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California Natural Resources Agency
Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
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To Whom It May Concern:

At their May meeting, the Coordinating Committee for the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) directed staff to submit a letter of support for the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability's scope of work for the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program. The Coordinating Committee is comprised of representatives from the three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) preparing the Merced Subbasin GSP: the Merced Subbasin GSA, the Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA, and the Turner Island Water District GSA #1.

Disadvantaged community outreach and involvement will play an important role in developing the GSP for the basin, especially given many of these communities primarily rely on groundwater for their potable supplies. The Leadership Counsel's scope includes efforts to enhance engagement and representation of disadvantaged communities. The Coordinating Committee looks forward to working with the Leadership Counsel on these outreach activities to complement our ongoing outreach efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alyson Watson".

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