

**GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
(DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES) AND
SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER AGENCY
AGREEMENT NUMBER 4600012697
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PLANNING (SGWP) GRANT
AMENDMENT #5**

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, herein referred to as the "State" or "DWR" and the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA), a public agency in the State of California, duly organized, existing, and acting pursuant to the laws thereof, herein referred to as the "Grantee," which parties do hereby agree as follows:

- 1) **PURPOSE.** The State shall provide funding from the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) and the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) to assist the Grantee in financing the Santa Margarita Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development (Project) that will improve sustainable groundwater management, pursuant to Water Code Section 79700 et seq. The provision of State funds pursuant to this Agreement shall result in an adopted GSP by the applicable Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) via the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) GSP Submittal Portal for review. The provisions of State funds does not guarantee adoption of the GSP by the applicable GSA or that the GSP will meet all of the evaluation and assessment criteria when submitted to DWR as required by SGMA and implementing regulations.
- 2) **TERM OF GRANT AGREEMENT.** The term of this Grant Agreement begins on the date this Grant Agreement is executed by the State, through final payment plus three (3) years unless otherwise terminated or amended as provided in this Grant Agreement. However, all work shall be completed by DECEMBER 31, 2023 in accordance with the Schedule as set forth in Exhibit C and no funds may be requested after FEBRUARY 28, 2024.
- 3) **GRANT AMOUNT.** The maximum amount payable by the State under this Grant Agreement shall not exceed \$1,644,200.00
- 4) **GRANTEE COST SHARE.** The Grantee is required to provide a Local Cost Share (non-State funds) as set forth in Exhibit B (Budget). Local Cost Share may include Eligible Project Costs directly related to Exhibit A incurred after January 1, 2015, for Proposition 1 funds and incurred after May 18, 2016, for Proposition 68 funds.
- 5) **BASIC CONDITIONS.** The State shall have no obligation to disburse money for the Project under this Grant Agreement until the Grantee has satisfied the following conditions (if applicable):
 1. Prior to execution of this Grant Agreement, selected applicants (Groundwater Sustainability Agency) for GSP Development projects must submit evidence of a notification to the public and DWR prior to initiating development of a GSP in compliance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, Section 350 et seq. (GSP Regulations) and Water Code Section 10727.8.
 2. The Grantee must demonstrate compliance with all eligibility criteria as set forth in the 2015 Grant Program Guidelines, 2017 Program Guidelines, and 2019 Program Guidelines for the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program.
 3. For the term of this Grant Agreement, the Grantee submits Quarterly Progress Reports, associated invoices, and invoice backup documentation within 60 days following the end of the calendar quarter (e.g. submitted by May 30, August 30, November 30, and February 28) and all other deliverables as required by Paragraph 16, "Submission of Reports" and Exhibit A.

4. Prior to the commencement of construction or implementation activities, if applicable, the Grantee shall submit the following to the State:
 - a. Final plans and specifications certified, signed, and stamped by a California Registered Civil Engineer as to compliance for each approved project as listed in Exhibit A of this Grant Agreement.
 - b. Work that is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and or environmental permitting shall not proceed under this Grant Agreement until the following actions are performed:
 - (1) The Grantee submits to the State all applicable environmental permits as indicated on the Environmental Information Form to the State,
 - (2) Documents that satisfy the CEQA process are received by the State,
 - (3) The State has completed its CEQA compliance review as a Responsible Agency, and
 - (4) The Grantee receives written concurrence from the State of Lead Agency's CEQA document(s) and State notice of verification of environmental permit submittal.

The State's concurrence of Lead Agency's CEQA documents is fully discretionary and shall constitute a condition precedent to any work (i.e., construction or implementation activities) for which it is required. Once CEQA documentation has been completed, the State will consider the environmental documents and decide whether to continue to fund the project or to require changes, alterations or other mitigation. The Grantee must also demonstrate that it has complied with all applicable requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act by submitting copies of any environmental documents, including environmental impact statements, Finding of No Significant Impact, mitigation monitoring programs, and environmental permits as may be required prior to beginning construction/implementation.

- c. A monitoring plan as required by Paragraph 18, "Monitoring Plan Requirements", if applicable for Implementation Components/Project(s).
- 6) **DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.** The State will disburse to the Grantee the amount approved, subject to the availability of funds through normal State processes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Grant Agreement, no disbursement shall be required at any time or in any manner which is in violation of, or in conflict with, federal or state laws, rules, or regulations, or which may require any rebates to the federal government, or any loss of tax-free status on state bonds, pursuant to any federal statute or regulation. Any and all money disbursed to the Grantee under this Grant Agreement shall be deposited in a non-interest bearing account and shall be used solely to pay Eligible Project Costs.
- 7) **ELIGIBLE PROJECT COST.** The Grantee shall apply State funds received only to Eligible Project Costs in accordance with applicable provisions of the law and Exhibit B, "Budget". Eligible Project Costs include the reasonable costs of studies, engineering, design, land and easement acquisition and associated legal fees, preparation of environmental documentation, environmental mitigations, monitoring, project construction, and/or any other scope of work efforts as described in Exhibit A. Reimbursable administrative expenses are the necessary costs incidental but directly related to the Project included in this Agreement. Work performed on the Project after July 1, 2017 but before December 31, 2023, shall be eligible for reimbursement.

Costs that are not eligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to, the following items:

1. Costs associated with the formation of a GSA(s).
2. Costs, other than those noted above, incurred prior to the award date of this Grant.
3. Costs for preparing and filing a grant application.

4. Operation and maintenance costs, including post construction performance and monitoring costs.
 5. Purchase of equipment that is not an integral part of a project.
 6. Establishing a reserve fund.
 7. Purchase of water supplies.
 8. Monitoring and assessment costs for efforts required after project construction is complete.
 9. Replacement of existing funding sources for ongoing programs.
 10. For all Proposition 68 grant funds, travel and per diem costs.
 11. Support of existing agency requirements and mandates (e.g., punitive regulatory agency requirement).
 12. Purchase of land in excess of the minimum required acreage necessary to operate as an integral part of a project, as set forth and detailed by engineering and feasibility studies, or land purchased prior to the execution date of this Grant Agreement.
 13. Overhead and indirect costs. "Indirect Costs" means those costs that are incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective and are not readily assignable to the funded project (i.e., costs that are not directly related to the funded project). Examples of Indirect Costs include, but are not limited to: central service costs; general administration of the Grantee; non-project-specific accounting and personnel services performed within the Grantee's organization; depreciation or use allowances on buildings and equipment; the costs of operating and maintaining non-project-specific facilities; tuition and conference fees; and, generic overhead or markup. This prohibition applies to the Grantee and any subcontract or sub-agreement for work on the Project that will be reimbursed pursuant to this Agreement.
- 8) METHOD OF PAYMENT. After the disbursement requirements in Paragraph 5 "Basic Conditions" are met, the State will disburse the whole or portions of State funding to the Grantee, following receipt from the Grantee via U.S. mail or Express mail delivery of a "wet signature" invoice or an electronic invoice certified and transmitted via DocuSign for costs incurred, including Local Cost Share, and timely Quarterly Progress Reports as required by Paragraph 16, "Submission of Reports." Payment will be made no more frequently than quarterly, in arrears, upon receipt of an invoice bearing the Grant Agreement number. Invoices must accompany a Quarterly Progress Report and shall be submitted within 60 days following the end of the calendar quarter (i.e. invoices due May 30, August 30, November 30, and February 28). The State will notify the Grantee, in a timely manner, whenever, upon review of an Invoice, the State determines that any portion or portions of the costs claimed are not eligible costs or is not supported by documentation or receipts acceptable to the State. The Grantee may, within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of receipt of such notice, submit additional documentation to the State to cure such deficiency(ies). If the Grantee fails to submit adequate documentation curing the deficiency(ies), the State will adjust the pending invoice by the amount of ineligible or unapproved costs.

Invoices submitted by the Grantee shall include the following information:

1. Costs incurred for work performed in implementing the project during the period identified in the particular invoice.
2. Costs incurred for any interests in real property (land or easements) that have been necessarily acquired for a project during the period identified in the particular invoice for the implementation of a project.
3. Invoices shall be submitted on forms provided by the State and shall meet the following format requirements:
 - a. Invoices must contain the date of the invoice, the time period covered by the invoice, and the total amount due.

- b. Invoices must be itemized based on the categories (i.e., tasks) specified in the Exhibit B. The amount claimed for salaries/wages/consultant fees must include a calculation formula (i.e., hours or days worked times the hourly or daily rate = the total amount claimed).
- c. One set of sufficient evidence (i.e., receipts, copies of checks, time sheets) must be provided for all costs included in the invoice.
- d. Each invoice shall clearly delineate those costs claimed for reimbursement from the State's funding amount, as depicted in Paragraph 3, "Grant Amount" and those costs that represent the Grantee's costs, as applicable, in Paragraph 4, "Grantee Cost Share."
- e. Original signature and date (in ink) of the Grantee's Project Representative. Submit the original "wet signature" copy of the invoice form or an electronic signature certified and transmitted via DocuSign from the authorized representative to the address listed in Paragraph 23, "Project Representative."

All invoices submitted shall be accurate and signed under penalty of perjury. Any and all costs submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall only be for the tasks set forth herein. The Grantee shall not submit any invoice containing costs that are ineligible or have been reimbursed from other funding sources unless required and specifically noted as such (i.e., match costs). Any eligible costs for which the Grantee is seeking reimbursement shall not be reimbursed from any other source. Double or multiple billing for time, services, or any other eligible cost is illegal and constitutes fraud. Any suspected occurrences of fraud, forgery, embezzlement, theft, or any other misuse of public funds may result in suspension of disbursements of grant funds and/or termination of this Agreement requiring the repayment of all funds disbursed hereunder plus interest. Additionally, the State may request an audit pursuant to Exhibit D and refer the matter to the Attorney General's Office or the appropriate district attorney's office for criminal prosecution or the imposition of civil liability. (Civ. Code, §§ 1572-1573; Pen. Code, §§ 470, 489-490.)

