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Dear Ms. Bisnett:

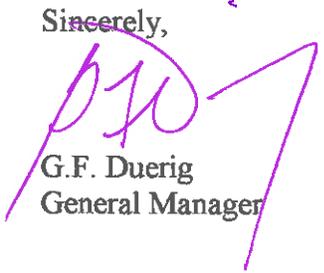
Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Emergency Regulations. In addition to the specific comments provided herein, Zone 7 would like to note general support for the comments provided by the Association of California Water Agencies under David Bolland's signature. Zone 7 has both Board and staff who are members of the ACWA Groundwater Committee and has been extremely active in developing ACWA's Groundwater Framework and related policies.

Zone 7 Water Agency has been sustainably managing the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Basin No. 2-10) for over fifty years. As such, Zone 7 is recognized in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) as the exclusive local agency within its statutory boundary with powers to comply with SGMA.

With the recent addition of a Nutrient Management Plan (2015) to Zone 7's already comprehensive SB 1938 Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP), this existing GWMP likely meets all of the objectives of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) as described in both SGMA and the GSP Emergency Regulations; in other words, it will likely qualify as an alternative plan. Therefore, we would like to emphasize the importance of clear, concise regulations for submittal of such an alternative plan.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions (email: jduerig@zone7water.com).

Sincerely,


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