in the coming weeks and finalizing the GSP prior to the January 2020 SGMA-mandated deadline.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact me at (858) 694-3820.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin Map

cc.

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