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Mr. Brian Ehiers
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RE: Self-Certification Form for Executive Order N-7-22, Action 13

Dear Mr. Ehiers and Ms. Stornetta:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reviewed the self-certification form submitted by Root Creek Water District consistent with the intent and requirements of the Executive Order N-7-22, Action 13 (EO 13). Based upon the unpredictable and severe circumstances created by the state's increasingly hotter and drier climate, Governor Newsom enacted EO 13 to suspend the California Environmental Quality Act for groundwater recharge projects that capture available water for the purposes of recharging groundwater basins through the application on open and working lands to help mitigate drought impacts on groundwater conditions.

The submitted self-certification form (Attachment A) identifies the Root Creek Water District In-Lieu Groundwater Recharge Project as a project that meets the criteria of EO 13. DWR has reviewed the project information in the submitted self-certification form and has determined that the project is consistent with the requirements of EO 13. As your project efforts progress, all other necessary permits or areas of compliance should be upheld. Please retain a copy of this letter as documentation of DWR's concurrence on your project eligibility.

If you have any questions, please contact our Sustainable Groundwater Management Office at SGMPS@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original document signed by Cindy Messer on 6/5/2023

Cindy Messer
Lead Deputy Director

Attachment