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March 19, 2018

Re: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan

To the Department of Water Resources, the California Public Utilities Commission, and Interested Parties:

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10727.8 and the Title 23, Section 353.6 of the California Code of Regulations, the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("SVBGSA"), a California Joint Powers Authority ("JPA"), hereby gives notice that it intends to initiate development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") for the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin no. 3-004) within Monterey County, including the following: 1) 180/400 Foot Aquifer (No. 3-004.01); 2) East Side Aquifer (3-004.02); 3) Forebay Aquifer (3-004.04); 4) Upper Valley Aquifer (3-004.05); 5) Langley Area (3-004.09); 7) Monterey sub-basin (3-004.10); and, 8) the Paso Robles Area (3-004.06). Not included in the area for the GSP are the jurisdictional boundaries of the Marina Coast Water District (acting as the Marina Coast Groundwater Sustainability Agency), the City of Greenfield (acting as the Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Agency), and the adjudicated Seaside sub-basin (No. 3-004.08).

The development of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin GSP will be in coordination with the groundwater sustainability agencies ("GSAs") for the Paso Robles Area in San Luis Obispo County, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Authority, the Seaside Basin Water Master, the Marina Coast GSA (operating within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Marina Coast Water District), and the Arroyo Seco GSA (operating within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Greenfield). The SVBGSA anticipates entering into a management area agreement with the Marina Coast GSA for management of a portion of the Monterey sub-basin. Other management area agreements are possible.

As mentioned, the SVBGSA is a JPA formed by the County of Monterey, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, the Cities of Salinas, Soledad, Gonzales, and King, the Castroville Community Services District, and Monterey One Water (formerly the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, itself a JPA). The Board of Directors of the SVBGSA includes representative from the GSA eligible entities within the Basin, and agricultural, environmental, disadvantaged community and rural residential well owners. Meetings of the SVBGSA are subject to the California Open Meeting Law (the "Brown Act"), and the public is invited and encouraged to attend. Meetings of the SVBGSA Board are broadcast live and on replay.

Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the GSP development, and the SVBGSA has established an Advisory Committee as contemplated in Water Code section 10727.8. Advisory Committee meetings are subject to the Brown Act, and the Committee has members from a broad spectrum of interests, including members from agriculture, the environmental community, urban/domestic users, and disadvantaged communities. The

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Advisory Committee will be intimately involved in the development of the GSP for the Salinas Basin. Interested members of the public can participate in Advisory Committee and Board of Director meetings, which are publicly noticed at the SVBGSA's website: <https://svbgsa.org>. In addition, the SVBGSA will hold numerous public workshops related to the development of the GSP.

The SVBGSA looks forward to working with the Department of Water Resources and basin stakeholders towards sustainable groundwater management planning and implementation. Please do not hesitate to contact Gary Petersen SVBGSA General Manager at [peterseng@svbgsa.org](mailto:peterseng@svbgsa.org) if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,  
DocuSigned by:

*Gary Petersen*

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Gary Petersen

General Manager





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28 March 2018

To: California Department of Water Resources

From: Keith Van Der Maaten, Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

**Subject: Initial Notification to Prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan  
Monterey Subbasin (DWR No. 3-004.10)**

This initial notification is to meet the requirements of California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 23, §353.6. The Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MCWD GSA), hereby gives notice that it intends to initiate development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Marina and Ord Subareas of the Monterey Subbasin (Department of Water Resources [DWR] Basin No. 3-004.10).

The MCWD GSA understands that the Salinas Valley Basin GSA (SVBGSA) submitted a GSP initial notification to DWR on 21 March 2018 for the two GSPs to be prepared in the Monterey Subbasin respectively by SVBGSA and MCWD GSA. This notice updates the information regarding the GSP to be prepared by the MCWD GSA.

In November 2017, the MCWD GSA and the Salinas Valley Basin GSA (SVBGSA) entered into a Proposition 1 Coordination Agreement, which includes a structure for GSP development to cover the entire Monterey Subbasin. The Proposition 1 Coordination Agreement states that the MCWD GSA will prepare the GSP for the Marina Subarea and the Ord Subarea of the Monterey Subbasin and that the SVBGSA will prepare the GSP for the Corral de Tierra Subarea of the Monterey Subbasin. The Proposition 1 Coordination Agreement, which includes a map of the Monterey Subbasin subareas, is attached hereto.

Pursuant to the Proposition 1 Coordination Agreement, the MCWD GSP will be developed in coordination with the SVBGSA. The MCWD anticipates entering into a GSP Coordination Agreement with the SVBGSA that meets the requirements for coordination and data sharing during GSP development set forth in CCR Title 23, §357.4. Pursuant to CCR Title 23, §357.4 (b), the Coordination Agreement shall identify a single point of contact for the Monterey Subbasin with DWR.

The MCWD GSA developed a GSP Work Plan as part of its Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning (SGWP) Grant Program application. As outlined in the GSP Work Plan, the overall GSP development effort will be conducted in four phases with a schedule targeting submittal of the GSP by the statutory deadline of 31 January 2022.

The MCWD GSA welcomes the participation of interested parties in its GSP development and implementation. The GSP Work Plan will be implemented in a transparent and collaborative fashion such that all basin stakeholders have ample opportunity to provide timely input. Each phase of GSP development includes a number of interim work products that will be prepared in draft form for review by the MCWD GSA and interested stakeholders. A Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Plan (SCEP) will be developed during the first phase of GSP development to conform with requirements of the GSP regulations

(i.e., CCR Title 23, §354.10) and to guide stakeholder engagement throughout the GSP development process. The SCEP will describe specific activities for informing interested members of the public, including periodic workshops, development of a website (already active) and mailings (email and post).

