



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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November 13, 2019

Mr. Scott DeLeon
Interim Water Resources Director
Lake County Watershed Protection District
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RE: Disapproval of the Big Valley Basin Alternative

Dear Mr. DeLeon:

The Department of Water Resources (Department) notified the Lake County Watershed Protection District (District) on July 17, 2019 that Department staff had not recommended approval of the Big Valley Basin Alternative (Alternative). The July 17 letter described that the District could respond within 30 days to identify where information in the Alternative submittal could be found to address specific deficiencies identified in the Department's Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Alternative Assessment Staff Report, Big Valley Basin (Staff Report).

The Department received an email from Marina Deligiannis, Water Resources Program Coordinator for the Lake County Water Resources Department on August 21, 2019 stating that Lake County does not intend to respond to the Department's staff report. As such, the Department is finalizing the decision to not approve the Alternative as described in the attached Statement of Findings document.

The Lake County Watershed Protection District approved a resolution to become the groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) for the Big Valley Basin on August 27, 2019, and that resolution was filed with the Department. The GSA notice will become exclusive on December 25, 2019, following a statutorily-required 90-day period. The Department stands ready to provide assistance to the District and to the County in this endeavor and in development of a GSP. Information on the Department's technical, planning and financial assistance may be found on our website at <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management>. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my staff if you have any questions about the Department's SGMA-related assistance.

Signed:

Date:



November 13, 2019

Taryn Ravazzini
Deputy Director, Statewide Groundwater Management

Attachment:

1. Statement of Findings Regarding the Disapproval of the Big Valley Basin Alternative