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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 14, 2022

From: Matthew Hurley, General Manager

To: Landowners and Stakeholders

Subject: California Governor's Executive Order N-7-22, effective March 28, 2022

1. On March 28, 2022, Governor Newsom released his Executive Order (N-7-22) affecting multiple aspects of water management within the State of California.
2. Among other specified items, he ordered, at item #9 (see the Order for specific language), for the duration of the drought emergency (at least), no city, county or other public agency shall approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well (presumably requiring a permit) within a medium or high priority over-drafted basin without first obtaining a written verification from the relevant GSA authority concerning certain specified items (see language of the Order at #9 for specifics).
3. These new requirements are in addition to the requirements of Fresno County as they presently exist. **This will be a new step in the process.** In order to fully assess the new application, the GSA may need to ask for additional supportive information that will assist in making the necessary preliminary findings required. Depending upon the conditions present at each proposed new well site, the gathering of this information may take additional time. Bottom line: The process may take longer than it has previously.
4. McMullin Area GSA is committed to doing everything we can to expedite the process. We anticipate, and thank you ahead of time for it, your cooperation in overcoming this new requirement. Each application will be different. Please bear with us. We are on your side.
5. In the meantime, please do everything that you can to provide maintenance, swaging, rehabilitation, cleaning, scrubbing or other life extending actions to your existing wells so that they may remain in service for as long as is physically and practically possible. They will be your continued lifeline and should be treated accordingly for the duration of the possible slowdown in your ability to replace them.
6. Please continue to monitor the MAGSA website for additional updates. This too, shall pass.

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