Additionally, MCWD Board Meetings are open to the public and include multiple opportunities for public comment. Technical presentations will be made by technical specialists during the Board Meetings on a regular and as-needed basis. Regular MCWD Board Meetings are held every third Monday of each month at the Marina City Council Chambers, 211 Hillcrest Avenue, Marina. Written meeting materials are posted to the MCWD website ([http://www.mcwd.org/gsa\\_about.html](http://www.mcwd.org/gsa_about.html)).

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Keith Van Der Maaten at:

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Sincerely,



Keith Van Der Maaten

General Manager, Marina Coast Water District



## **PROPOSITION 1 Coordination Agreement**

**THIS PROPOSITION 1 COORDINATION AGREEMENT** (the "Agreement") is made effective as of November 9, 2017 by the Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("MCWD") and the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("SVBGSA") regarding proposals for Sustainable Groundwater Planning ("SGWP") Grant Program funds, authorized by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 ("Proposition 1") within the Monterey Subbasin and the 180/400 foot Subbasin, with reference to the following facts:

A. Eligibility criteria for Category 2 proposals for SGWP Grant Program funds, authorized by Proposition 1, only accept one application per Basin/Subbasin; and

B. An eligible agency may be part of the Proposition 1 application as a project proponent, but must identify a single entity that will act as the grant applicant and submit a basin-wide application and receive the grant on behalf of the basin; and

C. If multiple applications are received within a basin for Category 2 projects, DWR will contact the applicants and request that the Parties consolidate one single application for the basin to be submitted before the close of the open filing period; and

D. The applicant must include a Proposal level "Summary" highlighting each project contained in the Proposal and must demonstrate that it encompasses the entire basin or describes why a portion of the basin is not covered in the Proposal.

E. Applicants requesting funding for Category 2 Proposition 1 application must provide documentation of any communications with beneficial users of groundwater in the basin that may potentially be affected by implementation of the project, including, but not limited to DACs, SDACs, agricultural water users, municipal water users, wildlife refuges, or other stakeholders.

F. The Filing Period Closes November 13, 2017 for proposals for SGWP Grant Program funds; and

G. Proposition 1 requires a minimum cost share of 50% of the total project cost.

**THEREFORE**, in consideration of the facts recited above the Parties agree to the following with regards to Proposition 1 applications:

1. The Parties agree that MCWD shall be the Party responsible for submitting a grant application/proposal to DWR for a Category 2, Tier 2 Groundwater Sustainability Plan grant for the Monterey Subbasin and MCWD shall be the grantee if the proposal is successful. MCWD shall be responsible for the cost of preparing the grant. MCWD will coordinate with SVBGSA and obtain input from SVBGSA in preparation of the grant application/proposal for the Monterey Subbasin.

2. The Parties further agree that SVBGSA shall be the Party responsible for submitting a grant application/proposal to DWR for a Category 2, Tier 1 Groundwater Sustainability Plan grant for the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin and SVBGSA shall be the grantee if the proposal is successful. SVBGSA shall be responsible for the cost of preparing the grant. SVBGSA will coordinate with MCWD and obtain input from MCWD in preparation of the grant application/proposal for the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin.

3. A coordination committee including representatives from MCWD and SVBGSA shall be formed for each subbasin.

4. The parties agree that they shall share all data necessary to facilitate the completion of the Proposition 1 applications/proposals.

5. The Proposition 1 application for the Monterey Subbasin will include:

a) A project for the preparation of the GSP by MCWD for the Marina Subarea and the Ord Subarea, as shown on attached Exhibit "A;" and

b) A project for the preparation of a GSP by SVBGSA for the Corral de Tierra Subarea, also as shown on attached Exhibit "A".

6. The Marina, Ord and Corral de Tierra subareas shall be managed as follows:

a) If MCWD is allowed under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") to include the Ord Subarea within its Groundwater Sustainability Agency boundaries, MCWD shall manage the Marina and Ord Subareas as part of its GSA under the GSP described in Section 5 (a), above.

b) If MCWD is not allowed under SGMA to include the Ord Subarea within its Groundwater Sustainability Agency boundaries, the Ord Subarea may be designated by the SVBGSA as a Management Area within the boundaries of its GSA, and MCWD shall be allowed to manage the Ord Subarea under the GSP described in Section 5 (a), above.

c) SVBGSA shall manage the Corral de Tierra Subarea.

7. The GSP Project for the Monterey Subbasin will include review and potential refinement of the portion of the Salinas Valley Integrated Hydrologic Model ("SVIHM") that addresses the Monterey Subbasin and nearby subbasins. SVIHM is being developed by the USGS for the entire Salinas River Valley Basin.

8. MCWD will provide matching grant funds for development of the GSP and for SVIHM model review and refinement for the Marina Subarea and Ord Subarea of the Monterey Subbasin. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in the event MCWD is prevented from including the Ord Subarea within its GSP or the SVBGSA elects to include the Ord Subarea within its own GSP for the Monterey Subbasin, then SVBGSA shall reimburse



MCWD for all matching funds which MCWD has provided or expended proportionately for the Ord subarea after the effective date of this agreement, and SVBGSA shall be responsible for all matching funds applicable to the Ord Subarea for purposes of the SGWP Grant Program.

9. SVBGSA and MCWD may include additional project(s) in each other's grant applications for the Monterey and 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasins if they provide all required information in the appropriate format and demonstrate matching funds by an agreed upon timeframe.

