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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF SBX7 6 – CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE GROUNDWATER ELEVATION MONITORING PROGRAM (CASGEM)

Dear Sir/Madam,

In 2009, the State Legislature passed SBX7 6, which establishes for the first time in California, collaboration between local monitoring parties (Monitoring Entity) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to collect groundwater elevations statewide and make that information publicly available. Implementation of the CASGEM Program will establish a statewide monitoring network for all of California's groundwater basins for better management of groundwater resources. A Monitoring Entity is a local agency or group that voluntarily takes responsibility for coordinating groundwater level monitoring and data reporting for all or part of a groundwater basin and is responsible for submitting the data to DWR. Non-participation in an area covered by a DWR Bulletin 118 groundwater basin may cause DWR to assume the monitoring in the basin, thereby causing non-participating agencies to risk losing eligibility for state grants and loans.

The County of Ventura Watershed Protection District (District) currently measures water levels every six weeks in approximately 200 wells throughout the County, and has a database containing records back to the early 1970's. The District also maintains paper records on water levels for wells dating back to the early 1900's.

The District realizes that there are cities, agencies, districts, and other well owners that may be collecting water level data for their own use. Knowledge of this data would be beneficial to all entities. To help determine which entities are measuring groundwater levels in the County, we ask that you please answer the questions on the attached page and return them in the enclosed envelope.

In the next several weeks, the District will be giving various presentations about CASGEM and its implications for Ventura County. For presentation dates or more information on CASGEM, please call me at (805) 654-5051. Alternatively, you may visit the DWR information site at www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/casgem.

Sincerely,

Gerhardt Hubner
Deputy Director

Attachment: CASGEM Questionnaire

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CASGEM Questionnaire

The District would like to know:

	YES	NO
Do you have jurisdiction over a groundwater basin or basins within your boundaries?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you intend to be the Monitoring Entity for that basin or basins?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you regularly measure water levels in your wells?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you collect water level information, would you be willing to share that information?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the District decides, would you be opposed to the District being the Umbrella Monitoring Entity for the County?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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