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To: California Department of Water Resources

From: Keith Van Der Maaten, Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

**Subject: Initial Notification to Prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan  
Monterey Subbasin (DWR No. 3-004.10)**

This initial notification is to meet the requirements of California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 23, §353.6. The Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MCWD GSA), hereby gives notice that it intends to initiate development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Marina and Ord Subareas of the Monterey Subbasin (Department of Water Resources [DWR] Basin No. 3-004.10).

The MCWD GSA understands that the Salinas Valley Basin GSA (SVBGSA) submitted a GSP initial notification to DWR on 21 March 2018 for the two GSPs to be prepared in the Monterey Subbasin respectively by SVBGSA and MCWD GSA. This notice updates the information regarding the GSP to be prepared by the MCWD GSA.

In November 2017, the MCWD GSA and the Salinas Valley Basin GSA (SVBGSA) entered into a Proposition 1 Coordination Agreement, which includes a structure for GSP development to cover the entire Monterey Subbasin. The Proposition 1 Coordination Agreement states that the MCWD GSA will prepare the GSP for the Marina Subarea and the Ord Subarea of the Monterey Subbasin and that the SVBGSA will prepare the GSP for the Corral de Tierra Subarea of the Monterey Subbasin. The Proposition 1 Coordination Agreement, which includes a map of the Monterey Subbasin subareas, is attached hereto.

Pursuant to the Proposition 1 Coordination Agreement, the MCWD GSP will be developed in coordination with the SVBGSA. The MCWD anticipates entering into a GSP Coordination Agreement with the SVBGSA that meets the requirements for coordination and data sharing during GSP development set forth in CCR Title 23, §357.4. Pursuant to CCR Title 23, §357.4 (b), the Coordination Agreement shall identify a single point of contact for the Monterey Subbasin with DWR.

The MCWD GSA developed a GSP Work Plan as part of its Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning (SGWP) Grant Program application. As outlined in the GSP Work Plan, the overall GSP development effort will be conducted in four phases with a schedule targeting submittal of the GSP by the statutory deadline of 31 January 2022.

The MCWD GSA welcomes the participation of interested parties in its GSP development and implementation. The GSP Work Plan will be implemented in a transparent and collaborative fashion such that all basin stakeholders have ample opportunity to provide timely input. Each phase of GSP development includes a number of interim work products that will be prepared in draft form for review by the MCWD GSA and interested stakeholders. A Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Plan (SCEP) will be developed during the first phase of GSP development to conform with requirements of the GSP regulations

(i.e., CCR Title 23, §354.10) and to guide stakeholder engagement throughout the GSP development process. The SCEP will describe specific activities for informing interested members of the public, including periodic workshops, development of a website (already active) and mailings (email and post).

Additionally, MCWD Board Meetings are open to the public and include multiple opportunities for public comment. Technical presentations will be made by technical specialists during the Board Meetings on a regular and as-needed basis. Regular MCWD Board Meetings are held every third Monday of each month at the Marina City Council Chambers, 211 Hillcrest Avenue, Marina. Written meeting materials are posted to the MCWD website ([http://www.mcwd.org/gsa\\_about.html](http://www.mcwd.org/gsa_about.html)).

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Keith Van Der Maaten at:

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Sincerely,



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General Manager, Marina Coast Water District

## **PROPOSITION 1 Coordination Agreement**

**THIS PROPOSITION 1 COORDINATION AGREEMENT** (the "Agreement") is made effective as of November 9, 2017 by the Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("MCWD") and the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("SVBGSA") regarding proposals for Sustainable Groundwater Planning ("SGWP") Grant Program funds, authorized by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 ("Proposition 1") within the Monterey Subbasin and the 180/400 foot Subbasin, with reference to the following facts:

A. Eligibility criteria for Category 2 proposals for SGWP Grant Program funds, authorized by Proposition 1, only accept one application per Basin/Subbasin; and

B. An eligible agency may be part of the Proposition 1 application as a project proponent, but must identify a single entity that will act as the grant applicant and submit a basin-wide application and receive the grant on behalf of the basin; and

C. If multiple applications are received within a basin for Category 2 projects, DWR will contact the applicants and request that the Parties consolidate one single application for the basin to be submitted before the close of the open filing period; and

D. The applicant must include a Proposal level "Summary" highlighting each project contained in the Proposal and must demonstrate that it encompasses the entire basin or describes why a portion of the basin is not covered in the Proposal.