10. The Parties acknowledge that the submission deadline for any Proposition 1 application is November 13, 2017. As such, the Parties agree to the following schedule for coordination of grant applications for the Monterey and 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasins:

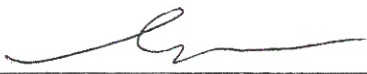
- Proposition 1 Applicant to share draft Proposition 1 application with other Party (10/20/2017)
- Proposition 1 Applicant to receive feedback on Draft Proposition 1 application from other Party (by 10/27/2017)
- Proposition 1 Applicant to obtain complete information from other Party for any independent Projects (for which other Party is providing matching funds) for inclusion in Draft Proposition 1 application (10/27/2017)
- Submit Prop 1 application to DWR by 11/13/2017

In the event either Party fails to provide any of the required information to the submitting Party by the identified dates, then this Agreement shall terminate and either Party may submit a Proposition 1 application on their own behalf, without regard to the other Party.

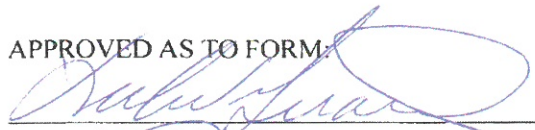
11. Assuming agreement is reached between the Parties regarding the Proposition 1 applications for the Monterey Subbasin and 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin, the Parties will provide letters of support for each other's Proposition 1 grant applications for the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin and the Monterey Subbasin by November 3, 2017.

Agreed and acknowledged on November 21, 2017, by the signatures below:


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GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

By:   
Title: General Manager

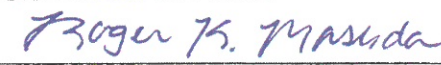
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Leslie J. Girard  
SVBGSA Agency Counsel

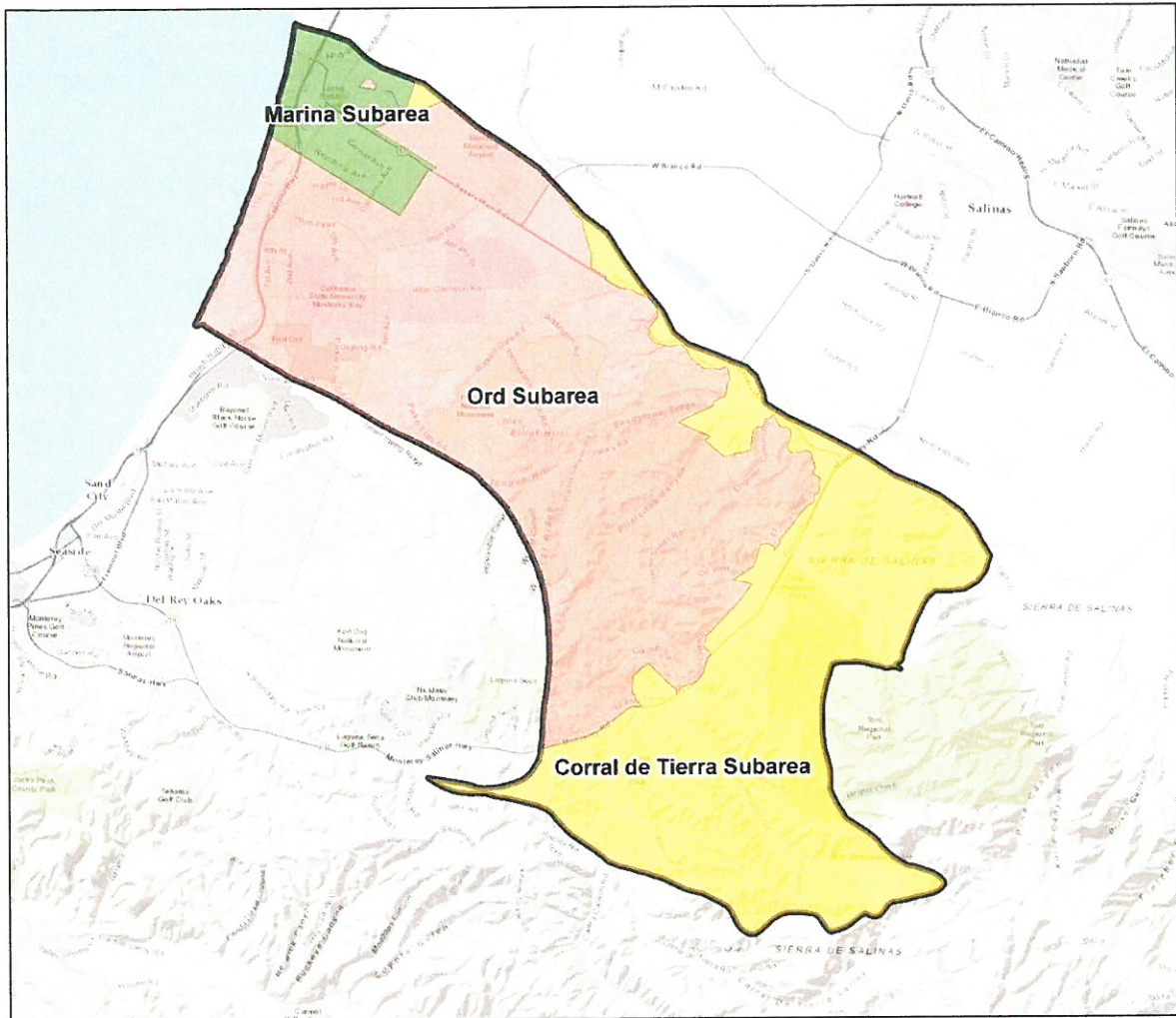
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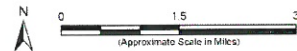
  
Roger K. Masuda  
MCWDGSA Agency Counsel

# EXHIBIT A. MONTEREY BASIN SUBAREAS



## Legend

- Monterey Subbasin (DWR 3-004 10)
- Marina Subarea
- Ord Subarea
- Corral de Tierra Subarea







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April 13, 2018

Mr. David Chardavoyne  
General Manager,  
Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
1441 Schilling Place  
Salinas, CA 93901

**RE: Inter-lake Tunnel Project**

Dear Dave:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Monterey County Farm Bureau, we request that Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) schedule a presentation on the Inter-lake Tunnel Project, similar to the one made to the Sustainable Ag Water Corporation, at our next Board meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

This would be a special presentation to just our Board members, starting at 11am.

