



December 29, 2016

Trevor Joseph  
Section Chief  
Sustainable Groundwater Management  
Department of Water Resources  
901 P Street, Room 213  
Sacramento, CA 94236

Dear Mr. Joseph:

Subject: Mission Creek Subbasin Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan

The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), Desert Water Agency (DWA), and Mission Springs Water District (MSWD) are pleased to submit an Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Mission Creek Subbasin (Alternative GSP).

CVWD, DWA, and MSWD manage the Mission Creek groundwater subbasin in accordance with their 2004 Settlement Agreement. CVWD, DWA, and MSWD jointly hired MWH Americas to prepare the Mission Creek-Garnet Hill Water Management Plan (MCGH WMP) in 2013 to guide water resources planning and development for the Mission Creek groundwater subbasin. The three agencies again hired MWH Americas to prepare the "Bridge Document" that demonstrates the functional equivalence of the existing plan with SGMA requirements. The three agencies are negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This letter serves to memorialize our partnership and our commitment to jointly managing the Mission Creek groundwater subbasin and implementing the MCGH WMP. We will provide DWR the fully executed MOU when it is available.

Thank you for the guidance DWR has provided during the preparation of the Alternative Plan document. If you have questions or need additional information please contact Patti Reyes, Planning and Special Programs Manager, CVWD, at 760-398-2661 extension 2270, or at [preyes@cvwd.org](mailto:preyes@cvwd.org).

Sincerely,

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Jim Barrett, General Manager  
Coachella Valley Water District

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Mark Krause, General Manager  
Desert Water Agency

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Arden Wallum, General Manager  
Mission Springs Water District