



Glenn County Water Advisory Committee

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Glenn County Board of Supervisors
526 West Sycamore Street
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Subject: Ordinance No. 1115 – Adoption of Glenn County Basin Management Objectives

Dear Supervisors:

On behalf of the Glenn County Water Advisory Committee, I am pleased to submit the enclosed initial Glenn County Basin Management Objectives (BMOs) for groundwater levels pursuant to Ordinance No. 1115. Development of these initial BMOs represents an important milestone in implementing the ordinance. The BMOs are the result of a great deal of volunteer time and effort by members of the Water Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee with significant support from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and, especially, from Mr. Toccoy Dudley, Chief, Groundwater Section, Northern District of the DWR. Major assistance in gathering, assembling and producing the BMO document was provided by Mr. Roger Putty of Montgomery Watson Harza (MWH Americas, Inc.) through funding from the DWR.

Ordinance No. 1115 calls for the establishment of a monitoring network and BMOs to define acceptable groundwater levels, groundwater quality, and land subsidence. The monitoring network consists of selected wells representative of each sub-area. This network will be periodically reviewed and refined as necessary to assist in providing the most appropriate BMOs. Due to lack of data, we have not been able to establish specific BMOs for groundwater quality and land subsidence. As interim BMOs for these two factors, we recommend that there be no deterioration in groundwater quality from that which currently exists and that there be no additional land subsidence. We are in the process of developing a groundwater quality monitoring program and anticipate beginning water quality measurements next summer. We have successfully applied for a grant provided by AB 303 which will provide the means for measuring land subsidence for a few places within the county. Monitoring for land subsidence should be in place in 2002.

As stated in the Ordinance, the intent is to develop one countywide BMO, which incorporates individual BMOs for sub-areas within the County. We recommend that you adopt the enclosed sub-area BMOs as the countywide BMO for groundwater levels. We

recognize that the BMOs will change over time as we gain more data and experience. By your adopting the BMOs you will be taking one large step in achieving our vision that sufficient and affordable water of good quality be available on a sustainable basis to meet the needs of agricultural, industrial, recreational, environmental, residential, and municipal users within the County, both now and in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith Y. Brown".

Judith Y. Brown
Chairman