We would appreciate your providing this update yourself; however, if you are unable to do so in person, we request that you send one of your staff who is knowledgeable with the project details and would be able to answer questions from our Board members.

Please confirm that you will be able to support our request on the date of May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Norman C. Groot  
Executive Director

Cc: Colby Pereira, President, Monterey County Farm Bureau  
Claude Hoover, Director, MCWRA Board of Directors (MCFB Representative)

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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April 16, 2018

*DW*  
SUBJECT: Notification of Fee Increases Effective July 1, 2018  
California Dam Safety Program

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) are increasing annual fees paid by dam owners in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 to support the Dam Safety Program and the State's efforts to bolster dam safety and emergency preparedness. Emergency regulations for the annual fee schedule were approved by the Office of Administrative Law on March 26, 2018, as required by Senate Bill 92 (Chapter 26, Amended Statutes of 2017). The fee structure for application filing fees remains unchanged.

The required fee increase will fund State Operations costs to support the Dam Safety Program expansion, reimbursement of a \$6.5 million loan to the General Fund over the next four years, and general cost of living increases for staff. Program expansion includes re-evaluation studies of appurtenant structures and dam systems, and review and approval of mandated flood inundation maps of dams and critical appurtenant structures for emergency preparedness. It is anticipated that fee increases for the 2019 Fee Schedule will be about 20% higher than the enclosed 2018 Fee Schedule.

Enclosed is a comparison of the 2017 Fee Schedule with the new 2018 Fee Schedule. Annual fees for an average 75-foot-high dam under the General Rate will increase from \$13,682 to \$18,466, an increase of \$4,784, and an average 30-foot-high dam under the Reduced Rate will increase from \$1,019 to \$1,578, an increase of \$559. Dams determined by DSOD to be inoperative will now be annually billed as applicable \$841 and \$168 under the General and Reduced Rates, respectively. Also attached is a map showing the location of the 1,246 dams throughout California subject to State jurisdiction with respect to dam safety.

This letter is for notification purposes only. You will be receiving the actual invoice for your annual fees by May 1, 2018. If you have any questions, please call Andrew Mangney, Chief of the Field Engineering Branch, at (916) 227-9800.

Sincerely,

*Sharon K. Tapia*

Sharon K. Tapia, Chief  
Division of Safety of Dams

Enclosures



**DAM SAFETY PROGRAM  
ANNUAL DAM FEE SCHEDULE  
MAY 2018 BILLING**

**Fees adjusted and rounded to the nearest dollar from the May 2017 Billing**

**Annual Dam Fees**

General Rate<sup>(1)</sup>

2017 Billing Rate: \$632 per dam plus \$174 per foot of height

2018 Billing Rate: \$841 per dam plus \$235 per foot of height

Reduced Rate: Farm and Ranch or Small and Privately Owned Dams Rate<sup>(2)</sup>

2017 Billing Rate: \$239 per dam plus \$26 per foot of height

2018 Billing Rate: \$168 per dam plus \$47 per foot of height

Limited Rate: Inoperable Dams and Special Exclusion<sup>(3)</sup>

2017 Billing Rate: \$118 per dam for Special Exclusion

2018 Billing Rate: \$841 per dam under the General Rate  
\$168 per dam under the Reduced Rate

**Application Filing Fees**

The fee structure for dam application work remains unchanged.

