



September 28, 2016

Mark Nordberg, GSA Project Manager
California Department of Water Resources
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Re: Notice of Intent to Opt Out of Being the Exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Monterey Subbasin of the Salinas River Groundwater Basin

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

Under Water Code Section 10723(c)(1)(I) the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) was provided authority to be one of several listed "exclusive local agencies within their respective statutory boundaries."

In January 2016 the District applied for a boundary modification for the Bulletin 118 identified Seaside Groundwater Basin which was subsequently granted by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR.) In its Resolution 2016-01 the District indicated it would opt out of groundwater management activities for portions of the District's jurisdiction north of the revised Seaside Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723 (c)(2), the District hereby notifies the DWR of its intent to opt out of being the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Monterey Subbasin of the Salinas River Groundwater Basin.

The District boundary modification request satisfied its interests in the Seaside Groundwater Basin. For the other basin in its statutory boundaries, the Carmel Valley Basin, the District adopted Resolution No. 2015-17 establishing the District as GSA. Subsequently, the District worked with DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to determine that basin was actually surface water flowing in a known and definite channel underground and therefore not subject to SGMA. Hence, the District's interests with respect to groundwater management in its jurisdiction will have been met with this opt out.

If you require further information regarding these matters or have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David J. Stoldt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "D" and "S".

David J. Stoldt
General Manager