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To: California Department of Water Resources
Cc: Kern County
From: Angelica Martin, Castac Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Subject: **Initial Notification to Prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan
Castac Lake Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR No. 5-029)**

This initial notification is to meet the requirements of California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 23, §353.6. The Castac Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Castac Basin GSA), hereby gives notice that it intends to initiate development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the entire Castac Lake Valley Groundwater Basin (Castac Basin; Department of Water Resources [DWR] Basin No. 5-029).

On 17 April 2018, notice was provided to DWR regarding formation of the Castac Basin GSA, and DWR posted official public notice of the GSA formation on 26 April 2018. Composed of Tejon-Castac Water District (TCWD), Lebec County Water District (LCWD), and Kern County, the Castac Basin GSA overlies the entirety of the Castac Basin, which is a “very low priority” basin pursuant to the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The Legislature encourages and authorizes, but does not require, basins designated as very low priority to be managed under a GSP pursuant to SGMA (Water Code §10720.7). Voluntarily, the Castac Basin GSA intends to actively monitor groundwater conditions, and will proceed with GSP development in four general phases, ending with a GSP submittal to DWR by the statutory deadline of 31 January 2022.

The Castac Basin GSA welcomes the participation of interested parties in its development and implementation of the GSP. A Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Plan (SCEP) will be prepared during the first phase of GSP development to conform with requirements of the GSP regulations (i.e., CCR Title 23, §354.10) and to guide stakeholder engagement throughout the GSP development process. The SCEP will describe specific activities for informing interested members of the public, including periodic workshops, development of a website, and mailings (email and post).

Castac Basin GSA Board Meetings are open to the public and include opportunities for public comment. Technical presentations on GSP development will be made by technical specialists during the Board Meetings on a regular and as-needed basis. Regular Castac Basin GSA Board Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each quarter (September, December, March, and June) at Lebec County Water District’s Office: 323 Frazier Mountain Park Road, Lebec, CA 93243. Written meeting materials will be posted to the Castac Basin GSA website at <https://www.castacgsa.org>.

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If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angelica Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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