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Michael DeLapa, Executive Director
LandWatch Monterey County
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Subject: Results of Groundwater Data Collected by Helicopter

Dear Mr. DeLapa,

MCWD engaged Stanford University's Department of Geophysics to map the groundwater aquifers that supply 100% of our water to better understand the complicated geology in and around the District's service area and the extent to which seawater has or has not intruded into the aquifers. In May, you may recall helicopters flying over our region collecting data. Using airborne electromagnetic (AEM) survey equipment, researchers were able to send electrical impulses 1,000 feet into the ground to develop an extensive 3-D model of our groundwater basins. By collecting 375 miles of data, we will have a much more complete picture to guide future decisions.

I encourage you to attend the **August 7th joint MCWD/GSA Board meeting** where a presentation will be given on the initial results and analysis. The data generated from this important study will inform the development of our Groundwater Sustainability Plan and serve as a critical baseline to measure the progress of reaching sustainability goals and meeting the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This study also provides additional information on the groundwater impacts from the proposed Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project. Those impacts and the existing groundwater conditions south of the Salinas River were inadequately addressed in the CPUC's DEIR/EIS released earlier this year.

MCWD/GSA Joint Board Meeting
August 7, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Marina City Council Chambers
211 Hillcrest Avenue
Marina, California

I hope you will consider attending our meeting to learn more.

Regards,

Keith Van Der Maaten, General Manager