9) ADVANCED PAYMENT. Not Applicable

10) REPAYMENT OF ADVANCES. Not Applicable

11) WITHHOLDING OF DISBURSEMENTS BY THE STATE. If the State determines that a project is not being implemented in accordance with the provisions of this Grant Agreement, or that the Grantee has failed in any other respect to comply with the provisions of this Grant Agreement, and if the Grantee does not remedy any such failure to the State's satisfaction, the State may withhold from the Grantee all or any portion of the State funding and take any other action that it deems necessary to protect its interests. Where a portion of the State funding has been disbursed to the Grantee and the State notifies the Grantee of its decision not to release funds that have been withheld pursuant to Paragraph 13, "Continuing Eligibility," the portion that has been disbursed shall thereafter be repaid immediately with interest at the California general obligation bond interest rate at the time the State notifies the Grantee, as directed by the State. The State may consider the Grantee's refusal to repay the requested disbursed amount a contract breach subject to the default provisions in Paragraph 12, "Default Provisions." If the State notifies the Grantee of its decision to withhold the entire funding amount from the Grantee pursuant to this paragraph, this Grant Agreement shall terminate upon receipt of such notice by the Grantee and the State shall no longer be required to provide funds under this Grant Agreement and the Grant Agreement shall no longer be binding on either party.

12) DEFAULT PROVISIONS. The Grantee will be in default under this Grant Agreement if any of the following occur:

1. Substantial breaches of this Grant Agreement, or any supplement or amendment to it, or any other agreement between the Grantee and the State evidencing or securing the Grantee's obligations;
2. Making any false warranty, representation, or statement with respect to this Grant Agreement or the application filed to obtain this Grant Agreement;
3. Failure to operate or maintain the Project in accordance with this Grant Agreement.

4. Failure to make any remittance required by this Grant Agreement, including any remittance recommended as a result of an audit conducted pursuant to Paragraph D. 5.
5. Failure to comply with Labor Compliance Plan requirements.
6. Failure to submit quarterly progress reports pursuant to Paragraph 5.
7. Failure to invoice the State pursuant to Paragraph 5.
8. Failure to meet any of the requirements set forth in Paragraph 13, "Continuing Eligibility."

Should an event of default occur, the State shall provide a notice of default to the Grantee and shall give the Grantee at least ten (10) calendar days to cure the default from the date the notice is sent via first-class mail to the Grantee. If the Grantee fails to cure the default within the time prescribed by the State, the State may do any of the following:

9. Declare the funding be immediately repaid, with interest, which shall be equal to the State of California general obligation bond interest rate in effect at the time of the default.
10. Terminate any obligation to make future payments to the Grantee.
11. Terminate the Grant Agreement.
12. Take any other action that it deems necessary to protect its interests.

In the event the State finds it necessary to enforce this provision of this Grant Agreement in the manner provided by law, the Grantee agrees to pay all costs incurred by the State including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, legal expenses, and costs.

13) CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY. The Grantee must meet the following ongoing requirement(s) and all eligibility criteria outlined in the 2015 and 2019 Guidelines and 2017 and 2019 Proposal Solicitation Packages to remain eligible to receive State funds:

1. The Grantee must continue to demonstrate eligibility by continuing to be a GSA or a member agency of a GSA and the groundwater basin must continue to be an eligible basin as outlined in the 2015 and 2019 Guidelines and the 2017 and 2019 Proposal Solicitation Packages (PSPs).
2. An urban water supplier that receives grant funds pursuant to this Grant Agreement must maintain compliance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (UWMP; Wat. Code, § 10610 et seq.) and Sustainable Water Use and Demand Reduction (Wat. Code, § 10608 et seq.) by doing the following:
 - a. Have submitted their 2015 UWMP and had it deemed consistent by DWR. If the 2015 UWMP has not been submitted to DWR funding disbursements to the urban water supplier will cease until the 2015 UWMP is submitted. If the 2015 UWMP is deemed inconsistent by DWR, the urban water supplier will be ineligible to receive funding disbursements until the inconsistencies are addressed and DWR deems the UWMP consistent. For more information, visit the following website: <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/Urban-Water-Use-Efficiency/Urban-Water-Management-Plans>.
 - b. All urban water suppliers must submit documentation that demonstrates they are meeting the 2015 interim gallons per capita per day (GPCD) target. If not meeting the interim target, the Grantee must submit a schedule, financing plan, and budget for achieving the GPCD target, as required pursuant to Water Code Section 10608.24. Urban water suppliers that did not meet their 2015 interim GPCD target must also submit annual reports that include a schedule, financing plan, and budget for achieving the GPCD target by June 30 of each year.
3. An agricultural water supplier receiving grant funding must:
 - a. Comply with Sustainable Water Use and Demand Reduction requirements outlined in Water Code Section 10608, et seq. Submit to the State a schedule, financing plan, and budget for

implementation of the efficient water management practices, required pursuant to Water Code Section 10608.48.

- b. Have their Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) deemed consistent by DWR. To maintain eligibility and continue funding disbursements, an agricultural water supply must have their 2015 AWMP identified on the State's website. For more information, visit the following website: <https://www.water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Agriculture-Water-Use-Efficiency>.
 4. The Grantee diverting surface water must maintain compliance with diversion reporting requirements as outlined in Part 5.1 of Division 2 of the Water Code.
 5. If applicable, the Grantee must demonstrate compliance with the Groundwater Management Act set forth on pages 7 and 8 of the 2015 SGWP Grant Program Guidelines, dated October 2015.
 6. Grantees that have been designated as monitoring entities under the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program must maintain reporting compliance, as required by Water Code Section 10932 and the CASGEM Program.
- 14) PERMITS, LICENSES, APPROVALS, AND LEGAL OBLIGATIONS. The Grantee shall be responsible for obtaining any and all permits, licenses, and approvals required for performing any work under this Grant Agreement, including those necessary to perform design, construction, or operation and maintenance of the Project(s). The Grantee shall be responsible for observing and complying with any applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules or regulations affecting any such work, specifically those including, but not limited to, environmental, procurement, and safety laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances. The Grantee shall provide copies of permits and approvals to the State.
- 15) RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES. If applicable, the Grantee is solely responsible for design, construction, and operation and maintenance of projects within the work plan. Review or approval of plans, specifications, bid documents, or other construction documents by the State is solely for the purpose of proper administration of funds by the State and shall not be deemed to relieve or restrict responsibilities of the Grantee under this Grant Agreement.
- 16) SUBMISSION OF REPORTS. The submittal and approval of all reports is a requirement for the successful completion of this Grant Agreement. Reports shall meet generally accepted professional standards for technical reporting and shall be proofread for content, numerical accuracy, spelling, and grammar prior to submittal to the State. All reports shall be submitted to the State's Project Manager, and shall be submitted via Department of Water Resources (DWR) "Grant Review and Tracking System" (GRanTS). If requested, the Grantee shall promptly provide any additional information deemed necessary by the State for the approval of reports. Reports shall be presented in the formats described in the applicable portion of Exhibit F. The timely submittal of reports is a requirement for initial and continued disbursement of State funds. Submittal and subsequent approval by the State of a Project Completion Report is a requirement for the release of any funds retained for such project.
1. Quarterly Progress Reports: The Grantee shall submit Quarterly_Progress Reports to meet the State's requirement for disbursement of funds. Quarterly_Progress Reports shall be uploaded via GRanTS, and the State's Project Manager notified of upload. The Grantee shall use the Quarterly_Progress Reports template provided by the State's Project Manager that shall, in part, provide a brief description of the work performed, Grantees activities, milestones achieved, any accomplishments and any problems encountered in the performance of the work under this Grant Agreement during the reporting period. The first Quarterly_Progress Report should be submitted to the State no later than four (4) months after the execution of the agreement, with future reports then due May 30, August 30, November 30, and February 28.
 2. Groundwater Sustainability Plan: The Grantee shall submit a Final Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to DWR by the date as specified per SGMA. The GSP shall be formatted, drafted, prepared, and

completed as required by the GSP Regulations, and in accordance with any other regulations or requirements that are stipulated through SGMA.

3. Coordination Agreement: The Grantee shall provide the State a copy of the executed Coordination Agreement, and any and all supporting documentation. This condition is only required in basins where GSAs develop multiple GSPs pursuant to Water Code section 10727(b)(3). Refer to the GSP Regulations for necessary details and requirements to prepare and submit a Coordination Agreement.
 4. Accountability Report: The Grantee shall prepare and submit to the State an Accountability Report on a quarterly basis if the Grantee received an Advanced Payment, consistent with the provisions in Paragraph 9, "Advanced Payment."
 5. Component Completion Report: The Grantee shall prepare and submit to the State a separate Component Completion Report for each project or component included in Exhibit A. The Grantee shall submit a Component Completion Report by the dates outlined in Exhibit A. Each Component Completion Report shall include, in part, a description of actual work done, any changes or amendments to each project, and a final schedule showing actual progress versus planned progress, copies of any final documents or reports generated or utilized during a project. The Component Completion Report shall also include, if applicable for Implementation Project(s), certification of final project by a registered civil engineer, consistent with Exhibit D. A "Certification of Project Completion" form will be provided by the State.
 6. Grant Completion Report: Upon completion of the Project included in Exhibit A, the Grantee shall submit to the State a Grant Completion Report. The Grant Completion Report shall be submitted by the dates outlined in Exhibit A. The Grant Completion Report shall include reimbursement status, a brief description of each component completed, and how those components will further the goals of the GSP and sustainable groundwater. Retention for the last component, or project, to be completed as part of this Grant Agreement will not be disbursed until the Grant Completion Report is submitted to be approved by the State.
 7. Post-Performance Reports: The Grantee shall prepare and submit to the State Post-Performance Reports on each applicable implementation type Project(s). Post-Performance Reports shall be submitted to the State within ninety (90) calendar days after the first operational year of a project has elapsed. This record keeping and reporting process shall be repeated annually for a total of three (3) years after the project begins operation.
- 17) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROJECT. For the useful life of construction and implementation projects (pertinent to Implementation Projects) and in consideration of the funding made by the State, the Grantee agrees to ensure or cause to be performed the commencement and continued operation of the project, and shall ensure or cause the project to be operated in an efficient and economical manner; shall ensure all repairs, renewals, and replacements necessary to the efficient operation of the same are provided; and shall ensure or cause the same to be maintained in as good and efficient condition as upon its construction, ordinary and reasonable wear and depreciation excepted. The State shall not be liable for any cost of such maintenance, management, or operation. The Grantee or their successors may, with the written approval of the State, transfer this responsibility to use, manage, and maintain the property. For purposes of this Grant Agreement, "useful life" means period during which an asset, property, or activity is expected to be usable for the purpose it was acquired or implemented; "operation costs" include direct costs incurred for material and labor needed for operations, utilities, insurance, and similar expenses, and "maintenance costs" include ordinary repairs and replacements of a recurring nature necessary for capital assets and basic structures and the expenditure of funds necessary to replace or reconstruct capital assets or basic structures. Refusal by the Grantee to ensure operation and maintenance of the projects in accordance with this provision may, at the option of the State, be considered a breach of this Grant Agreement and may be treated as default under Paragraph 12, "Default Provisions."

