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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 25, 2019

TO: EMA GSA Committee

FROM: EMA GSA CAG Selection Ad-Hoc
Committee

SUBJECT: EMA Citizen Advisory Group Selection

A meeting of the Eastern Management Area Citizens Advisory Group (EMA CAG) Selection Ad-Hoc Committee met July 3, 2019 from 11AM to 12 PM at Supervisor Joan Hartman's office in Solvang, CA.

In attendance were EMA GSA Committee Members Joan Hartman (Santa Barbara County), and Brad Joos (ID No. 1). Staff present from the member agencies of the EMA GSA included: Meighan Dietenhofer and Matt Young (Santa Barbara County), and Bill Buelow and Kevin Walsh (Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District).

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the applications received for the EMA GSA Citizen Advisory Group (CAG). A total of 10 applications were received by the June 21, 2019 deadline.

The EMA GSA CAG Guidelines dated May 20, 2019 were reviewed and discussed. The Ad-Hoc Committee also reviewed the California Department of Water Resources guidance document regarding uses and users of groundwater to consider the following:

- Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including Agricultural users and Domestic well owners
- Municipal Well Operators
- Public Water Systems
- Local Land Use Planning Agencies
- Environmental Users of Groundwater
- Federal Government
- California Native American Tribes

- Disadvantaged Communities
- California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) reporters

The Ad-Hoc Committee and Staff discussed each applicant in detail and reviewed each person’s application materials (attached). Based on the CAG Guidelines, which requested a total of seven (7) CAG members, the Ad-Hoc Committee recommended the following applicants to the EMA CAG:

NAME	RELATION TO EMA
Mr. Sam Cohen	California Native American Tribe
Ms. Elizabeth Farnum	Domestic Well Owner
Mr. Tim Gorham	Resident, Landowner, Representative of a Landowner
Ms. Mary Heyden	Resident, Landowner, AG Well Owner
Ms. Gay Infanti	Resident
Mr. Charles Jackson	Resident, Landowner, AG Well Owner, Representative of Landowner
Mr. Kevin Merrill	Domestic and AG Well Owner, Representative of Landowner

The “Relation To EMA” was taken from each applicant’s application. The recommended applicants were asked to attend the next EMA GSA meeting scheduled for July 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Solvang City Council Chambers. The applicants who were not selected were thanked and informed by staff via email.