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Subject: Notice of the City of Marina GSA Intent to Serve as a Groundwater
Sustainability Agency for a Portion of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin
180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin in Monterey County.

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

This letter is provided as notification to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) that the City of Marina (City), a California charter city, has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code Section 10723(a). The information provided herein, and the documents enclosed, are provided in compliance with the requirements for notification under Section 10723.8(a).

In the Bulletin 118 Interim 2016 Update, the DWR officially designated eight subbasins of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (SVGB). The City has land use responsibilities and intends to undertake sustainable groundwater management for a portion of the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin of the SVGB as shown on the map attached as **Exhibit A**. The City's GSA boundaries are entirely within the City's jurisdictional limits and include Monterey County Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 203-011-001; 203-011-019; 203-011-020; and portions of APN 203-011-023; 175-011-046; 175-011-031; and 203-011-011.

A copy of the Resolution 2018-25 of the City Council electing to become a GSA for a portion of the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin is attached as **Exhibit B**. The Resolution was adopted on March 20, 2018, immediately following a legally noticed public hearing. A copy of the proof of publication of the hearing notice is attached as **Exhibit C**.

The City has engaged and is seeking to work cooperatively with other local agencies overlying the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin as required by the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) including preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in accordance with California Water Code Section 10727. Other local agencies that have formed a GSA within (or near) the southwest coastal portion of the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin include

the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Marina Coast Water District. There are no local agencies with service areas overlapping those of the City.

In accordance with GSA Formation Notification Guidelines for Local Agencies, the City submits the following information:

Information Submitted within 30 Days

The City conducted a public hearing on March 20, 2018 in accordance with Water Code section 10723(b), to elect to become a GSA.

Map and Description of Service Area Boundaries

The City's service area is depicted on **Exhibit A**. The service area is in the southwest portion of the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin and is bounded by the Pacific Ocean along the western border. There are no other local agencies with overlapping service area boundaries.

Resolution

A copy of Resolution No. 2018-25 electing to become a GSA for a portion of the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin is attached as **Exhibit B**. Notice of public hearing regarding the City's consideration in becoming a GSA was published per Government Code §6066 and proof of publication of the public hearing regarding the City's intent to become a GSA is attached as **Exhibit C**.

New Bylaws, Ordinances, or New Authorities

The City has not adopted any new bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities in electing to become a GSA.

The City has identified the following interested parties pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2:

1. Local Water Districts within or adjoining the GSA:
 - a. Marina Coast Water District
2. Holders of Overlying Groundwater Rights: agricultural and domestic well owners, municipal well operators and public water systems:
 - a. Armstrong Ranch
 - b. CEMEX
3. Surface Water Users:
 - a. Monterey One Water and Monterey County Water Resources Agency for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project
4. Environmental Users of groundwater:
 - a. Fort Ord Dunes State Park
 - b. Marina Beach State Park
5. Local Land Use Planning Agencies:

- a. City of Marina
 - b. County of Monterey
6. Federal Government:
 - a. No federal lands are within the City's proposed GSA management area.
7. California Native American Tribes:
 - a. None within the City's proposed GSA management area.
8. Disadvantaged Communities:
 - a. None identified
9. Entities listed in California Water Code Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or part of the basins to be managed by the City as the designated GSA:
 - a. Monterey County Water Resources Agency
 - b. Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
10. Other Entities:
 - a. Marina Coast Water District GSA
 - b. GSAs that may be formed to manage other portions of the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin
 - c. California-American Water Company

The list of interested parties will continue to be updated throughout the City's development and implementation of a GSP for the GSA area. As required by the SGMA (Water Code section 10720, et seq.), the City will consider all beneficial uses of groundwater and the interests of users and managers.

The City will develop an open and inclusive process to implement the [RWR1]SGMA. Interested parties will have opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input to the City throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA and GSP. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to, public comment periods required by SGMA (e.g., Water Code section 10728.4); opportunities for public comment during regular and special City Council meetings; and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8(a).

The above-referenced agencies, water providers, and other interested stakeholders will be contacted to determine how best to consider and protect their interests, and invited to participate in evaluating and defining roles and responsibilities during the GSP planning and implementation process.

This GSA formation notification along with GIS shape files are being sent electronically to Mark.Nordberg@water.ca.gov.

