



Office Memo

October 27, 2021

Mr. Gary Westbrook, General Manager

Since the inception of the District's Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP), we have accomplished the objectives of the program, which are: 1) to identify high-priority wells within the District that are projected to experience water level declines below the pump during typical operations as a result of regional groundwater production, and 2) to provide technical and/or financial assistance to well owners to help prevent the loss of water supply in high-priority wells that meet established eligibility criteria.

The GWAP program includes nine (9) eligibility requirements. One of these requirements is:

“8. Wells constructed after January 1, 2022 which are not designed and constructed to account for declines in water levels predicted by DFC simulations adopted by GMA 12 will not qualify for financial assistance.”

I recommend that the Board review the above eligibility requirement and consider extending the date to January 1, 2023. The reason for suggesting extending the deadline is that POSGCD has not had all necessary information until recently to thoroughly evaluate GAM surfaces in the outcrop of several aquifers. We are now in the process of performing these evaluations. These updated evaluations will provide landowners more accurate and dependable information which stipulate the depths that pumps should be set and depths that wells should be drilled in aquifers across the district to protect their production of groundwater from future declines in water levels caused by regional groundwater production. We anticipate this information will be available to disseminate to the public through social media, newsletters, presentations, and training of water well drillers by the end of 2022.

Sincerely,

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