- 18) MONITORING PLAN REQUIREMENTS. Pertinent to Implementation Projects or Components, a Monitoring Plan shall be submitted to the State prior to disbursement of State funds for construction or monitoring activities. The Monitoring Plan should incorporate items defined and listed in Exhibit K.
- 19) STATEWIDE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS. The Grantee shall ensure that all groundwater projects and projects that include groundwater monitoring requirements are consistent with the Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 (Wat. Code, § 10780 et seq.) and, where applicable, projects that affect water quality shall include a monitoring component that allows the integration of data into statewide monitoring efforts, including where applicable, the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program carried out by the State Water Resources Control Board. See Exhibit G for web links and information regarding other State monitoring and data reporting requirements.
- 20) NOTIFICATION OF STATE. The Grantee shall promptly notify the State, in writing, of the following items:
1. Events or proposed changes that could affect the scope, budget, or work performed under this Grant Agreement. The Grantee agrees that no substantial change in the scope of a project will be undertaken until written notice of the proposed change has been provided to the State and the State has given written approval for such change. Substantial changes generally include changes to the scope of work, schedule or term, and budget.
 2. Any public or media event publicizing the accomplishments and/or results of this Grant Agreement and provide the opportunity for attendance and participation by the State's representatives. The Grantee shall make such notification at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the event.
 3. Applicable to Implementation Projects only, Final inspection of the completed work on a project by a Registered Professional (Civil Engineer, Engineering Geologist, or other State approved certified/license Professional), in accordance with Exhibit D. The Grantee shall notify the State's Project Manager of the inspection date at least 14 calendar days prior to the inspection in order to provide the State the opportunity to participate in the inspection.
- 21) NOTICES. Any notice, demand, request, consent, or approval that either party desires or is required to give to the other party under this Grant Agreement shall be in writing. Notices may be transmitted by any of the following means:
1. By delivery in person.
 2. By certified U.S. mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid.
 3. By "overnight" delivery service; provided that next-business-day delivery is requested by the sender.
 4. By electronic means.
 5. Notices delivered in person will be deemed effective immediately on receipt (or refusal of delivery or receipt). Notices sent by certified mail will be deemed effective given ten (10) calendar days after the date deposited with the U.S. Postal Service. Notices sent by overnight delivery service will be deemed effective one business day after the date deposited with the delivery service. Notices sent electronically will be effective on the date of transmission, which is documented in writing. Notices shall be sent to the addresses listed below. Either party may, by written notice to the other, designate a different address that shall be substituted for the one below.
- 22) PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Upon completion of this Grant Agreement, the Grantee's performance will be evaluated by the State and a copy of the evaluation will be placed in the State file and a copy sent to the Grantee.
- 23) PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES. The Project Representatives during the term of this Grant Agreement are as follows:

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Carmel K. Brown, Manager

Scotts Valley Water District
David McNair

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Either party may change its Project Representative or Project Manager upon written notice to the other party.

24) STANDARD PROVISIONS. The following Exhibits are attached and made a part of this Grant Agreement by this reference:

Exhibit A – Work Plan

Exhibit B – Budget

Exhibit C – Schedule

Exhibit D – Standard Conditions

Exhibit E – Grantee Resolution

Exhibit F – Report Formats and Requirements

Exhibit G – Requirements for Data Submittal

Exhibit H – State Audit Document Requirements and Cost Share Guidelines for Grantees

Exhibit I – Local Project Sponsors (Not Used)

Exhibit J – Project Location

Exhibit K – Monitoring Plan

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Grant Agreement.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Scotts Valley Water District on behalf of Santa
Margarita Groundwater Agency

Carmel Brown
Carmel K. Brown, Manager
Financial Assistance Branch
Division of Regional Assistance

David McNair
David McNair, General Manager

Date 9/26/2023

Date 10/4/2023

Approved as to Legal Form and Sufficiency

James Herink for
Robin Brewer, Assistant General Counsel
Office of the General Counsel

Date 10/3/2023

EXHIBIT A WORK PLAN

Project Title: Santa Margarita Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development (Project)

Project Description: The Grantee's Project consists of activities associated with planning, development, and preparation of a GSP for the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin (Basin). The resulting GSP will incorporate Best Management Practices as developed by DWR and will result in a more complete understanding of the Basin to support long-term sustainable groundwater management.

Category (a): Grant Administration

Manage and administer the Project as follows. Prepare and submit invoices to DWR, track progress and schedule, and manage contracts and budgets associated with the Grant Agreement. Administer and track contracts with consultants or other agencies that are necessary to complete tasks in the Work Plan and compile the required invoice back-up information. Conduct administrative responsibilities associated with the Project such as coordinating with partnering agencies and managing consultants/contractors including coordination of conference calls/meetings as needed.

Compile quarterly Progress Reports and invoices for submittal to DWR. Progress Reports will be prepared in accordance with Exhibit F. Invoices will include backup documentation. For each component, backup documentation will be collected and organized by category, along with an excel compatible summary document detailing the contents of the backup documentation.

Submit a deliverable due date schedule within 30 days of execution of Amendment 1 of this Agreement or any future amendments, where the amendment would result in a change in the deliverables and/or schedule, for the DWR's Project Manager's review and approval. Edits made to the schedule must be approved by the DWR Project Manager in advance.

Prepare a draft Grant Completion Report and submit to DWR for Project Manager's comments and review not later than 90 days prior to the work completion date listed on Paragraph 2. Prepare a Final Grant Completion Report addressing the DWR Project Manager's comments and submit 30 days prior to the work completion date listed on Paragraph 2. The reports will be prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit F of this Agreement. All deliverables shall be submitted prior to the Final Grant Completion Report submittal as outlined on the approved deliverable due date schedule.

Deliverables:

- Environmental Information Form
- Invoices and associated backup documentation
- Deliverable due date schedule
- Project Progress reports
- Final Grant Completion Report

Category (b): Model Expansion

Task 1: Basin Boundary Modification Study

Study the Basin and delineate appropriate boundaries. Submit study to DWR and make subsequent modifications based on DWR's comments.

Deliverables:

- Initial Basin Boundary Modification Notification
- Basin Boundary Modification Request

- Basin Boundary Modification Letter from DWR

Task 2: Groundwater Model Improvements

Expand existing groundwater model to encompass the entire Basin. Refine model to work on at least a monthly time-scale. Update model to better characterize groundwater/surface water interactions

Deliverables:

- Draft and Final Groundwater Model Assessment Report
- Description of updates to the model

Category (c): Data Management and Monitoring Network**Task 4: Data Management System**

Complete a Data Management System (DMS) that will allow information sharing of the monitoring results between interested parties. The data management system will be developed in coordination with the member agencies of the neighboring groundwater sustainability agency, the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency.

Deliverables:

- Technical memorandum on development of DMS

Task 5: Monitoring Network Development

Conduct monitoring network development planning and collect monitoring data including, but not limited to, streamflow data, groundwater production, Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem condition, and groundwater monitoring well data to inform the identification and assessment of monitoring network data gaps and monitoring network expansion outlined in Task 6.

Deliverables:

- Technical memo of findings

Task 6: Drilling and Monitoring Well Installation

Based on the results of an evaluation of data gaps, install a stream gage(s) and new monitoring well(s), if necessary. Prepare specifications and a bid package for the drilling of boreholes and construction monitoring well(s). Prepare an agenda and conduct a pre-bid meeting with prospective contractors to review elements of the monitoring well installation(s). Prepare a Monitoring Plan that incorporates Post-Performance Monitoring Report requirements.

Prepare technical specifications and bidding package for the drilling of boreholes and construction of the monitoring well(s). Drill boreholes and collect lithologic samples for analysis. Evaluate the subsurface geology at each borehole based on drill cuttings and lithologic samples. Develop monitoring wells.

Based on information obtained from drilling and subsurface geologic assessment, prepare a monitoring well design that will also adhere to DWR Water Well Standards as outlined in Bulletin 74-81 and its companion Bulletin 74-90, and applicable local agency well permitting requirements. Prepare a monitoring well installation report under the supervision of, and stamped by, a California Professional Geologist/Registered Civil Engineer. Obtain the required permits and submit copies of final permits to DWR Project Manager as stated in Paragraph 14 of this Agreement.

Submit the permit(s), environmental documentation, landowner agreements, and final technical specifications with site map locations to DWR's Project Manager for review and concurrence prior to proceeding to

construction for a qualified C-57 licensed well driller and a California registered Professional Geologist to oversee the installation. Complete a Site Health and Safety Plan and Sampling Plan to use during the well installation process and submit to DWR's Project Manager for review and concurrence prior to conducting any field work.

Prepare final monitoring well installation, stream gauge installation, and instrumentation reports for the newly constructed monitoring wells. This includes submittal of Well Completion Reports with DWR.

Deliverables:

- Required permit(s) and environmental documentation
- Bid documentation and technical specifications
- Construction Site Health and Safety Plan and Sampling Plan
- Awarded contract(s)
- Monitoring Plan
- Well Completion Reports (to include photographic documentation)
- Stream Gauge Complete reports (to include photographic documentation)
- Landowner Agreements
- Ratings curves for new streamflow gages

Category (d): Stakeholder Engagement

Task 7: Goal Setting

Utilize an experienced facilitator to assist the Grantee's board with goal setting, effective communication, and GSP development process design.

