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California Department of Water Resources
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Subject: Strong Groundwater Regulations Are Needed -- Draft GSP Emergency Regulations Public Comment

Dear California Department of Water Resources Director Mark W. Cowin,

I want you to know that I want a sustainable water future for California that includes responsible groundwater use.

"Then I say the Earth belongs to each generation during its course, fully and in its own right, no generation can contract debts greater than may be paid during the course of its own existence."
-- Thomas Jefferson

We've allowed our groundwater to be depleted and degraded for far too long. Groundwater information and management hasn't included the public enough.

"The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children."
-- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

When drafting Groundwater Sustainability Plan regulations I urge you to:

- make sure that there are ample opportunities for the public to participate throughout the planning process;
- require local water agencies to set objectives that actually lead to sustainable groundwater use; and
- strictly evaluate those plans, with incorporation of public comment, so that we stop the damage done to our aquifers.

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."
-- Aldo Leopold

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

Sincerely,
Personal Information Redacted
San Rafael, CA