



Cachuma Resource Conservation District

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Mr. Tom Fayram
Deputy Director
Santa Barbara County Water Agency
130 East Victoria Street, Suite 200
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Re: San Antonio Groundwater Basin GSA

Dear Mr. Fayram:

The Cachuma Resource Conservation District has been asked by well owners and users in the San Antonio Groundwater Basin to participate in the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for that basin. We have reviewed the statutory requirements for participation as a local agency member of the GSA and we believe that the Cachuma Resource Conservation District qualifies for membership. Although our Board members would not directly participate on the GSA board, our Board would propose to appoint individuals who would serve the local groundwater community and work diligently in concert with other board members to formulate a responsible sustainability plan.

Our Board members understand that the GSA cannot be successful in complying with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") unless its Board members understand that only through collaboration and an appreciation for the needs of all water users within the basin can a GSP acceptable to the State be adopted. Our Board is committed to appointing representatives to the GSA who will work hard and will consider the views of the broad range of constituents who rely upon a groundwater supply that is sufficient in quality and quantity to meet both domestic and agricultural needs.

Please include the Cachuma Resource Conservation District as a full voting member of the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Richard Russell

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Russell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Board President
Cachuma Resource Conservation District