



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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August 13, 2019

Mr. Hank Seemann
Deputy Director
Humboldt County Public Works Department
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RE: Request for Extension on 30-Day Response Period GSP Alternative for Eel River Valley Groundwater Basin

Dear Mr. Seemann:

The Department of Water Resources (Department) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated August 7, 2019. In response, the Department agrees to grant Humboldt County's request for a 45-day extension to prepare its response to the Department regarding the Eel River Valley Basin Alternative to a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Alternative). The response deadline will now close on September 30, 2019.

The Department recommends Humboldt County prepare its response in accordance with the information requested in its notification letter dated July 17, 2019, attached. Please note that, as explained in the July 17th letter, no new information or analyses will be considered, although the Department will accept documents clearly referenced in, but not submitted with, the original materials if those documents contain the missing information and were identified as such in the original Alternative submittal.

The Department will aim to finalize its assessments of the six alternatives currently not recommended for approval, including Humboldt County's Alternative, by October 15, 2019, but may extend its review and finalization period for any alternative as needed. As a reminder, the deadlines for forming a groundwater sustainability agency (June 30, 2017) and submitting a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) (January 31, 2022) are set in statute and are not altered by the submission of an alternative to a GSP. Those basins not covered by an approved alternative are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the state's range of technical, planning and financial assistance offerings intended to support local compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This should be done concurrently with the Department's review and finalization of the remaining alternatives. For more information on SGMA assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to Michelle Dooley with the Department's North Region Office, at Michelle.Dooley@water.ca.gov or (530) 529-7380. Please let me

know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Taryn Ravazzini". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the start of the name.

Taryn Ravazzini
Deputy Director
Statewide Groundwater Management

Attachment: July 17, 2019 Notification Letter to Humboldt County re: Eel River Valley
Basin Alternative