

Questions and Responses Regarding the Request for Proposal for the Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

1. Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan was awarded \$177,000 from the 2017 Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Projects Solicitation (DWR April 2018). According to the DWR Bulletin 118, Bear Valley Groundwater Basin (No. 8-009) was identified as unadjudicated and designated as a medium priority basin in 2014 but was reclassified as very low priority according to the SGMA 2019 Basin Prioritization (DWR April 2019). Has the GSA confirmed that the reclassification will not affect the grant award? **Yes. Because we were prioritized as medium when we were awarded the grant, the award amount of \$177,000 is still valid as long as we complete the GSP.**
2. What is the total budget allocated for preparation of the Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan? **\$177,000**
3. As a very low priority basin, there is no required deadline by which to prepare a GSP. The RFP indicates a proposed schedule that anticipates preparation of an Administrative Draft GSP by May 2020 and completion of a Final Draft GSP by June 2020. Is the GSA amenable to accepting a revised schedule? Our experience from completing several GSPs is that a longer period is required to complete all the tasks outlined in the RFP to produce a SGMA-compliant plan. **We do not anticipate additional modeling being required to complete the GSP. We have reduced our groundwater pumping by over 20% since 2002 and are not over drafting our basin. Because significant groundwater models exist for our basin and our basin is well managed, we felt our GSP will be relatively simple and we hope that it can be completed by June 30, 2020. If you feel that more time is needed to complete our GSP, then propose an alternative schedule and we will request an extension from DWR, if your proposal is reasonable.**
4. Will you provide a copy of the following documents listed in the RFP: 1) 2003 Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan, 2) DWP Technical Review Team meeting materials and minutes, 3) 1999 Perennial Yield Study, Geoscience, 4) 2001 Perennial Yield Update for DWP, Geoscience, 5) 2006 Perennial Yield Update for DWP, Geoscience, 6) USGS Perennial Yield Study, 7) 2017 Shay Pond Study for CDFW, 8) Lake William and North Shore studies. **These documents will be provided to the successful consultant after the GSA Board has awarded a GSP contract.**