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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 29, 2021
TO: Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee
FROM: Kamie N. Loeser, Director, Butte County Water and Resource Conservation
RE: Draft Vina Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Public Comments Received

Overview

The Draft Vina Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) was released for a 40-day public review period beginning on September 10, 2021 and ending October 19, 2021. As part of the public review process, the Vina GSA held two public workshops 1) an in-person workshop on October 4, 2021 and 2) a virtual workshop on October 13, 2021. In addition, the Vina GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) also met on October 19, 2021 to provide comments to the Vina GSA Management Committee and Geosyntec (consultant team) for review and consideration for incorporation into the GSP, as appropriate, prior to finalizing the document for review by the Vina GSA Board.

The GSA received approximately 200 comments on the GSP, including letters from agencies and organizations as well as comments from SHAC members and the general public. Comments included grammatical edits, updates and revisions to tables and figures, suggested deletions and necessary points of clarification, and a general critique of the GSP and the preparation process.

A Comment Tracking Table that includes all of the comments received during the 40-day public comment period is attached. Comment letters are cross-referenced in the table and are included in their entirety as an attachment to the Comment Tracking Table.

Key comment topics include, but are not limited to:

- Minimum Thresholds (MT) being too low
- Measurable Objective (MO) being too low
- Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs)
- Adding additional RMS wells
- Flood water storage
- Surface water recharge
- Groundwater and inter-basin connection/sub-surface flows
- Triggers for response to negative conditions/schedule when action occurs
- Implementation schedule of PMAs
- Data gaps
- Domestic wells going dry

- Sustainable yield estimates and calculations
- Changes or elimination to some of the suggested PMAs
- Water conservation
- Agriculture efficiency
- Currently experiencing undesirable results within the basin

Public Comment Response Process

The Vina GSA Management Committee in coordination with the consultant team will review all comments received and respond accordingly. Comments that result in edits, additions, or deletions to the GSP will be documented in tracked changes. These revisions will also be noted in the Comment Tracking Table for ease of reference by the commenter. If a comment is not specific to the GSP and consists of an editorial on the GSP preparation process or provides additional background information, these comments will be reviewed and noted for the record.

The final Comment Tracking Table, including references to revisions to the GSP and responses, will be provided as an Appendix to the Final GSP that will be submitted to the Vina GSA Board for review and adoption.