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Ms. Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
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Re: Draft General Waste Discharge Requirements for ASR Projects

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft General Water Discharge Requirements (draft Permit) for Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Projects that Inject Drinking Water into Groundwater basins. We thank the State Water Resources Control Board for circulating the draft waste discharge requirements for aquifer storage and recover (ASR) projects. If adopted, the Permit would be a significant advance in the effort to provide flexibility in managing water resources and future demands.

CVWD is a retail water agency providing water and sewer services to over 180,000 people located in northwestern San Bernardino County, adjacent to Los Angeles County. Over the years, CVWD has planned and invested in order to have a diversified water supply portfolio; however, we still receive a little over 40% of our water supply from the State Water Project. CVWD recognizes groundwater's role in California's water supply and the need for additional storage to meet current and future water demands.

CVWD has first-hand knowledge with groundwater management as we pump water from two groundwater basins: the Chino and Cucamonga Basins. Although CVWD is not yet using the ASR process, Monte Vista Water District (MVWD), a neighboring agency also located in the Chino Basin is. When imported water injection opportunities arise MVWD can utilize their ASR technology to inject up to 5,500 acre-feet or approximately 1.7 billion gallons annually.

This Draft Permit, if adopted, would help implement state policy by assisting communities such as ours and many others throughout the state that depend on water diverted from the Delta to reduce our reliance on those diversions to improve regional self-reliance.

Thank you again for moving forward on the development of this draft Permit and recognizing the importance of the ASR process to the sustainable management of the state's surface and groundwater resources.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 909-987-2591.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen J. Tiegs".

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