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RE: Cuyama Basin – Response to 2022 Incomplete Determinations

Dear James Beck,

The Department of Water Resources (Department) appreciates the resubmission of your groundwater sustainability plan (GSP or Plan) for evaluation and assessment, after and in response to the Department's January 2022 Incomplete Determination, consistent with the GSP Regulations under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This letter provides an update on the Department's evaluation and assessment of the revised and resubmitted Plan.

Department staff have substantially completed a review of the Plan covering the Basin. Department staff have indicated that they believe the GSAs have taken sufficient actions to address the previously identified deficiencies that precluded initial approval of the Plan, and that staff anticipate recommending approval of the Plan. However, Department staff are developing recommended corrective actions to further assist the GSA with implementation of the Plan and achieving basin sustainability goals. The final assessment will be provided to you and posted to the SGMA Portal as soon as practicable. In addition to fully documenting how the deficiencies that initially precluded approval were sufficiently addressed, the assessment will provide the GSAs with Recommended Corrective Actions the Department would like to see the Subbasin address in the upcoming Periodic Update by January 2025.

Additionally, the Basin should continue making progress towards its sustainability goal, including ongoing outreach to the beneficial uses and users in the Basin, carrying out projects and management actions, filling data gaps, and providing timely information to the Department through your annual report submittals by April 1.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Sustainable Groundwater Management Office by emailing sgmps@water.ca.gov.

Thank you,

Paul Gosselin
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Deputy Director of Sustainable Groundwater Management