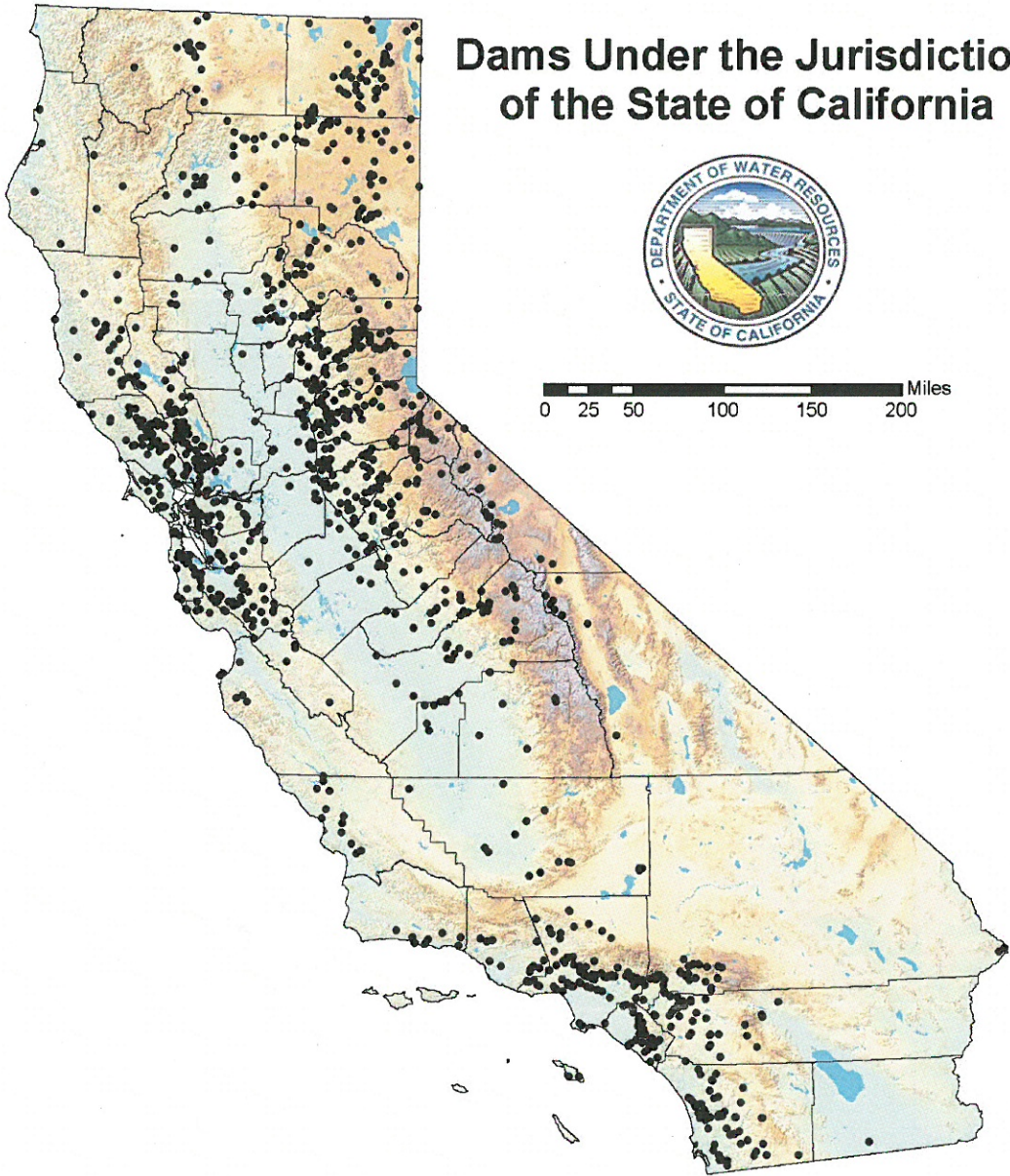
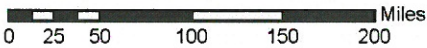
Application fees for dam removal projects are the same as those for construction, enlargement, alteration, and repair projects.

<sup>(1)</sup> Division 3, Part 1, Chapter 6, section 6307(a) of the California Water Code

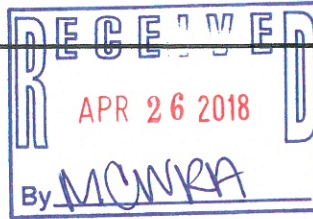
<sup>(2)</sup> Division 3, Part 1, Chapter 6, sections 6307(e & f) of the California Water Code

<sup>(3)</sup> Division 3, Part 1, Chapter 6, section 6307(d) of the California Water Code and Title 23. Waters, section 316 of the California Code of Regulations

**Dams Under the Jurisdiction  
of the State of California**







Dear Sirs,

April 18, 2018

As representatives of property owners, concerned citizens, recreation, sports and water enthusiasts who enjoy Lake Nacimiento, California we the Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee (NRWMAC) have great concern as to the abuse and lack of proper water management by Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) per the terms of the lease afforded to them by the California State Water Board.

We understand that rainwater in and of itself is owned by the people of the state of California. It is the impoundment of water, as is contained in Lake Nacimiento that is a right granted by the State of California Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams (Application Number 1008). The right to the use of the water of the Nacimiento River in San Luis Obispo County was granted to Monterey County Water Resources in 1954 as permit 10137 and License 7543 for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial and **recreational** uses.

It is the opinion of our committee, which is supported by the 6000 + constituents that have signed the attached petition that this water right is being abused. Specifically, the lack of attention to the recreational use aspect of the water. The last California four year drought was diminished by a good rain year in early 2017. Yet over the summer of 2017 that water was wantonly discharged from Lake Nacimiento.

Once again, this water year, for the early part of 2018, has seen minimal rainfall and water accumulation, yet MCWRA has chosen to release water at an astounding rate considering that the flow has proceeded directly into the Pacific Ocean. We completely understand the ecological factors and the environmental protection afforded to the steelhead trout by means of the biological opinion and flow prescription described therein that define some operational aspect of the lake water release. As this allows for specific water release periods to insure flows for upstream and downstream fish migrations. The timing and magnitude of those releases are not in question but rather the early water releases that have already begun this year and the projected lake level of 745 feet above mean sea level (msl) on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, a mere 4 days after memorial day and the official start of summer. At this level the lake is barely unusable for recreation.

Our organization, NRWMAC, has continuously maintained that the minimum recreational lake level is 750 feet msl. It is below this level that most boaters and recreationalists cannot launch their boats and access the water from the numerous locations around Lake Nacimiento.





MCWRA has continuously ignored the recreational aspect of their water rights permit ...

WE would like Monterey county to

1. Reduce the proposed release schedule to maximize water storage during drought periods,
2. Respect the minim recreation level of 750 ft msl through Labor day,
3. Recognize that below 750 ft msl recreational lake use is severely impacted.

