

OJAI BASIN  
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
A STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCY

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MEMBER AGENCIES

Ojai Water Conservation District  
Casitas Municipal Water District  
City of Ojai  
Golden State Water Company

OJAI BASIN MUTUAL WATER COMPANIES

Senior Canyon MWC  
Siete Robles MWC  
Hermitage MWC

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Dear Mr. Nordberg:

The Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) adopted resolution No. 2014-4 on December 4, 2014, in which the agency elected to become the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Ojai Basin pursuant to Section 10723 (c)(3). The holiday season interrupted our regular schedule of meetings, therefore, our next regularly scheduled meeting is January 29, 2015. OBGMA sends you this letter to complete the requirements listed in Sections 10723.2 and 10723.8.

The new law became effective January 1, 2015 and the Department posted OBGMA's notice as required 15 days after receiving our resolution and letter of intent becoming the Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency for the Ojai Basin.

In order to comply with the above mentioned Sections of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, OBGMA is submitting the required list of interested parties pursuant to Section 10723.2 and the required explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and implementation of the agency's sustainability plan pursuant to Section 10723.8 (a)(4).

**OBGMA**, as a California Special District, implements the Groundwater Sustainability Act according to our 1991 initializing legislation (the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Act), the new Sustainable Groundwater

Management Act, our adopted ordinances, resolutions and the overall transparency of government business through rigorous compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

**All well owners** overlying the basin are subject to management parameters outlined in law. The well owners will have direct representation on the Board of Directors for the agency and access to our website for all information pertinent to them and the overall transparency of government business through rigorous compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

**Golden State Water Company and Casitas Municipal Water District** are the water purveyors within the agency boundaries. Both agencies are represented on the Board of Directors of the agency.

**Ventura County Resource Management Agency and the City of Ojai** are the land use regulators within our district boundaries and they would be consulted with in regard to development that would impact the groundwater sustainability of the basin. The City of Ojai is represented on the Board of Directors of the agency.

**Golden State Water Company** is the holder of an appropriative water right within our jurisdiction. Our initializing legislation as well as the California Water Code precludes any interference or change related to this water right.

**Ventura County Watershed Protection District (WPD).** OBGMA and WPD collaborate frequently on issues related to groundwater, water well management and flood control issues.

**United States Forest Service – Ojai Ranger District** - It is most unlikely that OBGMA would ever have a need to interface with this federal agency as their jurisdiction is outside our boundaries.

**Ventura River Watershed Council.** OBGMA is a member in good standing with this organization that is primarily interested in integrated water management in the Ventura River Watershed.

**Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County.** OBGMA is a member in good standing with this organization that is primarily interested in integrated water management in Ventura County.

**Ojai Water Conservation District** is represented on the Board of Directors of the agency.

**All of the mutual water companies** noted below are represented on the Board of Directors of the Agency.

Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company  
Heritage Mutual Water Company  
Gridley Canyon Mutual Water Company  
Siete Robles Mutual Water Company

With this letter submission, OBGMA completes our requirement for being the exclusive Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency for the Ojai Basin.

Sincerely,

*Jerry L. Conrow*

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President, Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency