

Attachment 11

Groundwater Management Plan Self-Certification

The projects included in the Greater Monterey County region application for Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant funds that will affect groundwater levels or quality, directly or indirectly, include the following (implementing agency/project title):

- County of Monterey: “San Lucas Water District Public Water Supply Project”: This project will use groundwater to meet critical water supply needs of a disadvantaged community.
- Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District: “Springfield Water Project”: This project will use groundwater to meet critical water supply needs of a disadvantaged community.
- City of Salinas/Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency: “Dry Weather Runoff Diversion Program”: This project may positively affect groundwater levels. Dry weather urban runoff from the City of Salinas will be captured and, if treated for use as a source for agricultural irrigation, will offset pumping from the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin, thereby helping to reduce seawater intrusion in the coastal region.
- Elkhorn Slough Foundation: “Ridgeline to Tideline—Water Resource Conservation in Elkhorn Slough”: This project will reduce groundwater demand by retiring steep, eroding, marginal fields from agricultural production and will increase groundwater recharge to underlying aquifers by restoring vegetation that can increase infiltration.
- Resource Conservation District of Monterey County: “Salinas River Watershed Invasive Non-native Plant Control and Restoration Program”: This project will positively affect groundwater levels by eliminating groundwater uptake from the non-native invasive plant species, particularly arundo, in the Salinas River watershed. Arundo is documented to draw more water than native vegetation, and its removal will make more water available for conveyance downstream, for groundwater recharge, and for native plants.
- Resource Conservation District of Monterey County: “Monterey County Farm Water Quality Assistance Program”: This project will positively affect groundwater levels by improving irrigation management practices on farms throughout the Salinas Valley and thereby reducing pumping from the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin. The project will help increase groundwater quality by improving the quality of water moving from agricultural land into the water table.
- Ecology Action: “Monterey Bay Green Gardener Training & Certification Program”: This project will positively affect groundwater levels by improving irrigation management practices by landscaping industry professionals, public agency landscape maintenance staff, and home gardeners throughout the Salinas Valley. Green Gardener Certification Program participants who implement climate appropriate landscaping, irrigation efficiency improvements and decentralized water reuse projects in residential and commercial landscapes will reduce groundwater demand for landscaping and thus contribute to reducing overdraft from the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin.

All of the projects listed above reside in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin except for the “Springfield Water Project,” which will use water from the Pajaro Valley Groundwater Basin. All of the projects that reside in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin are subject to the Monterey County Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP), approved May 2006, that has been prepared and implemented by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency. The Monterey County GWMP is in compliance with CWC §10753.7.

All projects that reside in the Pajaro Valley Groundwater Basin are subject to the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency's Basin Management Plan, which was adopted in February 2002. The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Basin Management Plan is in compliance with CWC §10753.7. That document is currently being updated and will be completed by the end of the year.

On the following pages is a signed and dated GWMP (CWC §10753.7) self-certification document from each proponent of a project with potential groundwater impacts included in this application, as follows:

- City of Salinas
- County of Monterey
- Ecology Action
- Elkhorn Slough Foundation
- Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
- Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District
- Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

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**CERTIFICATION FOR GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMPLIANCE
FOR THE
PROPOSITION 84, IMPLEMENTATION AND
PROPOSITION 1E, STORMWATER FLOOD MANAGEMENT
GRANT PROGRAMS**

Grant Program: Implementation SWFM
IRWM Region: Greater Monterey County
Agency name: Elkhorn Slough Foundation
Project Title (as shown on application form): "Ridgeline to Tideline—Water Resource
Conservation in Elkhorn Slough"

Please check one of the boxes below and sign and date this form.

- As the authorized representative for the agency, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the agency has prepared and implemented a GWMP in compliance with CWC §10753.7.
- As the authorized representative for the agency, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the agency participates or consents to be subjected to an existing GWMP, basin-wide management plan, or other IRWM program or plan that meets the requirements of CWC §10753.7(a).
- As the authorized representative for the agency, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that agency consents to be subjected to a GWMP that will meet the requirements of CWC §10753.7 and be completed within 1-year of the grant application submittal date.
- As the authorized representative for the agency, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the agency conforms to the requirements of an adjudication of water rights in the subject groundwater basin.

I understand that the Department of Water Resources will rely on this signed certification in order to approve funding and that false and/or inaccurate representations in this Certification may result in loss of all funds awarded to the applicant for its project. Additionally, for the aforementioned reasons, the Department of Water Resources may withhold disbursement of project funds, and/or pursue any other applicable legal remedy.

Mark Silberstein

Name of Authorized Representative
(Please print)



Signature

Executive Director

Title

2/25/13

Date

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Grant Program: Implementation SWFM
IRWM Region: Greater Monterey County
Agency name: Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District
Project Title (as shown on application form): "Springfield Water Project"

Please check one of the boxes below and sign and date this form.

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Judith Vazquez-Varela
Name of Authorized Representative
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Operations and Safety Coordinator
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02/04/2013
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Grant Program: Implementation SWFM
IRWM Region: Greater Monterey County
Agency name: Resource Conservation District of Monterey County
Project Title (as shown on application form): "Salinas River Watershed Invasive Non-native Plant Control and Restoration Program" and "Monterey County Farm Water Quality Assistance Program"

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Paul Robins

Name of Authorized Representative
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Executive Director

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Signature

2/7/13

Date