Don Bullard  
Board of Directors, President  
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818-319-2628

cc ( Petition signatures to follow via mail )  
Monterey County Supervisors  
San Luis Obispo County Supervisors  
California Department of Water Resources  
Integrated Regional Water Management  
California State Water Resources Board  
Governor Edmund G Brown, Jr.  
Central Coast Regional Board  
State Assembly: Jordan Cunningham  
State Senate: Bill Monning  
United States Senator of California: Dianne Feinstein  
United States Congressman Salud Carbajal  
National Fisheries Service  
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration



## **PETITION to Prohibit the Proposed Water Releases at Lake Nacimiento**

**We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens and residents who demand that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA), be prohibited from proceeding with its stated plans to increase the rate at which it releases water from Lake Nacimiento.**

MCWRA has recently published its Draft Water Release Schedule for the balance of the year 2018 for Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio. Beginning in mid-March, 2018, MCWRA will increase the rate at which it releases water from Lake Nacimiento from the current 60 cubic feet per second (cfs) (38,776,320 gallons per day) to 295 cfs (190,650,240 gallons per day). In mid-April, the rate of release will have increased to 400 cfs (258,508,800 gallons per day.) This amount of water will continue to be released until approximately the middle of July, 2018, at which time the rate will be reduced to 180 cfs (116,328,960 gallons per day).

This wholesale taking of water is unprecedented and unacceptable. The elevation of Lake Nacimiento, as of March 2, 2018, was 752.8 mean feet above sea level (msl). This already equates to a lake capacity of only 43 percent. If MCWRA is allowed to release water in the amounts it has indicated it will, and assuming the lake does not get any "significant" rainfall in the next couple of months, the expected affect on lake levels, and consequently on lake activities and water consumption, will be devastating. For example, by Memorial Day, 2018, the lake will be at approximately 725 msl, or 20 percent capacity. There will be no gas available at the Marina, the resort will be forced to layoff personnel, and many docks and most launch ramps around the lake will be unusable.

In addition to recreation, some of the approximately 5000 residents of communities and private homes that surround Lake Nacimiento, as well as businesses, draw water directly from the lake for their own consumption. At critically low lake levels, many of these individuals will be unable to draw water from the lake and will have to rely on ground water wells. Those who will be forced to rely on ground water wells will experience greater costs to extract and treat this water, and will experience reduced water quality.



## **PETITION to Prohibit the Proposed Water Releases at Lake Nacimiento**

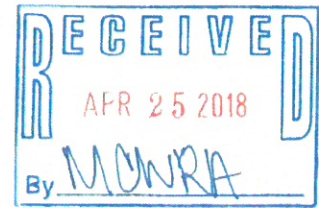
MCWRA has a long and disgraceful history of mismanaging water resources. The agency wasted over 190,000 acre-feet of water in 2017 by allowing it to spill into the ocean. It explained this massive release by claiming it was necessary to accommodate a large storm. However, not long ago, the same agency installed the Obermayer bladders at the Lake Nacimiento spillway, at a tremendous expense, vowing that it would allow them to eliminate the Flood Rule Curve by giving them more control during flood conditions. (With the Obermayer bladders down, MCWRA can, if necessary, release over 105,000 cfs or 67,858,560,000 gallons per day.) Yet even with the Obermeyer bladders in place, the agency still wasted all that water.

While we recognize the Salinas Valley farmers need water, and they are entitled to their fair share, we abhor the way MCWRA has mismanaged this precious resource. MCWRA is obligated to manage the water it controls for the benefit of all of the citizens of California. MCWRA's license from the State Water Board enumerates the various uses for the water, which are " . . . for irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and recreational uses." The "recreation" component is just as prominent as any of the other stated uses. There is not an allotted percentage among them -- they all have equal weight. Yet it is always, and only, the recreational use of this lake that is adversely affected by the release of water.

Please consider signing this petition. It will be presented to the California State Water Board, Monterey County Board of Supervisors, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, and the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors.



Joanne Nissen  
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Soledad, CA 93960



April 24, 2018

Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee

Re: Reservoir Releases

Dear Committee Members,

As I will be unable to attend your April 26, 2018 meeting, I am submitting this letter with a request that the committee consider the Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program participants as you formulate your reservoir releases going forward this year.

As you may recall, in 2014, a group of land owners and growers joined together to participate in a stream maintenance program in the Gonzales and Chualar stretch of the Salinas River. The object was added flood protection for adjacent cropland and increased holding capacity for the river flood plain. This project involved permitting from the Corps of Engineers (401 permit), CA Fish and Wildlife (1600 permit) and the State Regional Water Quality Control Board 401 certification and was and is entirely paid for by land owners and/or growers. In 2016, the program area increased from mile 2 upstream to the San Luis Obispo County line, and involves clearing secondary channels and removable of arundo.

As many of the properties fall on both sides of the river, it is most cost effective to be able to cross the dry channel to work on both sides of the low flow channel as opposed to hauling equipment around to the opposite side. The permits allow work to begin September 1<sup>st</sup> each year. As I requested last year, I am encouraging this committee, especially in this short rainfall year, to dry the channel up in time to help us complete maintenance work in the most efficient and least costly manner.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joanne Nissen

## Henault, Alice G. x4843

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**From:** Ken Ekelund ·  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 29, 2018 10:20 AM  
**To:** Henault, Alice G. x4843  
**Subject:** Please include in next BOD packet  
**Attachments:** UCLA-Whiplash-Graphic-042018.pdf

Alice, could you please include this pamphlet in the next BOD packet? This is a summary from new report that was mentioned by Director Sullivan at the Joint Meeting. This gives an updated version estimate of what climate change could mean to us on CA. Ken

Ken Ekelund



# Wetter, Drier, or Both?

## INCREASING PRECIPITATION EXTREMES IN CALIFORNIA

California's climate has always featured wide swings between drought and flood. But in a warming world, precipitation will likely become even more volatile — with large increases in the frequency of extreme wet events, extreme dry events, and rapid transitions between them. These changes will pose major challenges for water, fire, and emergency management in 21st-century California.

### Extreme Dry Years

Low November–March precipitation totals for these years resemble 2013–14 or 1976–77, the driest year in modern California history.