Deliverables:

- Document defining goals and interest of Grantee's board members
- Design/Framework of GSP development process

Task 8: Outreach Plan Development and Implementation

Develop and deploy basic communication tools for informing the stakeholders of the Basin including pumpers, ratepayers, indirect beneficiaries, environmental interest groups, and public. Develop a Stakeholder Outreach Plan; conduct messaging, advertising, meetings and meeting design for GSP development; develop graphic design(s) and handout(s); and share applicable reports and GSP development activity updates on the website. Conduct Tribal Consultations with the Amah Mutsun as needed.

Deliverables:

- Website link
- Stakeholder Outreach Plan
- Summary of activities included in Progress Report(s)

Category (e): GSP Development

Prepare a GSP in accordance with SGMA regulations and DWR requirements. Submit the adopted GSP to DWR via the SGMA GSP Submittal Portal and submit the automated email response to DWR's Project Manager. The GSP may include, but is not limited to, the sections listed below. Provide summaries of GSP development activities in the Progress Reports.

1. Executive Summary and Introduction
Develop the required content for the GSP Executive Summary and Introduction section of the GSP.
2. Plan Area and Basin Setting
Describe the plan area and basin setting. Provide necessary analysis in completing the following GSP elements if it is deemed appropriate: conjunctive use and underground storage; groundwater

contamination cleanup, recharge, diversions to storage, conservation, water recycling, conveyance, and extraction projects; and impacts on groundwater dependent ecosystems. Write the hydrogeologic conceptual model subsection with input from the groundwater model assessment report and other documents. Conduct additional technical work on identifying interconnected surface water systems. Provide input on sustainable yield as it applies to the GSP. Provide technical input on proposed management areas.

3. Sustainable Management Criteria
Develop the Sustainable Management Criteria. Conduct an iterative approach in development of the sustainable management criteria, including steps such as identifying sustainability indicators, establishing minimum thresholds and defining interim milestones for achieving sustainability
4. Projects and Management Actions
Provide descriptive information on projects and management actions necessary for achieving sustainability of the Basin. Develop a system for comparison and consistency of proposed projects in order to properly evaluate proposed projects. Create a project comparison matrix.
5. Plan Implementation
Develop the implementation section of the GSP.
6. References and Technical Studies
Compile the references and technical studies relevant to the GSP.
7. GSP Preparation and Submittal
Prepare GSP for submittal to DWR. Compile draft GSP and distribute draft GSP and revise GSP (if necessary) per stakeholder feedback.

Deliverables:

- Summaries of activities included as attachments in the Progress Reports
- Adopted GSP
- Proof of final GSP submittal to DWR

EXHIBIT B BUDGET

Project Name: Santa Margarita GSP Enhancement

Grantee: Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Grant serves a need of a Disadvantaged Area?: No

Local Cost Share Required: Round 2 – 50%; Round 3 – 25%

Budget Category	Round 2 Grant Amount	Round 2 Local Cost Share	Round 2 % Local Cost Share	Round 3 Grant Amount	Round 3 Local Cost Share	Round 3 % Local Cost Share	Total Cost
(a) Grant Administration	\$0	\$200,000		\$0	\$3,500		\$203,500.00
(b) Model Expansion	\$98,901.82	\$241,000		\$0	\$150,000		\$489,901.82
(c) Data Management and Monitoring Network	\$52,500.00	\$175,000		\$644,200	\$66,500		\$938,200.00
(d) Stakeholder Engagement	\$57,660.28	\$255,000		\$0	\$0		\$312,660.28
(e) GSP Development	\$790,937.90	\$129,000		\$0	\$0		\$919,937.90
TOTAL COSTS	\$1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	50%	\$644,200	\$220,000	25%	\$2,864,200

EXHIBIT C SCHEDULE

Project Name: Santa Margarita GSP Enhancement

Category	Start Date ¹	End Date ¹
(a) Grant Administration	7/1/2017	12/31/2023
(b) Model Expansion	01/01/2015	1/31/2022
(c) Data Management and Monitoring Network	7/1/2017	11/30/2023
(d) Stakeholder Engagement	7/1/2017	9/30/2022
(e) GSP Development	9/1/2018	1/31/2022

NOTES:

¹Exhibit C Schedule only dictates the work start date and the work end date for the Budget Category listed. The Grantee should refer to the Deliverable Due Date Schedule that has been approved by the DWR Grant Manager to obtain the estimated due date for the deliverables listed in Exhibit A. The dates listed in Exhibit C Schedule are date ranges that correlates to the activities listed within that Budget Category in Exhibit A. Eligible costs for each Budget Category will only be approved if the work completed falls within the date ranges listed in Exhibit C.

EXHIBIT D
STANDARD CONDITIONS

D.1) ACCOUNTING AND DEPOSIT OF FUNDING DISBURSEMENT:

- a) **Separate Accounting of Funding Disbursements:** The Grantee shall account for the money disbursed pursuant to this Grant Agreement separately from all other Grantee funds. The Grantee shall maintain audit and accounting procedures that are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices, consistently applied. The Grantee shall keep complete and accurate records of all receipts and disbursements on expenditures of such funds. The Grantee shall require its contractors or subcontractors to maintain books, records, and other documents pertinent to their work in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices. Records are subject to inspection by the State at any and all reasonable times.
- b) **Disposition of Money Disbursed:** All money disbursed pursuant to this Grant Agreement shall be deposited in a non-interest bearing account, administered, and accounted for pursuant to the provisions of applicable law.
- c) **Remittance of Unexpended Funds:** The Grantee shall remit to the State any unexpended funds that were disbursed to the Grantee under this Grant Agreement and were not used to pay Eligible Project Costs within a period of sixty (60) calendar days from the final disbursement from the State to the Grantee of funds or, within thirty (30) calendar days of the expiration of the Grant Agreement, whichever comes first.

D.2) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CREDIT AND SIGNAGE: The Grantee shall include appropriate acknowledgement of credit to the State for its support when promoting the Project or using any data and/or information developed under this Grant Agreement. Signage shall be posted in a prominent location at Project site(s) (if applicable) or at the Grantee's headquarters and shall include the Department of Water Resources color logo and the following disclosure statement: "Funding for this project has been provided in full or in part from the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 and the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), and through an agreement with the State Department of Water Resources." The Grantee shall also include in each of its contracts for work under this Agreement a provision that incorporates the requirements stated within this paragraph.

D.3) AMENDMENT: This Grant Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties, except insofar as any proposed amendments are in any way contrary to applicable law. Requests by the Grantee for amendments must be in writing stating the amendment request and the reason for the request. Requests solely for a time extension must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the work completion date set forth in Paragraph 2, "Term of Grant Agreement." Any other requests for an amendment must be submitted at least 180 days prior to the work completion date set forth in Paragraph 2, "Term of Grant Agreement." The State shall have no obligation to agree to an amendment.

D.4) AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: By signing this Grant Agreement, the Grantee assures the State that it complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA.

D.5) AUDITS: The State reserves the right to conduct an audit at any time between the execution of this Grant Agreement and the completion of the Project, with the costs of such audit borne by the State. After completion of the Project, the State may require the Grantee to conduct a final audit to the State's specifications, at the Grantee's expense, such audit to be conducted by and a report prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant. Failure or refusal by the Grantee to comply with this provision shall be considered a breach of this Grant Agreement, and the State may elect to pursue any remedies

provided in Paragraph 11 or take any other action it deems necessary to protect its interests. The Grantee agrees it shall return any audit disallowances to the State.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 8546.7, the Grantee shall be subject to the examination and audit by the State for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this Grant Agreement with respect of all matters connected with this Grant Agreement, including but not limited to, the cost of administering this Grant Agreement. All records of the Grantee or its contractor or subcontractors shall be preserved for this purpose for at least three (3) years after receipt of the final disbursement under this Agreement. If an audit reveals any impropriety, the Bureau of State Audits or the State Controller's Office may conduct a full audit of any or all of the Funding Recipient's activities. (Wat. Code, § 79708, subd. (b).)

- D.6) **BUDGET CONTINGENCY:** If the Budget Act of the current year covered under this Grant Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for this program, this Grant Agreement shall be of no force and effect. This provision shall be construed as a condition precedent to the obligation of the State to make any payments under this Grant Agreement. In this event, the State shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to the Grantee or to furnish any other considerations under this Grant Agreement and the Grantee shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this Grant Agreement. Nothing in this Grant Agreement shall be construed to provide the Grantee with a right of priority for payment over any other Grantee. If funding for any fiscal year after the current year covered by this Grant Agreement is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act, by Executive Order, or by order of the Department of Finance, the State shall have the option to either cancel this Grant Agreement with no liability occurring to the State, or offer a Grant Agreement amendment to the Grantee to reflect the reduced amount.
- D.7) **CEQA:** Activities funded under this Grant Agreement, regardless of funding source, must be in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) Any work that is subject to CEQA and funded under this Grant Agreement shall not proceed until documents that satisfy the CEQA process are received by the State's Project Manager and the State has completed its CEQA compliance. Work funded under the Grant Agreement subject to a CEQA document shall not proceed until and unless approved by the State Project Manager. Such approval is fully discretionary and shall constitute a condition precedent to any work for which it is required. If CEQA compliance by the Grantee is not complete at the time the State signs this Agreement, once the State has considered the environmental documents, it may decide to require changes, alterations, or other mitigation to the Project; or to not fund the Project. Should the State decide to not fund the Project, this Agreement shall be terminated in accordance with Paragraph 11.
- D.8) **CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE ACT:** The Grantee acknowledges in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 7110, that:
- a) The Grantee recognizes the importance of child and family support obligations and shall fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws relating to child and family support enforcement, including, but not limited to, disclosure of information and compliance with earnings assignment orders, as provided in Family Code Section 5200 et seq.; and
 - b) The Grantee, to the best of its knowledge is fully complying with the earnings assignment orders of all employees and is providing the names of all new employees to the New Hire Registry maintained by the California Employment Development Department.
- D.9) **CLAIMS DISPUTE:** Any claim that the Grantee may have regarding performance of this Agreement including, but not limited to, claims for additional compensation or extension of time, shall be submitted to the DWR Project Representative, within thirty (30) days of the Grantee's knowledge of the claim. The State and the Grantee shall then attempt to negotiate a resolution of such claim and process an amendment to this Agreement to implement the terms of any such resolution.
- D.10) **COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND PROCUREMENTS:** The Grantee's contracts with other entities for the acquisition of goods and services and construction of public works with funds provided by the State

under this Grant Agreement must be in writing and shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding the securing of competitive bids and undertaking competitive negotiations. If the Grantee does not have a written policy to award contracts through a competitive bidding or sole source process, the Department of General Services' *State Contracting Manual* rules must be followed and are available at: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OLS/Resources/Page-Content/Office-of-Legal-Services-Resources-List-Folder/State-Contracting>.

