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Subject: LETTER OF SUPPORT—Funding Request by Zone 7 Water Agency for the Five-Year Update, Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Dear Ms. Pryor:

On behalf of the City of Livermore, I am writing to express strong support for the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7's (Zone 7 Water Agency or Zone 7) application to receive Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant – Proposition 68 Round 3 funding for its Five-Year Update of the Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

As the exclusive groundwater basin manager and Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Livermore Valley Basin (Basin No. 2-10), the Zone 7 Water Agency has been sustainably managing the Livermore Valley Basin for over 40 years to the benefit of approximately 240,000 people, local institutions and businesses in the cities of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore, the Dougherty Valley area in San Ramon, as well as unincorporated areas of Eastern Alameda County. Zone 7 submitted an Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Alt GSP) to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in December 2016. In July 2019, Zone 7's Alt GSP was approved by DWR, with some recommendations for further consideration.

Zone 7's grant proposal seeks to address DWR's recommendations by enhancing its knowledge of the Fringe and Upland Management Areas, by evaluating the success of the monitoring and management criteria, and by concisely crafting the 5-Year Update with the new information. The Fringe and Upland Management Areas, although characterized by relatively limited groundwater storage, low well yield, and poorer water quality, are important as water supply for agricultural and rural populations. Expanding the understanding of groundwater quality, storage, and movement in these management areas, plus the relationship between these areas and the Main Basin Management Area,

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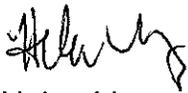
will further the goals of sustainable groundwater management across the entire Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin.

Because reliable water supply is an economic pillar for the City of Livermore and the other communities of the Tri-Valley, the success of the Alternative GSP is fundamental to the economic vitality of the region. Understanding the quantity, quality, and movement of water in the Fringe and Upland Management Areas through the lens of the Sustainable Management Criteria will provide a greater understanding of the basin as a whole, and will enhance the ability of the water purveyors to continue to supply a reliable source of high quality water to all citizens. This is especially important to Disadvantaged Communities, including those identified in the City of Livermore.

The City of Livermore appreciates DWR's consideration of this project and encourages approval of funding for Zone 7's application.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me at 925-960-8100 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Helen Ling  
Water Resources Division Manager

cc: Scott Lanphier, Public Works Director  
Carol Mahoney, Zone 7 Manager of Integrated Water Resources  
Matthew Katen, Zone 7 Groundwater Section Manager

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Subject: Letter of Support - Funding Request by Zone 7 Water Agency for the Five-Year Update, Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Dear Ms. Pryor:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I am writing to express strong support for Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7's (Zone 7 Water Agency or Zone 7) application to receive Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant – Proposition 68 Round 3 funding for their Five-Year Update of the Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

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Award of grant funds to Zone 7 would benefit Pleasanton. Zone 7 would use such grant funds to expand our understanding of the overall groundwater basin, including the Fringe and Upland Management Areas, and strengthen the ongoing basin management. Because reliable water supply is an economic pillar to the communities of the Tri-Valley, the success of the Alternative GSP is fundamental to the economic vitality of the region. Understanding the quantity, quality, and movement of water in the Fringe and Upland Management Areas through the lens of the Sustainable Management Criteria will provide greater understanding of the basin as a whole and will enhance the ability of the water purveyors to continue to supply a reliable source of high

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The City of Pleasanton appreciates DWR's consideration of this project and encourages approval of funding for Zone 7's application.

Thank you for your time and consideration. You can reach me at (925) 931-5002 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Nelson Fialho  
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c: Matthew Katen, Zone 7 Groundwater Section Manager ([mkaten@zone7water.com](mailto:mkaten@zone7water.com))



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October 21, 2019

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Subject: ***LETTER OF SUPPORT—Funding Request by Zone 7 Water Agency for the Five-Year Update, Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan***

Dear Ms. Pryor:

On behalf of the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), I am writing to express strong support for Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7's application to receive Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant – Proposition 68 Round 3 funding for their Five-Year Update of the Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Zone 7 is the exclusive groundwater basin manager and Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Livermore Valley Basin (Basin No. 2-10), of which DSRSD is a water retailer. Zone 7, the drinking water wholesaler, has been sustainably managing the Livermore Valley Basin for over 40 years for the benefit of approximately 240,000 people, local institutions and businesses in the Cities of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore and the Dougherty Valley area in San Ramon, as well as unincorporated areas of Eastern Alameda County. As GSA, Zone 7 submitted an Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Alt GSP) to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in December 2016. In July 2019, Zone 7's Alt GSP was approved by DWR, with some recommendations for further consideration.

Award of grant funds to Zone 7 would benefit DSRSD, as our service area overlies a portion of the Fringe Management Area. Zone 7 would use such grant funds to expand our understanding of the overall groundwater basin, including the Fringe and Upland Management Areas, and strengthen the ongoing basin management. Because reliable water supply is an economic pillar to the communities of the Tri-Valley, the success of the Alternative GSP is fundamental to the economic vitality of the region. Understanding the quantity, quality, and movement of water in the Fringe and Upland Management Areas through the lens of the Sustainable Management Criteria will provide greater understanding of the basin as a whole and will enhance the ability of the water purveyors to continue to supply a reliable source of high quality water to all citizens. This is especially important to Disadvantaged Communities, including those identified in the adjacent City of Livermore.

Zone 7's grant proposal seeks to address DWR's recommendations by enhancing our knowledge of the Fringe and Upland Management Areas, by evaluating the success of the monitoring and management criteria, and by concisely crafting the 5-Year Update with the new information. The Fringe and Upland Management Areas, although characterized by relatively limited groundwater storage, low well yield, and poorer water quality, are important as recharge areas and water supply for agricultural and rural



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populations. Expanding our understanding of groundwater quality, storage, and movement in these management areas, plus the relationship between these areas and the Main Basin Management Area, will further the goals of sustainable groundwater management across the entire Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin.

