

June 10, 2026

Monterey County Board of Supervisors
168 W. Alisal Street
Salinas, CA 93901

Subject: Request to Amend Exhibit F of the SVBGSA Joint Powers Agreement – Update to Environmental Nominating Group

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Environmental Caucus associated with the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA), we respectfully request that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, as the Appointing Authority, approve this update to Exhibit F of the SVBGSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) related to the Environment Director Position Nominating Group. Pursuant to Section 6.5(g) of the JPA, modifications to the composition of the nominating group may be made with notification to the Appointing Authority, including the removal of participating entities. Consistent with these provisions, the Environmental Caucus requests the following update:

1. Removal of Friends and Neighbors of Elkhorn Slough

In accordance with Section 6.5(g)(vi), the Caucus requests removal of Friends and Neighbors of Elkhorn Slough from Exhibit F. This entity has let the Caucus know they no longer have the time to participate. As a result, their continued inclusion does not reflect active participation in the caucus.

These updates will help ensure that the Environmental Nominating Group remains active, engaged, and representative of organizations contributing to groundwater sustainability efforts in the Salinas Valley. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Board acknowledge these changes and direct that Exhibit F of the SVBGSA JPA be updated to remove Friends and Neighbors of Elkhorn Slough.

We appreciate your consideration and continued support of effective and inclusive governance of the SVBGSA.

Sincerely,

Janet Brennan
On behalf of Environmental Caucus

cc: SVBGSA Board of Directors
SVBGSA Staff