- D.11) **COMPUTER SOFTWARE:** The Grantee certifies that it has appropriate systems and controls in place to ensure that State funds will not be used in the performance of this Grant Agreement for the acquisition, operation, or maintenance of computer software in violation of copyright laws.
- D.12) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** All participants are subject to state and federal conflict of interest laws. Failure to comply with these laws, including business and financial disclosure provisions, will result in the application being rejected and any subsequent contract being declared void. Other legal action may also be taken. Applicable statutes include, but are not limited to, Government Code Section 1090 and Public Contract Code Sections 10410 and 10411, for State conflict of interest requirements.
- a) **Current State Employees:** No State officer or employee shall engage in any employment, activity, or enterprise from which the officer or employee receives compensation or has a financial interest and which is sponsored or funded by any State agency, unless the employment, activity, or enterprise is required as a condition of regular State employment. No State officer or employee shall contract on his or her own behalf as an independent contractor with any State agency to provide goods or services.
 - b) **Former State Employees:** For the two-year period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract in which he or she engaged in any of the negotiations, transactions, planning, arrangements, or any part of the decision-making process relevant to the contract while employed in any capacity by any State agency. For the twelve-month period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract with any State agency if he or she was employed by that State agency in a policy-making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the twelve-month period prior to his or her leaving State service.
 - c) **Employees of the Grantee:** Employees of the Grantee shall comply with all applicable provisions of law pertaining to conflicts of interest, including but not limited to any applicable conflict of interest provisions of the California Political Reform Act. (Gov. Code, § 87100 et seq.)
 - d) **Employees and Consultants to the Grantee:** Individuals working on behalf of the Grantee may be required by DWR to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Fair Political Practices Commission Form 700) if it is determined that an individual is a consultant for Political Reform Act purposes.
- D.13) **DELIVERY OF INFORMATION, REPORTS, AND DATA:** The Grantee agrees to expeditiously provide throughout the term of this Grant Agreement, such reports, data, information, and certifications as may be reasonably required by the State.
- D.14) **DISPOSITION OF EQUIPMENT:** The Grantee shall provide to the State, not less than 30 calendar days prior to submission of the final invoice, an itemized inventory of equipment purchased with funds provided by the State. The inventory shall include all items with a current estimated fair market value of more than \$5,000.00 per item. Within 60 calendar days of receipt of such inventory the State shall provide the Grantee with a list of the items on the inventory that the State will take title to. All other items shall become the property of the Grantee. The State shall arrange for delivery from the Grantee of items that it takes title to. Cost of transportation, if any, shall be borne by the State.
- D.15) **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION:** Certification of Compliance: By signing this Grant Agreement, the Grantee, its contractors or subcontractors hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of State of California, compliance with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of

1990 (Gov. Code § 8350 et seq.) and have or will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:

- a) Publish a statement notifying employees, contractors, and subcontractors that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees, contractors, or subcontractors for violations, as required by Government Code Section 8355.
 - b) Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program, as required by Government Code Section 8355 to inform employees, contractors, or subcontractors about all of the following:
 - i) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace,
 - ii) The Grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace,
 - iii) Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and
 - iv) Penalties that may be imposed upon employees, contractors, and subcontractors for drug abuse violations.
 - c) Provide, as required by Government Code Section 8355, that every employee, contractor, and/or subcontractor who works under this Grant Agreement:
 - i) Will receive a copy of the Grantee's drug-free policy statement, and
 - ii) Will agree to abide by terms of the Grantee's condition of employment, contract or subcontract.
- D.16) **EASEMENTS:** Where the Grantee acquires property in fee title or funds improvements to real property already owned in fee by the Grantee using State funds provided through this Grant Agreement, an appropriate easement or other title restriction providing for floodplain preservation and agricultural and/or wildlife habitat conservation for the subject property in perpetuity, approved by the State, shall be conveyed to a regulatory or trustee agency or conservation group acceptable to the State. The easement or other title restriction must be in first position ahead of any recorded mortgage or lien on the property unless this requirement is waived by the State.
- Where the Grantee acquires an easement under this Agreement, the Grantee agrees to monitor and enforce the terms of the easement, unless the easement is subsequently transferred to another land management or conservation organization or entity with State permission, at which time monitoring and enforcement responsibilities will transfer to the new easement owner.
- Failure to provide an easement acceptable to the State can result in termination of this Agreement.
- D.17) **FINAL INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION OF REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL:** Upon completion of the Project, the Grantee shall provide for a final inspection and certification by a California Registered Professional (i.e., Professional Civil Engineer, Engineering Geologist, that the Project has been completed in accordance with submitted final plans and specifications and any modifications thereto and in accordance with this Grant Agreement.
- D.18) **GRANTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY.** The Grantee and its representatives shall:
- a) Faithfully and expeditiously perform or cause to be performed all project work as described in Exhibit A and in accordance with Project Exhibit B and Exhibit C.
 - b) Must maintain eligibility requirements as outlined in the 2015 and 2019 Guidelines and the 2017 and 2019 PSPs.
 - c) Accept and agree to comply with all terms, provisions, conditions, and written commitments of this Grant Agreement, including all incorporated documents, and to fulfill all assurances, declarations, representations, and statements made by the Grantee in the application, documents, amendments, and communications filed in support of its request for funding.

- d) Comply with all applicable California, federal, and local laws and regulations.
 - e) Implement the Project in accordance with applicable provisions of the law.
 - f) Fulfill its obligations under the Grant Agreement and be responsible for the performance of the Project.
 - g) Obtain any and all permits, licenses, and approvals required for performing any work under this Grant Agreement, including those necessary to perform design, construction, or operation and maintenance of the Project. The Grantee shall provide copies of permits and approvals to the State.
 - h) Be solely responsible for design, construction, and operation and maintenance of projects within the work plan. Review or approval of plans, specifications, bid documents, or other construction documents by the State is solely for the purpose of proper administration of funds by the State and shall not be deemed to relieve or restrict responsibilities of the Grantee under this Agreement.
 - i) Be solely responsible for all work and for persons or entities engaged in work performed pursuant to this Grant Agreement, including, but not limited to, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and providers of services. The Grantee shall be responsible for any and all disputes arising out of its contracts for work on the Project, including but not limited to payment disputes with contractors and subcontractors. The State will not mediate disputes between the Grantee and any other entity concerning responsibility for performance of work.
- D.19) **GOVERNING LAW:** This Grant Agreement is governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- D.20) **INCOME RESTRICTIONS:** The Grantee agrees that any refunds, rebates, credits, or other amounts (including any interest thereon) accruing to or received by the Grantee under this Agreement shall be paid by the Grantee to the State, to the extent that they are properly allocable to costs for which the Grantee has been reimbursed by the State under this Agreement.
- D.21) **INDEMNIFICATION:** The Grantee shall indemnify and hold and save the State, its officers, agents, and employees, free and harmless from any and all liabilities for any claims and damages (including inverse condemnation) that may arise out of the Project and this Agreement, and any breach of this Agreement. The Grantee shall require its contractors or subcontractors to name the State, its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds on their liability insurance for activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.
- D.22) **INDEPENDENT CAPACITY:** The Grantee, and the agents and employees of the Grantees, in the performance of the Grant Agreement, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the State.
- D.23) **INSPECTION OF BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS:** During regular office hours, each of the parties hereto and their duly authorized representatives shall have the right to inspect and to make copies of any books, records, or reports of either party pertaining to this Grant Agreement or matters related hereto. Each of the parties hereto shall maintain and shall make available at all times for such inspection accurate records of all its costs, disbursements, and receipts with respect to its activities under this Grant Agreement. Failure or refusal by the Grantee to comply with this provision shall be considered a breach of this Grant Agreement, and the State may withhold disbursements to the Grantee or take any other action it deems necessary to protect its interests.
- D.24) **INSPECTIONS OF PROJECT BY STATE:** The State shall have the right to inspect the work being performed at any and all reasonable times during the term of the Grant Agreement. This right shall extend to any subcontracts, and the Grantee shall include provisions ensuring such access in all its contracts or subcontracts entered into pursuant to its Grant Agreement with the State.
- D.25) **LABOR CODE COMPLIANCE:** The Grantee agrees to be bound by all the provisions of the Labor Code regarding prevailing wages and shall monitor all contracts subject to reimbursement from this

Agreement to assure that the prevailing wage provisions of the Labor Code are being met. The Grantee certifies that it has a Labor Compliance Program (LCP) in place or has contracted with a third party that has been approved by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) to operate an LCP. Current DIR requirements may be found at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/lcp.asp>. For more information, please refer to DIR's *Public Works Manual* at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/PWManualCombined.pdf>. The Grantee affirms that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code, which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance, and the Grantee affirms that it will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work under this Agreement and will make its contractors and subcontractors aware of this provision.

