

Borrego Springs Watermaster

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Subject: *Call for Participation in the Groundwater Monitoring Program of the Borrego Springs Watermaster*

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to solicit your interest in participating in the groundwater monitoring program for the Borrego Springs Watermaster.

As you are likely aware, the adjudication of groundwater pumping rights in the Borrego Springs Groundwater Subbasin (Subbasin) was filed in the Superior Court of California on April 8, 2021 (Judgment).¹ Exhibit 1 to the Judgment is the *Groundwater Management Plan for the Borrego Springs Groundwater Subbasin*, which describes the groundwater management activities that are necessary to achieve sustainable groundwater management pursuant to the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014. The Borrego Springs Watermaster is responsible for implementing the Judgment and the Groundwater Management Plan.

A primary activity in the Groundwater Management Plan is for the Watermaster to monitor groundwater conditions in the Subbasin. The monitoring includes periodic measurements of groundwater pumping, groundwater levels, and groundwater quality at wells. The Watermaster utilizes these data to demonstrate progress to the Superior Court and the California Department of Water Resources towards sustainable groundwater management, and to inform adaptive management of the Subbasin to achieve sustainability, if necessary.

This letter is a Watermaster request to utilize your well(s) for the monitoring of groundwater levels and/or groundwater quality. This type of monitoring would likely include semi-annual visits to your well(s) by Watermaster staff to measure depth-to-groundwater and/or collect a groundwater sample for chemical analyses at an accredited environmental laboratory. At your request, the data collected from your well(s) will be shared with you.

If you have potential interest in participating in the groundwater monitoring program, please review this packet, which includes:

1. **Potential Participant Information Form.** If you are interested in learning more about participating in the groundwater monitoring program, complete this form and return to Watermaster staff via regular mail or email at:

¹ *Borrego Water District v. All Persons Who Claim a Right To Extract Groundwater in the Borrego Valley Groundwater Subbasin No. 7.024 Whether Based on Appropriation, Overlying Right, or Other Basis of Right, and/or Who Claim a Right to Use of Storage Space in the Subbasin; et al.* (Case No. 37-2020-00005776).
<https://borregospringswatermaster.com/documents/>

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Watermaster staff will contact you to discuss next steps, which will likely include exchanging information and answering any questions you may have.²

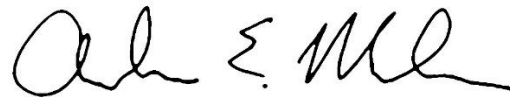
2. **Map.** This map displays the extent of the Borrego Springs Groundwater Subbasin and the Watermaster's current groundwater monitoring network of wells. Please use the map to understand how your well could add to the existing monitoring network. Most of the recognized gaps in the monitoring network are in the North Management Area and Central Management Area; however, we are interested in speaking with any willing participant.
3. **Frequently Asked Questions.** This is a list of questions that are frequently asked about: the role of the Borrego Springs Watermaster; the purpose of groundwater monitoring; how the monitoring data will be used by the Watermaster; what will be asked of you if you choose to participate in the groundwater monitoring program; etc.

We sincerely appreciate your time and consideration. We welcome and encourage your participation in the sustainable management of the Borrego Springs Groundwater Subbasin.

Respectfully,



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² Please note that the Watermaster's ultimate decision to add your well to the monitoring network is not guaranteed, and depends on a number of considerations by the Watermaster.