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Department of Water Resources
Northern Region Office
2440 Main Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080



RE: Responsibilities for SVGMD in the Event of Land Lease Termination for Managed Aquifer Recharge Projects

Dear DWR Staff:

Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District (SVGMD) entered into land lease agreements with Arnold Potter on February 18, 2026 and with Richard and Randy Griffin on February 27, 2026 to allow operation of Managed Aquifer Recharge projects on their property. The lease period is from March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2041 or a period of 15 years.

Should the project default and the lease be terminated by SVMD prior to February 28, 2041, SVGMD will move the project and rebuild at the SVGMD's expense. Should the landowner terminate the lease, the landowner will refund the lease payment at a prorated amount and those funds will be used to rebuild the project.

Sincerely,

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SVGMD Board Chairman

Directors:

Greg Ramelli, Jim Roberti, Matt Kilmurray, Paul Roen, Dwight Ceresola, Dave Goicoechea