- D.26) **MODIFICATION OF OVERALL WORK PLAN:** At the request of the Grantee, the State may at its sole discretion approve non-material changes to the portions of Exhibits A, B, and C which concern the budget and schedule without formally amending this Grant Agreement. Non-material changes with respect to the budget are changes that only result in reallocation of the less than 20 percent (20%) of any line item within the budget and will not result in an increase in the amount of the State Grant Agreement. Non-material changes with respect to the Project schedule are changes that will not extend the term of this Grant Agreement. Requests for non-material changes to the budget and schedule must be submitted by the Grantee to the State in writing and are not effective unless and until specifically approved by the State's Program Manager in writing.
- D.27) **NONDISCRIMINATION:** During the performance of this Grant Agreement, the Grantee and its contractors or subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex (gender), sexual orientation, race, color, ancestry, religion, creed, national origin (including language use restriction), pregnancy, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (cancer/genetic characteristics), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of medial and family care leave or pregnancy disability leave. The Grantee and its contractors or subcontractors shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. The Grantee and its contractors or subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code, § 12990.) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 11000 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing the California Fair Employment and Housing Act are incorporated into this Agreement by reference. The Grantee and its contractors or subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement.
- The Grantee shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under the Grant Agreement.
- D.28) **OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS:** Where the terms of this Grant Agreement provide for action to be based upon, judgment, approval, review, or determination of either party hereto, such terms are not intended to be and shall never be construed as permitting such opinion, judgment, approval, review, or determination to be arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable.
- D.29) **PRIORITY HIRING CONSIDERATIONS:** If this Grant Agreement includes services in excess of \$200,000, the Grantee shall give priority consideration in filling vacancies in positions funded by the Grant Agreement to qualified recipients of aid under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11200 in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 10353.
- D.30) **PROHIBITION AGAINST DISPOSAL OF PROJECT WITHOUT STATE PERMISSION:** The Grantee shall not sell, abandon, lease, transfer, exchange, mortgage, hypothecate, or encumber in any manner whatsoever all or any portion of any real or other property necessarily connected or used in conjunction with the Project, or with the Grantee's service of water, without prior permission of the State. The Grantee shall not take any action, including but not limited to actions relating to user fees, charges, and assessments that could adversely affect the ability of the Grantee to meet its obligations under this

Grant Agreement, without prior written permission of the State. The State may require that the proceeds from the disposition of any real or personal property be remitted to the State.

- D.31) REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE: The use by either party of any remedy specified herein for the enforcement of this Grant Agreement is not exclusive and shall not deprive the party using such remedy of, or limit the application of, any other remedy provided by law.
- D.32) RETENTION: The State shall withhold ten percent (10%) of the funds requested by the Grantee for reimbursement of Eligible Project Costs until the Project is completed and Final Project Completion Report is approved. At the State's discretion and upon a written request by the Grantee, any retained amount attributable to a single Component may be released when that Component is complete and the Final Component Completion Report is approved. Any retained amounts due to the Grantee will be promptly disbursed to the Grantee, without interest, upon completion of the Project or an approved Component upon request.
- D.33) RIGHTS IN DATA: The Grantee agrees that all data, plans, drawings, specifications, reports, computer programs, operating manuals, notes and other written or graphic work produced in the performance of this Grant Agreement shall be made available to the State and shall be in the public domain to the extent to which release of such materials is required under the California Public Records Act. (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.) The Grantee may disclose, disseminate and use in whole or in part, any final form data and information received, collected and developed under this Grant Agreement, subject to appropriate acknowledgement of credit to the State for financial support. The Grantee shall not utilize the materials for any profit-making venture or sell or grant rights to a third party who intends to do so. The State shall have the right to use any data described in this paragraph for any public purpose.
- D.34) SEVERABILITY: Should any portion of this Grant Agreement be determined to be void or unenforceable, such shall be severed from the whole and the Grant Agreement shall continue as modified.
- D.35) SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS: This Grant Agreement may be subject to suspension of payments or termination, or both if the State determines that:
- a) The Grantee, its contractors, or subcontractors have made a false certification, or
 - b) The Grantee, its contractors, or subcontractors violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements noted in this Grant Agreement.
- D.36) SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS: This Grant Agreement and all of its provisions shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties. No assignment or transfer of this Grant Agreement or any part thereof, rights hereunder, or interest herein by the Grantee shall be valid unless and until it is approved by State and made subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as the State may impose.
- D.37) TERMINATION BY GRANTEE: Subject to State approval which may be reasonably withheld, the Grantee may terminate this Agreement and be relieved of contractual obligations. In doing so, the Grantee must provide a reason(s) for termination. The Grantee must submit all progress reports summarizing accomplishments up until termination date.
- D.38) TERMINATION FOR CAUSE: Subject to the right to cure under Paragraph 11, the State may terminate this Grant Agreement and be relieved of any payments should the Grantee fail to perform the requirements of this Grant Agreement at the time and in the manner herein, provided including but not limited to reasons of default under Paragraph 11.
- D.39) TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE: The State may terminate this Agreement without cause on 30 days advance written notice. The Grantee shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred up to the date of termination.

- D.40) THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES: The parties to this Agreement do not intend to create rights in, or grant remedies to, any third party as a beneficiary of this Agreement, or any duty, covenant, obligation or understanding established herein.
- D.41) TIMELINESS: Time is of the essence in this Grant Agreement.
- D.42) TRAVEL – DAC, EDA, or SDAC PROJECT/COMPONENT: If a Project/Component obtains a DAC, EDA, or SDAC Cost Share Waiver, the Grantee may submit travel and per diem costs for eligible reimbursement with State funds. Travel includes the reasonable and necessary costs of transportation, subsistence, and other associated costs incurred by personnel during the term of this Grant Agreement. Any reimbursement for necessary travel and per diem shall be at rates not to exceed those set by the California Department of Human Resources. These rates may be found at: <http://www.calhr.ca.gov/employees/Pages/travel-reimbursements.aspx>. Reimbursement will be at the State travel and per diem amounts that are current as of the date costs are incurred. No travel outside the State of California shall be reimbursed unless prior written authorization is obtained from the State. All travel approved expenses will be reimbursed at the percentage rate of the DAC, EDA, or SDAC Cost Share Waiver. For example, if the Grantee obtains a 100% Waiver, 100% of all approved travel expenses can be invoiced for reimbursement. If the Grantee obtains a 50% Waiver, only 50% of eligible travel expenses will be reimbursed by these grant funds.
- D.43) TRAVEL – NON-DAC, EDA, or SDAC PROJECT/COMPONENT: The Grantee agrees that travel and per diem costs shall NOT be eligible for reimbursement with State funds, unless the Grantee's service area is considered a DAC, EDA, or SDAC. The Grantee also agrees that travel and per diem costs shall NOT be eligible for computing Grantee Local Cost Share. Travel includes the costs of transportation, subsistence, and other associated costs incurred by personnel during the term of this Grant Agreement. Travel costs CANNOT be reimbursed with Proposition 68 funds and only applies to the Proposition 1 funds provided in this Grant Agreement.
- D.44) UNION ORGANIZING: The Grantee, by signing this Grant Agreement, hereby acknowledges the applicability of Government Code Sections 16645 through 16649 to this Grant Agreement. Furthermore, the Grantee, by signing this Grant Agreement, hereby certifies that:
- a) No State funds disbursed by this Grant Agreement will be used to assist, promote, or deter union organizing.
 - b) The Grantee shall account for State funds disbursed for a specific expenditure by this Grant Agreement to show those funds were allocated to that expenditure.
 - c) The Grantee shall, where State funds are not designated as described in (b) above, allocate, on a pro rata basis, all disbursements that support the program.
 - d) If the Grantee makes expenditures to assist, promote, or deter union organizing, the Grantee will maintain records sufficient to show that no State funds were used for those expenditures and that the Grantee shall provide those records to the Attorney General upon request.
- D.45) VENUE: The State and the Grantee hereby agree that any action arising out of this Agreement shall be filed and maintained in the Superior Court in and for the County of Sacramento, California, or in the United States District Court in and for the Eastern District of California. The Grantee hereby waives any existing sovereign immunity for the purposes of this Agreement.
- D.46) WAIVER OF RIGHTS: None of the provisions of this Grant Agreement shall be deemed waived unless expressly waived in writing. It is the intention of the parties here to that from time to time either party may waive any of its rights under this Grant Agreement unless contrary to law. Any waiver by either party of rights arising in connection with the Grant Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver with respect to any other rights or matters, and such provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

EXHIBIT E
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDS

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Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER AGENCY ACCEPTING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES 2017 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PLANNING GRANT AWARD AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE SCOTTS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES THERETO

WHEREAS:

- 1) The Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) was formed by a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) by the Scotts Valley Water District, the San Lorenzo Valley Water District and the County of Santa Cruz pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA);
- 2) The Bylaws, adopted on December 14, 2017, designate the Scotts Valley Water District as the Business Agent of the SMGWA;
- 3) On October 25, 2017, by Resolution No. 2017-01, the Board authorized the application to the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the 2017 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant.
- 4) On May 7, 2018 the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency received a notice of award for a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board of Directors that it hereby:

- 1) Accepts the award and enters into a funding agreement with the DWR for 2017 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant for funding of the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan;
- 2) Authorizes the General Manager of the Scotts Valley Water District, or his/her designee, to represent the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency in carrying out the responsibilities under the funding agreement, to execute all grant related

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documents, and any amendments or changes thereto, and to enter into an agreement to receive the grant funds and to certify disbursement requests.

Passed and adopted this 27th day of September 2018 by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Brown, Engfer, Lind, Baughman, Ratcliffe, Pollock, Franklin, Cassidy, Perri

NOES: None

ABSENT: Stiles

Approved: 
Chris Perri, Chair
Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Attest: 
Angela Franklin, Secretary
Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

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Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THE 2019 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT (SGM) PROGRAM ROUND 3 PLANNING GRANT AND IF AWARDED AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE SCOTTS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES THERETO

WHEREAS:

- 1) The Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) was formed by a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) by the Scotts Valley Water District, the San Lorenzo Valley Water District and the County of Santa Cruz pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA);
- 2) The Bylaws, adopted on December 14, 2017, designate the Scotts Valley Water District as the Business Agent of the SMGWA;
- 3) On September 27, 2018, the Board of Directors accepted the 2017 SGM Planning Grant Round 2 award.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board of Directors that it hereby:

- 1) Authorizes submission of the grant application to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Planning Grant Round 3 pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) (Water Code Sec 79700 et seq.) and/or the California Drought, Water Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resources Code Sec 80000 et seq.); and
- 2) Authorizes the General Manager of the Scotts Valley Water District, or his/her designee, to represent the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency in carrying out

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the responsibilities under the funding agreement, to execute all grant related documents, and any amendments or changes thereto, and to enter into an agreement to receive the grant funds and to certify disbursement requests.

