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California Department of Water Resources  
Attn: Lauren Bisnett, Public Affairs Office  
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**RE: Draft GSP Emergency Regulations**

Dear Ms. Bisnett:

I am Supervisor for Nevada County's District 5, within which is situated a portion of the Martis Valley Groundwater Basin. Our County and two other land-use agencies (Placer County and the Town of Truckee) and three water purveyors (the Placer County Water Agency, Northstar Community Services District, and Truckee Donner Public Utilities District) have been actively engaged over the past decade in studying the aquifer and creating a collaborative plan to manage it for long-term sustainability.

My understanding is that the Department of Water Resources has recently indicated through conversation with the agencies and purveyors noted above that an Alternate Plan under SGMA is effectively the same as a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Needless to say, this has caused much consternation locally given GSP requirements seem to have been crafted for "worst case" groundwater basin conditions that do not exist here and that would impose substantial costs on a rural area that has proactively tried to ensure groundwater sustainability years before the State became engaged with the issue.

Please consider this letter a request that the DWR create a tiered set of GSP requirements that will allow well-managed, sustainable groundwater basins such as ours to meet the intent of SGMA without incurring unnecessary requirements and costs. We have been trying to do the right thing. Please do not penalize us.

Cordially,

Richard Anderson  
Supervisor, District 5

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