FREQUENCY  
1895–2017

**1/100 YEARS**

FUTURE RISK BY 2100



#### KEY IMPACT WATER SCARCITY

Available surface water may not meet human demands, leading to water shortages or unsustainable use of groundwater. Ecosystems also suffer, as low river flows can harm fish and drought-stressed vegetation can fuel wildfires.

### Extreme Wet Years

In these years, the November–March period is as wet as in 2016–17, when statewide precipitation was 54% greater than average.

FREQUENCY  
1895–2017

**4/100 YEARS**

FUTURE RISK BY 2100



#### KEY IMPACT INFRASTRUCTURE STRESS

Runoff from heavy rains can stress levees, dams, and other flood control structures. Warmer temperatures amplify this effect by causing more precipitation to fall as rain, which immediately flows into rivers and streams, instead of snow.

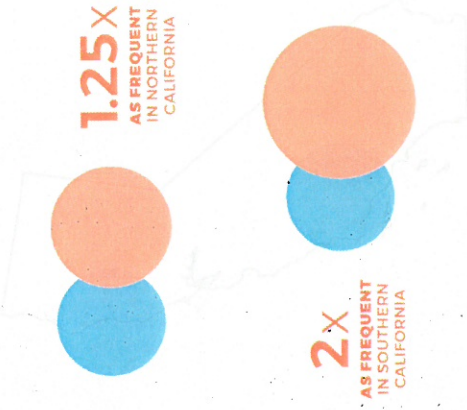
### Dry-to-Wet Whiplash

This scenario represents the transition from a very dry year to a very wet one, as occurred between 2015–16 and 2016–17.

FREQUENCY  
1895–2017

**4/100 YEARS**

FUTURE RISK BY 2100



#### KEY IMPACT MUDSLIDES

Although a very wet year following a drought can boost water supplies, a sudden transition from dry to wet conditions can cause its own problems. For example, heavy rains can result in mudslides and debris flows, especially near recent wildfire burn scars.

### Severe Storm Sequence

In this scenario, 40-day precipitation totals are similar to those during California's "Great Flood of 1862."

FREQUENCY  
1895–2017

**1/200 YEARS**

FUTURE RISK BY 2100



#### KEY IMPACT CATASTROPHIC FLOODING

Such an event would cause inundation of a magnitude not experienced in modern California. The Great Flood of 1862 flooded much of the Central Valley and swaths of Los Angeles and Orange Counties now home to millions of people.



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Mr. David Chardavoyne, General Manager  
Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
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San Antonio Dam, No. 1008-2  
Monterey County

Dear Mr. Chardavoyne:

We have reviewed the inundation maps dated December 21, 2017, which were submitted with your letter dated December 22, 2017, for San Antonio Dam and its critical appurtenant structure. We have determined that the maps are consistent with the direction contained in the *Federal Guidelines for Inundation Mapping of Flood Risks associated with Dam Incidents and Failures* (FEMA P-946, 2013). Therefore, the inundation maps associated with the failure of the following structures are approved.

1. Main Dam
2. Overflow Spillway

The approved maps will be made publicly available as required by section 6161(c) of the California Water Code. San Antonio Dam does not have additional critical appurtenant structures, so an emergency action plan (EAP) based on the approved maps must now be submitted to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for their review and approval. Upon Cal OES approval, please provide us with electronic and hard copies of the approved EAP per section 6161(b)(3) of the California Water Code.

Pursuant to section 6161(e) of the CA Water Code, the EAP and inundation maps must be updated no less frequently than every 10 years, and sooner under conditions that include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) a significant modification to the dam or a critical appurtenant structure, as determined by the department, and/or (2) a significant change to downstream development that involves people and property.

We recommend that you submit your next update at least six months prior to the expiration of your maps on December 21, 2027, for our approval to meet the 10-year statutory requirement.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Design Engineer Jesse Dillon at (916) 227-4639 or Project Engineer Wallace Lam at (916) 227-4626.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon K. Tapia".

Sharon K. Tapia, Chief  
Division of Safety of Dams

cc: Mr. Jose Lara, Chief  
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Nacimiento Dam, No. 1008  
San Luis Obispo County

Dear Mr. Chardavoyne:

This is in reply to Mr. Brent Buche's letter dated April 24, 2018, requesting input on San Luis Obispo County's plan to allow homes to be rebuilt that were destroyed in the 2016 Chimney Fire along the rim of Nacimiento Reservoir and within the dam's floodage easement (reservoir space between the spillway and dam crests). Specifically, Mr. Buche asked if the reconstruction will have any impacts on existing permits/licenses or currently proposed and future projects involving Nacimiento Dam.

Based on our review of the satellite photos provided of the sites where the seven homes will be re-built and the most recent hydrologic studies for the dam, the homes could be flooded during a significant storm event due to a rise in the reservoir above its normal operating elevation. However, it is unlikely that this would impact the safety of the dam since these homes will be situated along the reservoir rim about 6.75 miles upstream of the dam.

The Certificate of Approval issued by this Division authorizes reservoir storage and stipulates when the Obermeyer Gates in the spillway must be lowered during a significant storm event. We do not anticipate any necessary changes to the Certificate of Approval due to this proposed reconstruction. However, during a significant storm event or any event that poses an imminent threat to the dam and its appurtenances, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) will be expected to make its operational decisions based primarily on ensuring the safe passage of flows through the spillway for the overall safety of the Nacimiento Dam System.

Although we do not foresee that the reconstruction will have any impacts on currently proposed and future projects involving the safety and operation of Nacimiento Dam, we cannot comment on impacts to other projects cited in the letter, such as the Habitat Conservation Plan and Endangered Species Act Section 7 re-initiation, since they are not directly related to dam safety. We recommend that the Agency consult with the appropriate environmental agencies to determine potential impacts that the proposed reconstruction may have on these projects.