Passed and adopted this 24th day of October 2019 by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Brown, Cassidy, Engfer, Dilles, Koopman, Leopold, Moran, Pollock, Stiles, Henry, Perri
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Approved: 
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Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

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Angela Franklin, Secretary
Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

EXHIBIT F

REPORT FORMATS AND REQUIREMENTS

The following reporting formats should be utilized. Please obtain State approval prior to submitting a report in an alternative format.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports shall generally use the following format. This format may be modified as necessary to effectively communicate information. For the Project, or each component, discuss the following at the task level, as organized in Exhibit A:

- Percent complete estimate.
- Discussion of work accomplished during the reporting period.
- Milestones or deliverables completed/submitted during the reporting period.
- Meetings held or attended.
- Scheduling concerns and issues encountered that may delay completion of the task.

For each project, discuss the following at the project level, as organized in Exhibit A:

- Work anticipated for the next reporting period.
- Photo documentation, as appropriate.
- Any schedule or budget modifications approved by DWR during the reporting period.

COMPLETION REPORT

The Completion Report shall generally use the following format provided below for each Component or Project after completion.

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary should include a brief summary of project information and include the following items:

- Brief description of work proposed to be done in the original Grant application.
- Description of actual work completed and any deviations from Exhibit A. List any official amendments to this Grant Agreement, with a short description of the amendment.

Reports and/or Products

The following items should be provided, unless already submitted as a deliverable:

- A copy of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) that meets all the requirements of the GSP Regulations (for GSP Development Projects), or verification (e.g., acceptance email, or other approved documentation from SGMA), that the GSP was submitted to DWR as required.
- A copy of any final technical report or study, produced for or utilized in this Project as described in the Work Plan
- Electronic copies of any data collected, not previously submitted
- Discussion of problems that occurred during the work and how those problems were resolved
- Final Component schedule showing actual progress versus planned progress

Additional information that may be applicable for Implementation Projects and/or Components includes the following:

- As-built drawings

- Final geodetic survey information
- Project or Component photos

Cost & Disposition of Funds

A list showing:

- Summary of Project costs including the following items:
 - Accounting of the cost of project expenditure
 - Include all internal and external costs not previously disclosed (i.e., additional cost share); and
 - A discussion of factors that positively or negatively affected the project cost and any deviation from the original Project cost estimate.

Additional Information

- Benefits derived from the Component, with quantification of such benefits provided, applicable for Implementation Components.
- A final project schedule showing actual progress versus planned progress as shown in Exhibit C.
- Certification from a California Registered Professional (Civil Engineer or Geologist, as appropriate) that the project was conducted in accordance with the approved work plan and any approved modifications thereto.
- Submittal schedule for the Post Performance Report.

GRANT COMPLETION REPORT

The Grant Completion Report shall generally use the following format. This format may be modified as necessary to effectively communicate information on the various projects in the SGWP Grant Program funded by this Grant Agreement, and includes the following:

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary consists of a maximum of ten (10) pages summarizing information for the grant as well as the individual components.

Reports and/or products

- Brief comparison of work proposed in the original 2017 SGWP Grant application and actual work done.
- Brief description of the Project or components completed and how they achieve either or both of the following:
 - Serve SDAC(s) and support groundwater sustainability planning and management in the basin (Implementation Projects); and/or
 - Support planning, development, and/or preparation of GSP(s) that will comply with and meet the requirements of the GSP Regulations (GSP Development Projects).
- Identify remaining work and mechanism for their implementation (Implementation Projects).
- If applicable (e.g., if a DAC, EDA, or SDAC Cost Share Waiver was approved), a discussion of the benefits to DAC, EDA, and/or SDAC as part of this Grant Agreement.

Cost & Disposition of Funds Information

- A summary of final funds disbursement for the Project, or each component.

Additional Information

- Summary of the submittal schedule for the Post Performance Reports applicable for the Project, or each of the components in this Grant Agreement.

POST-PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Post-Performance Report should be concise, and focus on how (each/the) project or component is actually performing compared to its expected performance; whether the project or component is being operated and maintained, and providing intended benefits as proposed (for Implementation Project or components). The Post-Performance Report should follow the same general format and provide requested information as required to be included in the Project Monitoring Plan (Exhibit K). As applicable, the following information, at a minimum, shall be provided:

Reports and/or products

- Time period of the annual report (e.g., January 2018 through December 2018)
- Short project description
- Discussion of the project benefits
- An assessment of any explanations for any differences between the expected versus actual project benefits as stated in the original 2017 SGWP Grant application. Where applicable, the reporting should include quantitative metrics (i.e., new acre-feet of water produced that year, etc.).
- Summary of any additional costs and/or benefits deriving from the project since its completion, if applicable.
- Continued reporting on meeting the Output Indicators and Targets discussed in the Project and/or Component Monitoring Plan discussed in Paragraph 18 of this Grant Agreement.
- Any additional information relevant to or generated by the continued operation of the project.

EXHIBIT G

REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA SUBMITTAL

Surface and Groundwater Quality Data:

Groundwater quality and ambient surface water quality monitoring data that include chemical, physical, or biological data shall be submitted to the State as described below, with a narrative description of data submittal activities included in project reports, as described in Exhibit F.

Surface water quality monitoring data shall be prepared for submission to the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN). The CEDEN data templates are available on the CEDEN website. Inclusion of additional data elements described on the data templates is desirable. Data ready for submission should be uploaded to your CEDEN Regional Data Center via the CEDEN website. (CEDEN website: <http://www.ceden.org>).

If a project's Work Plan contains a groundwater ambient monitoring element, groundwater quality monitoring data shall be submitted to the State for inclusion in the State Water Resources Control Board's Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program. Information on the GAMA Program can be obtained at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/gama/. If further information is required, the Grantee can contact the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) GAMA Program. A listing of SWRCB staff involved in the GAMA program can be found at: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/gama/contact.shtml

Groundwater Level Data

The Grantee shall submit to DWR groundwater level data collected as part of this grant. Water level data must be submitted using the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) online data submission system. The Grantee should use their official CASGEM Monitoring Entity or Cooperating Agency status to gain access to the online submittal tool and submit data. If the data is from wells that are not part of the monitoring network, the water level measurements should be classified as voluntary measurements in the CASGEM system. If the Grantee is not a Monitoring Entity or Cooperating Agency, please contact your DWR grant project manager for further assistance with data submittal. The activity of data submittal should be documented in appropriate progress or final project reports, as described in Exhibit F. Information regarding the CASGEM program can be found at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Groundwater-Elevation-Monitoring--CASGEM>

EXHIBIT H**STATE AUDIT DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS AND COST SHARE GUIDELINES FOR GRANTEES**

The following provides a list of documents typically required by State Auditors and general guidelines for Grantees. List of documents pertains to both State funding and the Grantee's Cost Share and details the documents/records that State Auditors would need to review in the event of this Grant Agreement is audited. Grantees should ensure that such records are maintained for each funded project.

State Audit Document RequirementsInternal Controls

1. Organization chart (e.g., Agency's overall organization chart and organization chart for the State funded Program/Project).
2. Written internal procedures and flowcharts for the following:
 - a) Receipts and deposits
 - b) Disbursements
 - c) State reimbursement requests
 - d) Expenditure tracking of State funds
 - e) Guidelines, policy, and procedures on State funded Program/Project
3. Audit reports of the Agency internal control structure and/or financial statements within the last two years.
4. Prior audit reports on the State funded Program/Project.

State Funding:

1. Original Grant Agreement, any amendment(s) and budget modification documents.
2. A listing of all bond-funded grants, loans, or subventions received from the State.
3. A listing of all other funding sources for each Program/Project.

Contracts:

1. All subcontractor and consultant contracts and related or partners documents, if applicable.
2. Contracts between the Agency and member agencies as related to the State funded Program/Project.

Invoices:

1. Invoices from vendors and subcontractors for expenditures submitted to the State for payments under the Grant Agreement.
2. Documentation linking subcontractor invoices to State reimbursement, requests and related Grant Agreement budget line items.
3. Reimbursement requests submitted to the State for the Grant Agreement.

Cash Documents:

1. Receipts (copies of warrants) showing payments received from the State.
2. Deposit slips (or bank statements) showing deposit of the payments received from the State.
3. Cancelled checks or disbursement documents showing payments made to vendors, subcontractors, consultants, and/or agents under the grants or loans.

4. Bank statements showing the deposit of the receipts.

Accounting Records:

1. Ledgers showing entries for the Grantee's receipts and cash disbursements.
2. Ledgers showing receipts and cash disbursement entries of other funding sources.
3. Bridging documents that tie the general ledger to requests for Grant Agreement reimbursement.

Administration Costs:

1. Supporting documents showing the calculation of administration costs.

Personnel:

1. List of all contractors and Agency staff that worked on the State funded Program/Project.
2. Payroll records including timesheets for contractor staff and the Agency personnel who provided services charged to the program

Project Files:

1. All supporting documentation maintained in the project files.
2. All Grant Agreement related correspondence.

Cost Share Guidelines

Cost Share consists of non-State funds, including in-kind services. In-kind services are defined as work performed (i.e., dollar value of non-cash contributions) by the Grantee (and potentially other parties) directly related to the execution of the funded project. Examples include volunteer services, equipment use, and use of facilities. The cost of in-kind service can be counted as cost share in-lieu of actual funds (or revenue) provided by the Grantee. Other cost share and in-kind service eligibility conditions may apply. Provided below is guidance for documenting cost share with and without in-kind services.

