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**Subject: Resolution of Intent to Prepare and Updated Groundwater Management Plan**

Dear Mr. Niguyen:

On August 9, 2022, the Goleta Water District (District) Board of Directors adopted a **Resolution of Intent to Prepare an Updated Groundwater Management Plan** after holding the required public hearing. Pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) Section 10753.2 (c), please find enclosed a copy of the executed Resolution. The Resolution was also published in the Santa Barbara News Press on August 26 and August 31, 2022, consistent with CWC 10753.3 (a). The District's Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) is available on the District website at [www.goletawater.com/documents/](http://www.goletawater.com/documents/).

Notably, the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") has designated the Goleta Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 basin number 3-16) as a **"very low-priority" basin**. As such, the District is not required to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan and is permitted to update its existing Groundwater Management Plan, pursuant to CWC 10720.8 (a). The GWMP, last updated in 2016, will be updated with recent data and current and projected conditions, with the ultimate goal of long-term groundwater resource sustainability.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or requests for additional information. I will be your primary point of contact for all matters related to the Groundwater Management Plan. My contact information is provided below.

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Sincerely,

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26**

Introduced by the Water Management & Long Range Planning Committee

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLETA WATER DISTRICT BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS DECLARING INTENT TO PREPARE AN  
UPDATED GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Goleta Water District (District) is a county water district organized under Division 12 of the California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the District is the local water purveyor providing water supplies, including groundwater, to approximately 87,000 customers in the Goleta Valley; and

WHEREAS, groundwater is a valuable source of local water supply for the Goleta Valley, particularly in times of emergencies or prolonged drought when other District supplies are not available; and

WHEREAS, the District's existing Ground Water Management Plan (GWMP) was adopted by the District Board on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, regularly-scheduled revisions to the GWMP are both prudent and required for State funding of certain groundwater grants; and

WHEREAS, the Goleta Basin is designated by the California Department of Water Resources as a "very low priority" basin not subject to the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the District is therefore permitted to update its existing GWMP; and

WHEREAS, the process for preparing and adopting an updated GWMP will include public meetings with input from stakeholders, public drafts circulated for comments, and consideration by the District Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the California Water Code requires that before an updated groundwater management plan is prepared, a local agency must provide notice and hold a hearing regarding the local public agency's intention to prepare a revised groundwater management plan; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed hearing has been held as required by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOLETA WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Goleta Water District intends to develop and consider for adoption and implementation a revision to its groundwater management plan for the Goleta Groundwater Basin.
2. The Goleta Water District further intends to provide for and encourage broad public involvement in the development of the revised groundwater management plan for the Goleta Groundwater Basin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is effective immediately.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Goleta Water District this 9th day of August, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

**AYE: Borah, Evans, Hanson, Rosen, Werner**

**NAY:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**JOHN D. MCINNES**  
**DISTRICT SECRETARY**

  
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**KATHLEEN WERNER, PRESIDENT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**