Mr. David Chardavoyne

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If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Austin Roundtree at (916) 227-4625 or Regional Engineer Melissa Collord at (916) 227-4631.

Sincerely,

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Sharon K. Tapia, Chief  
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cc: Mr. Frank Blackett, P.E., Regional Engineer  
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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
Attn: Alice Henault  
P.O. Box 930  
Salinas, Ca 93902

8 May, 2018



Honorable Board;

This request is made on behalf of the Salinas Valley Water Coalition, and is made pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code §6250 et seq. We request all public records related to or associated with the water deliveries provided to the lands within the CSIP Zone 2B area for the last 5 calendar years, and would like the data provided by the following category:

- a. Recycled water delivered, by each lateral distribution pipeline (aka turnout), by month and year;
- b. Supplemental well water delivered via MCWRA wells, by each lateral distribution pipeline (aka turnout), by month and year;
- c. Water diverted from the SRDF to the 80 acre pond, by month and year;
- d. Water delivered from the SRDF diversion that is then blended and delivered to the CSIP Zone 2B lands, by month and year;
- e. A map of the CSIP Zone 2B lands that shows each parcel located within the Zone;
- f. A map of the CSIP Zone 2B lands that shows each lateral distribution pipeline (aka turnout) associated with the water delivery system for Zone 2B;

Under the California Public Records Act, the term "public records" includes any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business, prepared, owned, used or retained by any public agency. (Government Code § 6252.) The Attorney General has ruled that this information is intended to cover every conceivable kind of record involved in the governmental process and that only purely personal information is exempt. (58 Ops. Atty. Gen. 629, 634.)

**Mission Statement:** *The water resources of the Salinas River Basin should be managed properly in a manner that promotes fairness and equity to all landowners within the basin. The management of these resources should have a scientific basis, comply with all laws and regulations, and promote the accountability of the governing agencies.*

Please email the information to me at: ([niskason@mbay.net](mailto:niskason@mbay.net)). If you are unable to email the requested public record please provide a CD containing the same. Please notify me by email or by phone (831-224-2879), when the information is available so I can either pick up the CD, and/or make arrangements to have it picked up or delivered. If you are unable to provide a CD and would like to use another means, such as a thumb drive, please let us know. We will pay the appropriate costs for the CD and/or any other means necessary to acquire the requested public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Isakson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" being more prominent than the last name "Isakson".

Nancy Isakson, President  
Salinas Valley Water Coalition



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Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
Board of Directors  
P.O. Box 930  
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8 May, 2018

Honorable Board:

The Salinas Valley Water Coalition requests that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) adhere to section 4.03 of the Agency Board's Bylaws for appointing members to the ad-hoc committee to prepare the San Antonio Reservoir Operations Manual (Manual). Section 4.03 of Agency's Bylaws, as amended on September 19, 2016, states as follows:

"Section 4.03. Advisory and Ad-Hoc Committees. The Chair may appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, advisory or ad-hoc committees as the need arises, and define the mission and duties thereof."

The term 'Chair' referenced in the above provision is the Chair of the Board of Directors, not the Chair of any committee. The Chair of the Board of Directors appoints members to the advisory and ad-hoc committees, which appointments would then need to be ratified/approved by the Board of Directors.

This matter is brought to your attention because the Chair of your Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee, who is not the Chair of the Board of Directors, appointed six (6) individuals to the ad-hoc committee to prepare the Manual for the San Antonio Reservoir. When asked if the Chair of the Committee had the authority to appoint individuals to the ad-hoc committee, and if the appointments needed approval from the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Committee said he had the authority to make such appointments and the appointments did not need to go before the Board of Directors for final approval. Such conduct is inconsistent with the Agency's Bylaws.

We respectfully request that the Chair of the Board of Directors appoints members to the ad-hoc committee to prepare the Manual, and that the appointments be ratified by the Board of Directors as required under the Bylaws. We also ask that the ad-hoc committee be comprised of individuals representing each of the sub-basin of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin in addition to those representing urban interests and San Luis Obispo County.

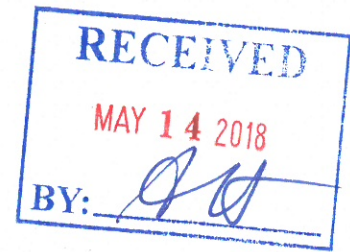
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**Cal OES**  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
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May 10, 2018

Mr. David Chardavoyne,  
General Manager  
Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
Post Office Box 930  
Salinas, California 93902-0930

Subject: **Notice of Receipt – Emergency Action Plan**  
San Antonio Dam, No. 1008.002, Monterey County

Dear Mr. Chardavoyne:

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Dam Emergency Action Planning Division, hereby acknowledges the receipt of your completed Emergency Action Plan Review Package on May 1, 2018, for the subject dam(s) listed above.

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 6161, subdivision (b)(1), the Dam Emergency Action Planning Division shall review and approve your Emergency Action Plan no later than 60 days after receipt of the completed Emergency Action Plan Review Package, as noted above. To the extent possible, the Dam Emergency Action Planning Division will give priority to a dam with the highest hazard classification.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kendall Skillicorn at 916-845-8882 or at [Kendall.skillicorn@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:Kendall.skillicorn@caloes.ca.gov), with a copy to [eap@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:eap@caloes.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

JOSÉ LARA  
Chief, Dam Emergency Action Planning Division

cc: Sharon Tapia, Chief, Division of Safety of Dams, Department of Water Resources  
Germán E. Críollo, Monterey County Water Resources Agency