

Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Alternative Assessment Summary

Tahoe South Subbasin

Determination: APPROVED

Submitting Agency:

South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD)

Alternative Type:

Groundwater Management Plan

Assessment Summary:*

• The alternative prepared by STPUD satisfied the objectives of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) by successfully demonstrating that STPUD's existing groundwater management plan is likely to lead to sustainable groundwater management for the Tahoe South Subbasin within the statutory timelines identified in SGMA.



- The alternative demonstrates an acceptable understanding of groundwater conditions in the subbasin, including undesirable results, and has identified management actions that appear capable of achieving sustainable groundwater management.
- The alternative demonstrates that STPUD monitored and operated the subbasin within its historical
 groundwater elevation range, implements management actions to avoid undesirable results, and plans
 to continue to study the subbasin to address data gaps and operate the subbasin through
 management actions.
- STPUD is a groundwater sustainability agency for the basin and has the legal authority to manage groundwater and implement the groundwater management plan.
- The Department of Water Resources provided recommendations for STPUD to address in its first fiveyear update to the alternative, which is due in January 2022. The recommendations are related to groundwater storage, depletions of interconnected surface water, water budget, and quantification of metrics.