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The undersigned, as the designated representative of the City of Marina, believes that this notification includes all applicable GSA notification requirements in Water Code Section 10723.8(a). If any additional information is required, please contact Public Works Director Brian McMinn at bmcminn@cityofmarina.org or (831) 84-1215.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Layne Long', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Layne Long
City Manager
City of Marina

Attachments: Exhibit A: Map of City of Marina GSA Boundary
Exhibit B: Resolution 2018-25 forming GSA
Exhibit C: Proof of Publication and Notice of Public Hearing

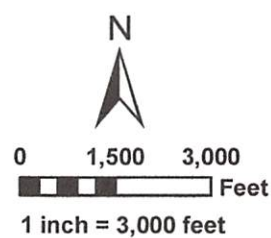
EXHIBIT A

*Salinas Valley
180/400 Foot Aquifer*

Monterey Subbasin

Proposed City of Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency

-  Proposed City of Marina GSA (overlaps existing SVBGSA)
-  Existing Salinas Valley Basin GSA
-  Existing Marina Coast Water District GSA
-  Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin Boundary
-  City of Marina Limits



Map Date: April 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARINA FORMING A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) AND UNDERTAKE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE PORTION OF THE SALINAS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN 180/400 FOOT AQUIFER SUBBASIN WITH THE CITY AND OUTSIDE THE MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT SERVICE AREA, AND AUTHORIZE FILING NOTICE OF GSA FORMATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) PURSUANT TO WATER CODE SECTION 10723.8(a), AND AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION IN ADDITION TO ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA), INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY WATER CODE SECTION 10723.4 AND A LIST OF INTERESTED PARTIES AS DESCRIBED IN WATER CODE SECTION 10723.8(A)(4), AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE SUCH OTHER FURTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION, AND FIND THAT THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (PUBLIC RESOURCE CODE SECTION 21000 ET SEQ.) (CEQA) PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061(B)(3) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code Sections 10720 – 10736.6 (“SGMA”) was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each California groundwater subbasin be managed by a single Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) or by a combination of GSAs and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan, or multiple coordinated GSP’s, as the case may be; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater subbasins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723(a) authorizes any local agency with a service area overlying a groundwater subbasin or portion thereof to establish itself as the GSA for its service area; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10721(j) defines a GSA as one or more local agencies that implement the provisions of SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the City’s jurisdictional boundaries overlie a portion of the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, City staff is proposing that the City become the GSA whose boundaries would encompass Monterey County Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 203-011-001; 203-011-019; 203-011-020; and 203-011-011 (See Exhibit “A”); and

WHEREAS, prior to adopting a resolution of intent to establish the City as a GSA, Water Code Section 10723 requires a local agency to hold a public hearing, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code Section 6066, on whether or not to adopt a resolution to establish a GSA; and

WHEREAS, the notice for the public hearing was published on Thursday, March 1, 2018 and Thursday, March 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was held on March 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to the sustainable management of groundwater within the Salinas Valley Ground Water Basin 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin and intends to coordinate with the other GSAs and affected parties and consider the interests of all beneficial users and uses of groundwater within the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Marina does hereby:

1. Form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and undertake sustainable groundwater management within the portion of the Salinas Valley Ground Water Basin 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin within the City and outside of the Marina Coast Water District service area. A map of the GSA Boundary is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.
2. Authorize filing notice of GSA formation with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a).
3. Authorize and direct the City Manager or his designee to submit notice of adoption of this Resolution in addition to all information required by the SGMA, including but not limited to, all information required by Water Code Section 10723.8 to the California Department of Water Resources, and to support the development and maintenance of an interested persons list as described in Water Code Section 10723.4 and a list of interested parties as described in Water Code Section 10723.8(a)(4).
4. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to take such other and further actions as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.
5. Find that that the adoption of this Resolution is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Marina at a regular meeting duly held on the 20th day of March 2018, by the following vote:

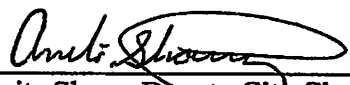
AYES, COUNCIL MEMBERS: Amadeo, Morton, O'Connell, Brown, Delgado

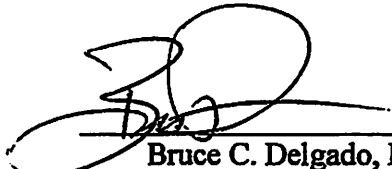
NOES, COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT, COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN, COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ATTEST:


Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk


Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor



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Ordered by: Anita Shepherd-Sharp

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Monterey

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid. I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of The Monterey Herald, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily and Sunday in the City of Monterey, County of Monterey, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Monterey, State of California; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than 6 point), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

03/01/18, 03/08/18

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 03/08/2018 at Monterey, California.

Signature

This space is reserved for the County Clerk's Filing Stamp

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING
City of Marina**

Notice is hereby given that City Council of the City of Marina will hold a public hearing regarding the adoption of a Resolution of Intention to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) as outlined in the California Water Code, Part 2.74, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Section 10723. The proposed GSA boundaries would encompass Monterey County Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 203-011-001; 203-011-019; 203-011-020; and portions of APN 203-011-023; 175-011-046; 175-011-031; and 203-011-011. The public hearing is intended to review, provide explanation of, and allow for public input on the formation of one GSA by the City of Marina within the proposed boundaries.

The public hearing for the proposed formation of the GSA shall be held at the following date, time, and place:

Tuesday, March 20,
2018, at 6:30 pm
Marina City Council
Chambers,
211 Hillcrest Avenue,
Marina, CA 93933

If you need special assistance to participate in this public hearing, please contact the City of Marina at (831) 884-1278. Notification 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the City of Marina to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this public hearing. [28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II]

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:
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