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Private Well Owner Name
Private Well owner Address
Private Well Owner City, State

RE: Introduction to the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency

Dear [insert Private Well Owner Name]:

Reliable water supplies are crucial to the success and sustainability of California. Fortunately, we have a local water source right under our feet that has served residents of our community for generations. In 2014, a new legislation known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was passed that changed how groundwater basins are managed. One of the requirements of this statewide legislation is the formation of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), which resulted in the establishment of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency (Yucaipa SGMA) in 2017 as a consortium of local water purveyors, municipalities, and regional water districts. As someone who produces groundwater within the Yucaipa Subbasin, you have an important role in helping to manage our groundwater resource sustainably.

As the GSA, Yucaipa SGMA was required to prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and submit Annual Reports for the Yucaipa Subbasin to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). As progress continues through this process, we have reached the point of incorporating water usage information from individuals, organizations, and companies that produce water within the Yucaipa Subbasin into the Annual Report. To prepare the necessary calculations, we have included a questionnaire requesting information about your well(s) and associated groundwater quality.

Please fill out the questionnaire provided and mail it back in the pre-stamped envelope, or fill out the questionnaire on our website: <https://yucaipasgma.org/questionnaire>. This information will help the Yucaipa SGMA understand groundwater conditions in the basin and to ensure that you and other groundwater users like you continue to benefit from this precious groundwater resource for years to come.

With the implementation of SGMA comes an opportunity for enhanced communication and cooperation to protect this region's groundwater resource. We understand that this is a shift from previous groundwater management and are here to share objectives, implementation processes, and helpful information including:

- **What is Groundwater Sustainability?** Sustainable groundwater management is the use of groundwater that can be maintained without causing undesirable results, such as a chronic lowering of groundwater levels, significant loss of groundwater in storage, degradation of water quality, land subsidence, or a depletion of interconnected surface water.
- **Who is the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency?** The Yucaipa SGMA includes South Mesa Water Company, South Mountain Water Company, Western Heights Water Company, Yucaipa Valley Water District, the City of

Redlands, the City of Yucaipa, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and San Geronio Pass Water Agency.

- [What is the Yucaipa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan?](#) The Yucaipa Subbasin GSP was adopted by the Yucaipa SGMA in 2022. The GSP establishes the framework for sustainably managing and preserving the beneficial uses of our local groundwater resource today and into the future.
- [How can you be part of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency?](#) The Yucaipa Subbasin GSP meets on the fourth Wednesday of every January, April, July and October. Please visit our website <https://www.yucaipasgma.org/calendar> to view our meeting schedule.
- [Where is the Yucaipa Subbasin located?](#)
 - A map of the Yucaipa Subbasin can be viewed here: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsa/print/349>
- [Where can you find more information about the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency and SGMA?](#)
 - Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency (Yucaipa SGMA): <https://www.yucaipasgma.org/>
 - Yucaipa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan: <https://yucaipasgma.org/gsp>
 - Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: <https://yucaipasgma.org/sgma>

We look forward to working together to ensure a reliable and sustainable groundwater resource for our community. For more specific information about this effort or the questionnaire, please feel free to contact Mark Iverson at M.Iverson@westernheightswater.org.

Sincerely,

Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Mark Iverson, President

Attachment

Private Well Owner Questionnaire