Sierra County
Board of Supervisors’
Agenda Transmittal &
Record of Proceedings

**Meeting Date:** October 15, 2019

**Type of Agenda Item:**
- [x] Regular
- [ ] Timed
- [ ] Consent

**Department:** Board of Supervisors

**Approving Party:** Paul Roen, Chair, District No. 3

**Phone Number:** 530-289-3295

### Agenda Item:
Approval of letter of support of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District’s grant application to the California State Department of Water Resources for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) funding.

**Supportive Documents Attached:**
- [ ] Memo
- [ ] Resolution
- [ ] Agreement
- [x] Other
- Letter template

**Background Information:**

**Funding Source:**

**General Fund Impact:** No General Fund Impact

**Other Fund:**

**Amount:** $ N/A

**Are Additional Personnel Required?**
- [x] No

**Is This Item Allocated in the Budget?**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**Is a Budget Transfer Required?**
- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

### Board Action:

- [ ] Approved
- [ ] Approved as amended
- [ ] Adopted
- [ ] Adopted as amended
- [ ] Denied
- [ ] Other
- [ ] No Action Taken

- [ ] Set public hearing
  - For: ______________
- [ ] Direction to: ______________
- [ ] Referred to: ______________
- [ ] Continued to: ______________
- [ ] Authorization given to: ______________

Resolution 2019- _____________
Agreement 2019- _____________
Ordinance _______________

**Vote:**
- Ayes: ______________
- Noes: ______________
- Abstain: ______________
- Absent: ______________
- [ ] By Consensus

**Comments:**

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**Clerk to the Board**

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**Date**
October 15, 2019

California Department of Water Resources
Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter in Support of Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District application for Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant, Round 3 SGM Planning

To whom it may concern:

The Sierra County Board of Supervisors is writing in support of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District (SVGMD) application for Round 3 Program Funding and believes this funding is critical to achieving sustainable groundwater management in the Sierra Valley Groundwater Basin (5-12.01).

Sierra County and Plumas County have lands overlying the Sierra Valley Groundwater Basin, for which we have executed a joint powers agreement for the preservation and management of groundwater in Sierra Valley. In recognition of the passage of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in 2014 and the State of California’s requirement for a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to be completed for the Basin by January 31, 2022, the Sierra County Board of Supervisors strongly supports the SVGMD in its goal of developing a GSP to achieve groundwater sustainability in the Basin in accordance with SGMA. Sierra Valley is sparsely populated (< 2200 per the 2010 Census), and the entire basin has Disadvantaged Community (DAC) status, with the two census tracts covering the area at 66% and 70% of California’s Median Household Income. The grant funding being offered by DWR will offer critical support to develop a legally defensible GSP, while building important infrastructure and capacity for ongoing monitoring and management efforts.

We believe this effort will promote development of an environmentally and economically sustainable and effective groundwater management program supported by SGMA beneficial users and other area stakeholders. We strongly support this application and encourage the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program to award funding to the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District. We are happy to further discuss this application and the unique challenges that face Sierra Valley and can be contacted at 530-289-3295.

Sincerely,

Sierra County
Board of Supervisors

Paul Roen
Chairman