DSRSD appreciates DWR's consideration of this project and encourages approval of funding for Zone 7's application.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me at (925) 875-2272 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Judy Zavadil

Cc: Matthew Katen, Zone 7 Groundwater Section Manager at [mkaten@zone7water.com](mailto:mkaten@zone7water.com)



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October 22, 2019

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**Subject: LETTER OF SUPPORT—Funding Request by Zone 7 Water Agency  
for the Five-Year Update, Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan**

Dear Ms. Pryor:

On behalf of the Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC), I am writing to express strong support for Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7's (Zone 7 Water Agency or Zone 7) application to receive Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant – Proposition 68 Round 3 funding for their Five-Year Update of the Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Zone 7 is the exclusive groundwater basin manager and Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Livermore Valley Basin (Basin No. 2-10), for which TVC manages conservation easements across agricultural lands and open-space. Zone 7, the drinking water wholesaler, has been sustainably managing the Livermore Valley Basin for over 40 years for the benefit of approximately 240,000 people, local institutions and businesses in the Cities of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore and the Dougherty Valley area in San Ramon, as well as unincorporated areas of Eastern Alameda County. As GSA, Zone 7 submitted an Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Alt GSP) to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in December 2016. In July 2019, Zone 7's Alt GSP was approved by DWR, with some recommendations for further consideration.

Award of grant funds to Zone 7 would benefit the lands managed by TVC – which are largely in the Fringe and Upland Management Areas. Zone 7 would use such grant funds to expand our understanding of the overall groundwater basin, including the Fringe and Upland Management Areas, and strengthen the ongoing basin management. Because reliable water supply is an economic pillar to the communities of the Tri-Valley, the success of the Alternative GSP is fundamental to the economic vitality of the region.

Understanding the quantity, quality, and movement of water in the Fringe and Upland Management Areas through the lens of the Sustainable Management Criteria will provide greater understanding of the basin as a whole and will enhance the ability of the water purveyors to continue to supply a reliable source of high quality water to all citizens. This is especially important to Disadvantaged Communities, including those identified in the City of Livermore, where the land managed by TVC is largely located.

Zone 7's grant proposal seeks to address DWR's recommendations by enhancing knowledge of the Fringe and Upland Management Areas, by evaluating the success of the monitoring and management criteria, and by concisely crafting the 5-Year Update with the new information. The Fringe and Upland Management Areas, although characterized by relatively limited groundwater storage, low well yield, and poorer water quality, are important for groundwater recharge, as well as water supply for agricultural and rural populations. Expanding our understanding of groundwater quality, storage, and movement in these management areas, plus the relationship between these areas and the Main Basin Management Area, will further the goals of sustainable groundwater management across the entire Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin.

The Tri-Valley Conservancy appreciates DWR's consideration of this project and encourages approval of funding for Zone 7's application.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me at 925-449-8706 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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**Re: LETTER OF SUPPORT—Funding Request by Zone 7 Water Agency for the Five-Year Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update**

Dear Ms. Pryor:

On behalf of Contra Costa County Water Agency, I am writing to express support for Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7's (Zone 7 Water Agency or Zone 7) application to receive Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant – Proposition 68 Round 3 funding for their Five-Year Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update Project effort.

Zone 7 is the exclusive groundwater basin manager and Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Livermore Valley Basin (Bulletin 118-2, Basin No. 2-10). Zone 7 has been sustainably managing the Livermore Valley Basin for over 40 years and provides wholesale drinking water to approximately 240,000 people, local institutions and businesses in the Cities of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore and the Dougherty Valley area in San Ramon, as well as the unincorporated areas of Eastern Alameda County. As a part of being the GSA, Zone 7 submitted an Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Alt GSP) to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to be compliant with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in December 2016. Zone 7's Alt GSP was approved by DWR in July 2019, with recommendations for further consideration.

As a part of developing the Alt GSP and Zone 7 formally assuming the role as GSA, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was developed among five agencies to delineate the roles of sustainable management of a portion of the Livermore Basin that extends outside the Zone 7

Service Area into Contra Costa County. Contra Costa County through our Contra Costa County Water Agency, City of San Ramon, Dublin San Ramon Services District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and Zone 7 agreed that Zone 7 would act as the GSA with all rights and responsibilities, other than those inherent to the jurisdiction of the signing agency (e.g. well permitting and land use authority). It is of benefit to the parties of the MOU for Zone 7 to seek grant funds to further the knowledge of the Fringe Management Areas, which includes the area managed per the MOU.

Zone 7's grant proposal seeks to meet the suggested additions to their Alt GSP from DWR by enhancing Zone 7's existing knowledge of the Fringe and Upland Management areas of the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin, evaluating the success of the monitoring and management criteria, and concisely crafting the 5-year update to the Alt GSP with the new information. The Fringe and Upland Management areas, although characterized by relatively limited groundwater storage, low well yield, and poorer water quality, are used to supply agricultural and rural populations. Expanding the understanding of groundwater quality, storage, and movement in these management areas, as well as, the relationship between these areas and the Main Basin Management Area, will further the goals of sustainable groundwater management across the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin.

Contra Costa County Water Agency appreciates DWR's consideration of this project and encourages approval of funding for Zone 7's application.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me at 925-674-7824 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Matthew Katen, Zone 7 Groundwater Section Manager ([mkaten@zone7water.com](mailto:mkaten@zone7water.com))