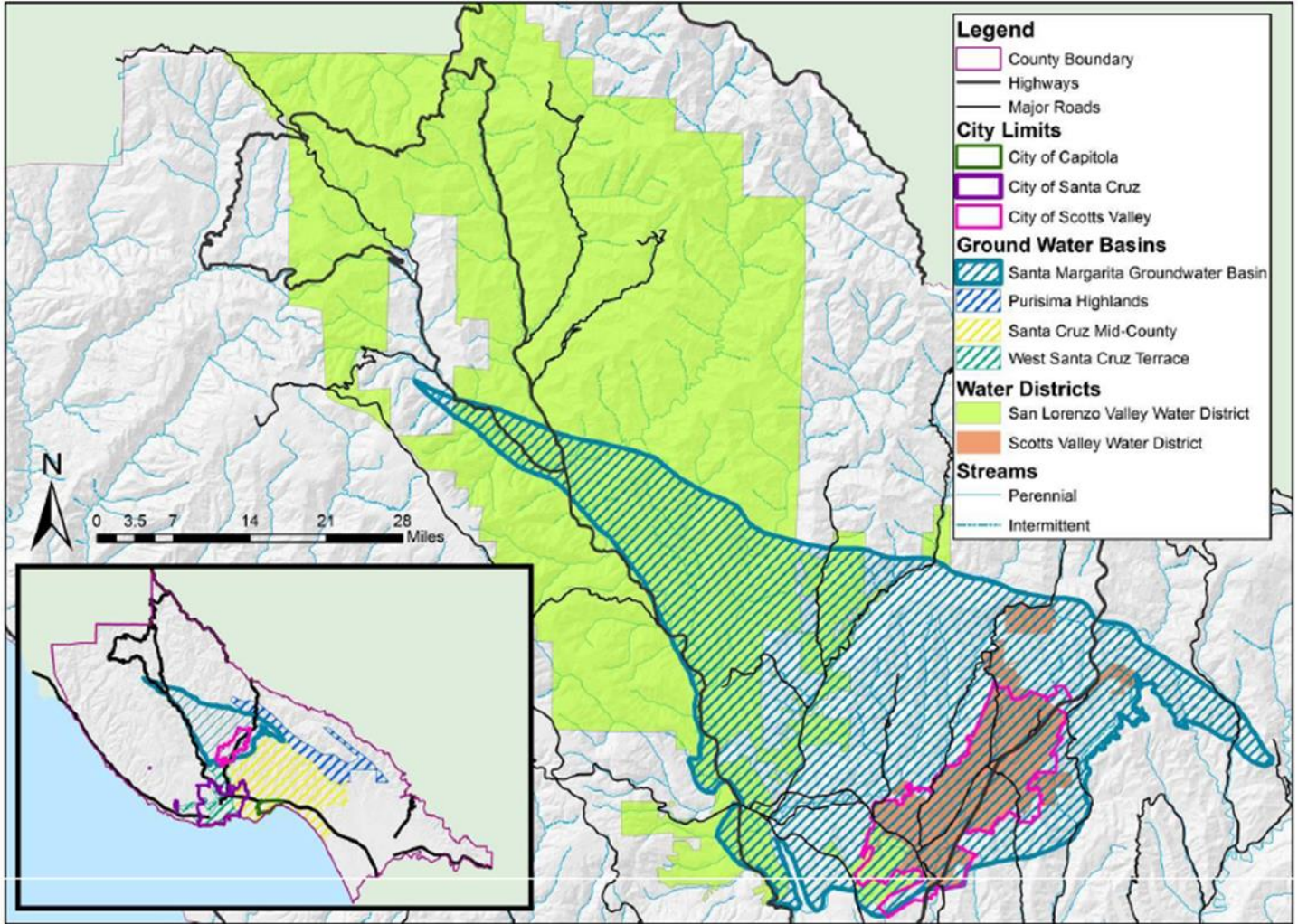
1. Although tracked separately, in-kind services shall be documented and, to the extent feasible, supported by the same methods used by the Grantee for its own employees. Such documentation should include the following:
 - a. Detailed description of the contributed item(s) or service(s)
 - b. Purpose for which the contribution was made (tied to project work plan)
 - c. Name of contributing organization and date of contribution
 - d. Real or approximate value of contribution. Who valued the contribution and how was the value determined? (e.g., actual, appraisal, fair market value, etc.). Justification of rate. (See item #2, below)
 - e. Person's name and the function of the contributing person
 - f. Number of hours contributed
 - g. If multiple sources exist, these should be summarized on a table with summed charges
 - h. Source of contribution if it was provided by, obtained with, or supported by government funds
2. Rates for volunteer or in-kind services shall be consistent with those paid for similar work in the Grantee's organization. For example, volunteer service of clearing vegetation performed by an attorney shall be valued at a fair market value for this service, not the rate for professional legal services. In those instances in which the required skills are not found in the recipient organization, rates shall be consistent with those paid for similar work in the labor market. Paid fringe benefits that are reasonable, allowable and allocable may be included in the valuation.

3. Cost Share contribution (including in kind services) shall be for costs and services directly attributed to activities included in the Grant Agreement. These services, furnished by professional and technical personnel, consultants, and other skilled and unskilled labor may be counted as in-kind if the activities are an integral and necessary part of the project funded by the Grant Agreement.
4. Cash contributions made to a project shall be documented as revenue and in-kind services as expenditure. These costs should be tracked separately in the Grantee's accounting system.

EXHIBIT I
LOCAL PROJECT SPONSORS (NOT USED)

EXHIBIT J
PROJECT LOCATION

Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin



Round 3: Locations of Proposed Monitoring Sites

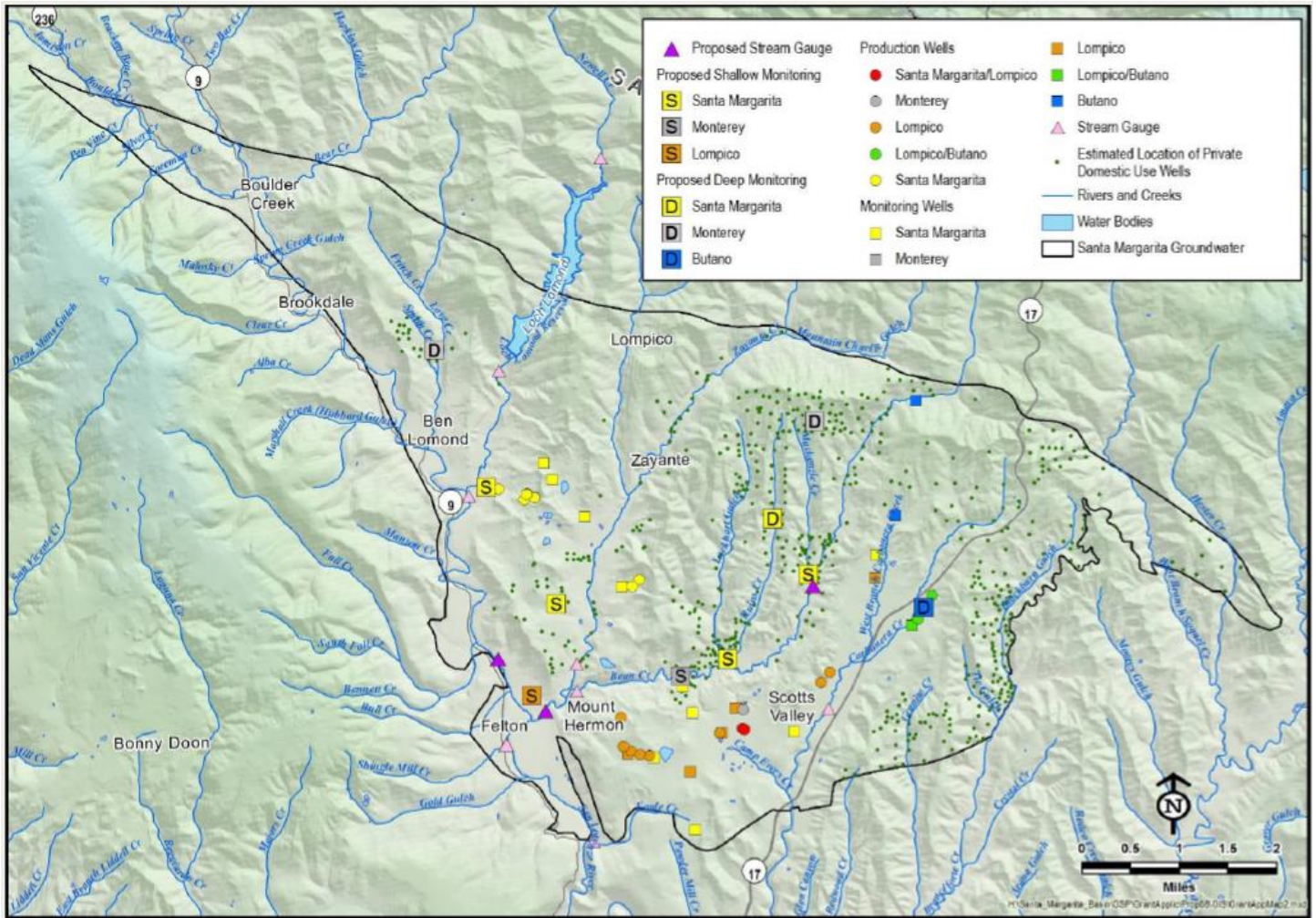


EXHIBIT K

MONITORING PLAN

Introduction

- Goals and objectives of the new monitoring sites
- Location and type of each site on a map
- Improvements implemented

Monitoring Plan

- Description of monitoring network improvements including explanation of how the network will be developed and implemented to monitor:
 - Groundwater and related surface conditions (if applicable)
 - Interconnection of surface water and groundwater (if applicable)
- Monitoring Protocols for Data Collection and Monitoring
 - Description of technical standards, data collection methods, and other procedures or protocols to ensure comparable data and methodologies.
- Special Environmental Considerations (e.g., resource agency requirements, permit requirements, CEQA/NEPA mitigation measures), if applicable
- Method of Reporting (e.g., paper reports, online databases, public meetings)
- Frequency of Duration Monitoring and Reporting (daily, weekly, monthly, yearly)
- Frequency and Duration of Maintenance Activities
- Responsible Party (i.e., who is who is responsible for monitoring and maintenance)
- Implementing responsibility (i.e., conducting monitoring and/or maintenance)
- Adaptive Management Strategies (i.e., what happens when routine monitoring or maintenance encounters a problem)