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VIA U.S. MAIL AND E-MAIL (sgmps@water.ca.gov)

California Department of Water Resources
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Re: Comments on the California Department of Water Resources' Draft Designation of Critical Overdraft for Borrego Valley Basin, No. 7-24

To Whom It May Concern:

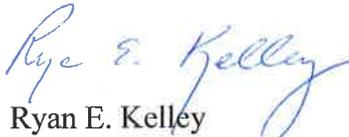
Thank for you for the opportunity for the County of Imperial ("County") to comment on the California Department of Water Resources' ("Department") proposed list of Critically Overdrafted Groundwater Basins dated August 6, 2015. The following comments address the proposed designation of the Borrego Valley Basin, No. 7-24 ("Basin") as a critically overdrafted basin.

The County elected to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portion of the Basin within Imperial County. According to the Department's public notice, the Department's proposed list is based, in part, on discussions with local agencies about groundwater levels, as well as groundwater well data for the base period 1989 to 2009. However, the County has not been contacted by the Department and is unaware of any decline in groundwater levels within the Imperial County portion of the Basin that would warrant a designation of critical conditions of overdraft.

The County respectfully requests an opportunity to discuss the proposal with the Department and Borrego Water District before the entire Basin is designated as a critically overdrafted basin.

Please contact Andy Horne at (442) 265-1005, andyhorne@co.imperial.ca.us, to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



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