E. Applicants requesting funding for Category 2 Proposition 1 application must provide documentation of any communications with beneficial users of groundwater in the basin that may potentially be affected by implementation of the project, including, but not limited to DACs, SDACs, agricultural water users, municipal water users, wildlife refuges, or other stakeholders.

F. The Filing Period Closes November 13, 2017 for proposals for SGWP Grant Program funds; and

G. Proposition 1 requires a minimum cost share of 50% of the total project cost.

**THEREFORE**, in consideration of the facts recited above the Parties agree to the following with regards to Proposition 1 applications:

1. The Parties agree that MCWD shall be the Party responsible for submitting a grant application/proposal to DWR for a Category 2, Tier 2 Groundwater Sustainability Plan grant for the Monterey Subbasin and MCWD shall be the grantee if the proposal is successful. MCWD shall be responsible for the cost of preparing the grant. MCWD will coordinate with SVBGSA and obtain input from SVBGSA in preparation of the grant application/proposal for the Monterey Subbasin.

2. The Parties further agree that SVBGSA shall be the Party responsible for submitting a grant application/proposal to DWR for a Category 2, Tier 1 Groundwater Sustainability Plan grant for the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin and SVBGSA shall be the grantee if the proposal is successful. SVBGSA shall be responsible for the cost of preparing the grant. SVBGSA will coordinate with MCWD and obtain input from MCWD in preparation of the grant application/proposal for the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin.

3. A coordination committee including representatives from MCWD and SVBGSA shall be formed for each subbasin.

4. The parties agree that they shall share all data necessary to facilitate the completion of the Proposition 1 applications/proposals.

5. The Proposition 1 application for the Monterey Subbasin will include:

a) A project for the preparation of the GSP by MCWD for the Marina Subarea and the Ord Subarea, as shown on attached Exhibit "A;" and

b) A project for the preparation of a GSP by SVBGSA for the Corral de Tierra Subarea, also as shown on attached Exhibit "A".

6. The Marina, Ord and Corral de Tierra subareas shall be managed as follows:

a) If MCWD is allowed under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") to include the Ord Subarea within its Groundwater Sustainability Agency boundaries, MCWD shall manage the Marina and Ord Subareas as part of its GSA under the GSP described in Section 5 (a), above.

b) If MCWD is not allowed under SGMA to include the Ord Subarea within its Groundwater Sustainability Agency boundaries, the Ord Subarea may be designated by the SVBGSA as a Management Area within the boundaries of its GSA, and MCWD shall be allowed to manage the Ord Subarea under the GSP described in Section 5 (a), above.

c) SVBGSA shall manage the Corral de Tierra Subarea.

7. The GSP Project for the Monterey Subbasin will include review and potential refinement of the portion of the Salinas Valley Integrated Hydrologic Model ("SVIHM") that addresses the Monterey Subbasin and nearby subbasins. SVIHM is being developed by the USGS for the entire Salinas River Valley Basin.

8. MCWD will provide matching grant funds for development of the GSP and for SVIHM model review and refinement for the Marina Subarea and Ord Subarea of the Monterey Subbasin. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in the event MCWD is prevented from including the Ord Subarea within its GSP or the SVBGSA elects to include the Ord Subarea within its own GSP for the Monterey Subbasin, then SVBGSA shall reimburse

MCWD for all matching funds which MCWD has provided or expended proportionately for the Ord subarea after the effective date of this agreement, and SVBGSA shall be responsible for all matching funds applicable to the Ord Subarea for purposes of the SGWP Grant Program.

9. SVBGSA and MCWD may include additional project(s) in each other's grant applications for the Monterey and 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasins if they provide all required information in the appropriate format and demonstrate matching funds by an agreed upon timeframe.

10. The Parties acknowledge that the submission deadline for any Proposition 1 application is November 13, 2017. As such, the Parties agree to the following schedule for coordination of grant applications for the Monterey and 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasins:

- Proposition 1 Applicant to share draft Proposition 1 application with other Party (10/20/2017)
- Proposition 1 Applicant to receive feedback on Draft Proposition 1 application from other Party (by 10/27/2017)
- Proposition 1 Applicant to obtain complete information from other Party for any independent Projects (for which other Party is providing matching funds) for inclusion in in Draft Proposition I application (10/27/2017)
- Submit Prop 1 application to DWR by 11/13/2017

In the event either Party fails to provide any of the required information to the submitting Party by the identified dates, then this Agreement shall terminate and either Party may submit a Proposition 1 application on their own behalf, without regard to the other Party.

11. Assuming agreement is reached between the Parties regarding the Proposition 1 applications for the Monterey Subbasin and 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin, the Parties will provide letters of support for each other's Proposition 1 grant applications for the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin and the Monterey Subbasin by November 3, 2017.

Agreed and acknowledged on November 21, 2017, by the signatures below:

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GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

*General Manager*

MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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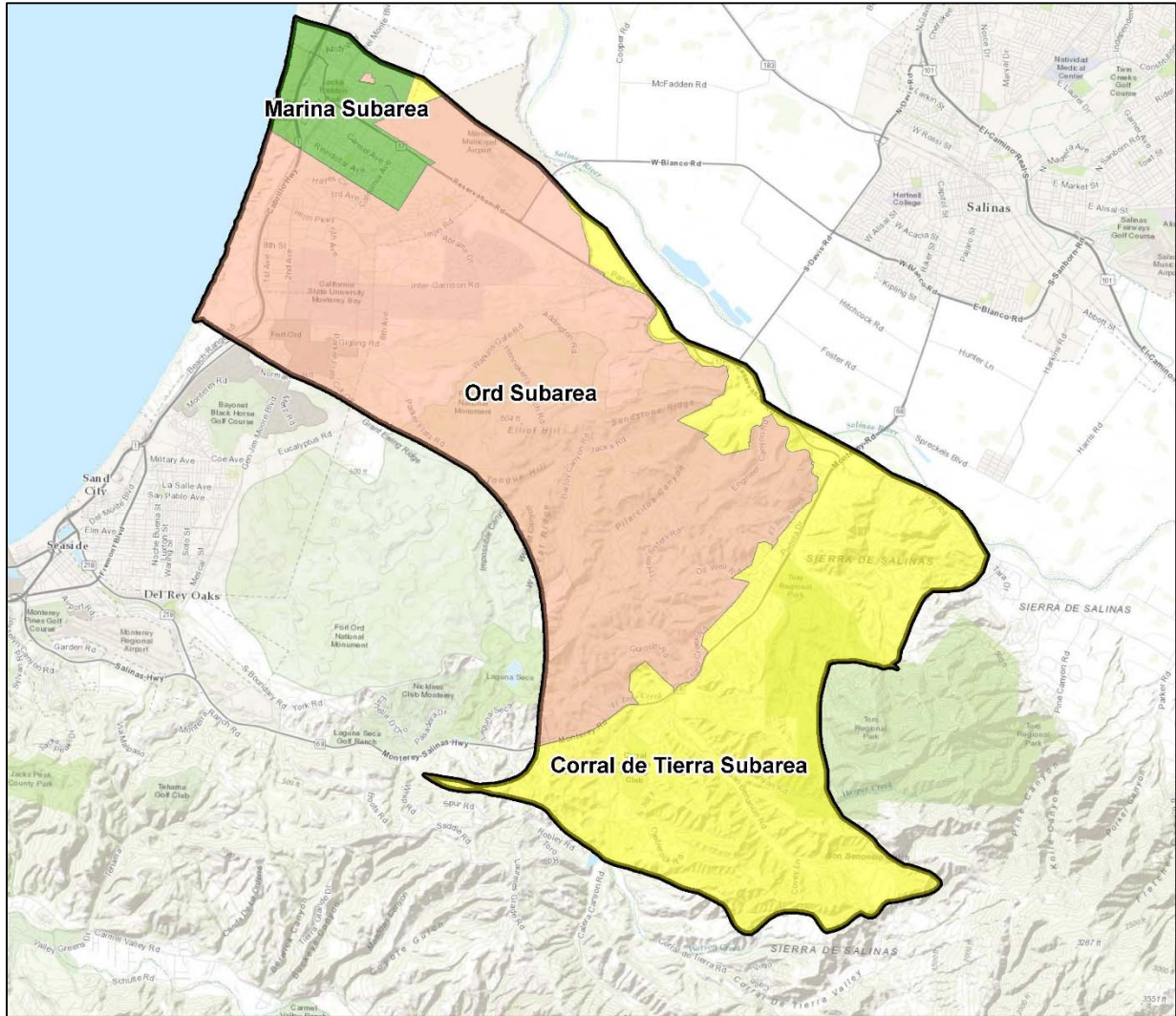
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**EXHIBIT A. MONTEREY BASIN SUBAREAS**



**Legend**

-  Monterey Subbasin (DWR 3-004.10)
-  Marina Subarea
-  Ord Subarea
-  Corral de Tierra Subarea

