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**DATE XX**, 2019

Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program

California Department of Water Resources

P.O. Box 942836

Sacramento, CA 94236

Dear Kelley List and Zaffar Eusuff,

On behalf of [**NAME OF ORGANIZATION**], I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Planning Grant – Round 3 Application for the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin (Subbasin). The [**NAME OF ORGANIZATION**] is [**explain function of agency/district and county in which it is located**]. We are committed to active participation in all phases of the development of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and grants such as the SGM Planning Grant – Round 3 are very beneficial to disadvantaged communities and areas such as ours. The [**NAME OF ORGANIZATION**] understands that to achieve long-term objectives of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires investment in groundwater sustainability planning and other actions that seek to improve the Subbasin’s sustainability.

The proposed scope of work contained within the proposal will provide the Subbasin with funding needed to acquire equipment and construct additional monitoring wells for expanded Subbasin monitoring, especially as it relates to interconnected surface water, Subbasin boundary flows and groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs). Additionally, the proposed financing study will provide the Subbasin, and those representing disadvantaged areas (DAs), with important analyses and information required to establish rate structures and fees that will allow compliance with SGMA while minimizing economic impacts on Subbasin DAs. Altogether, the funding to be received under this SGM grant application would allow the Subbasin, through proposal implementation, to address currently-known data gaps identified during GSP development and will allow for refinement of sustainability criteria contained in the GSPs. Grant funding received through the SGM grant program will also reduce financial burden on DAs within the Subbasin while supporting ongoing coordination of the Subbasin’s Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in GSP development and associated inter-basin outreach efforts. Together, the components included in this proposal will allow the GSAs to advance groundwater sustainability within the Subbasin, satisfy SGMA requirements, and ensure the long-term economic viability of this important region of California.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you would like any other information regarding our support of the SGM Planning Grant – Round 3 Application for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin.

Sincerely,

[**NAME**]

[**TITLE**]