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Subject: CASGEM Draft Guideline Comments - So Tahoe PUD

To Whom It May Concern-

The South Tahoe Public Utility District offers the following questions/comments regarding the DWR's draft Procedures for Monitoring Entity Reporting (October 2010). The District appreciates the opportunity to submit these questions/comments for DWR review and consideration.

Questions:

1. Introduction Page 5, ppg 1; Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) – please clarify the roles and responsibilities of the DWR and of the Monitoring Entity in maintaining data quality in the CASGEM program?
2. Introduction Page 5, ppg 4; Please specify the anticipated date DWR intends to notify the selected Monitoring Entities?
3. Well Information, Page 18; The District has a number of monitoring wells that were previously used as public supply wells with designated State Well Numbers. Would DWR prefer that the Monitoring Entity use a new well designation assigned by the local agency or use the State Well Number historically assigned to that well?
4. SB 6, Part 2.11, Chapter 3, Section 10931; Please clarify what reporting requirements the DWR is willing to defer to existing monitoring programs in cases where the existing program can provide acceptable groundwater elevation monitoring data? What are the minimum reporting requirements DWR will require for all Monitoring Entities?

Comments:

1. Groundwater elevation monitoring is a long-term endeavor requiring the commitment of agency resources for many decades into the future. Because of the long-term nature of this effort, selected Monitoring Entities will very likely change during the CASGEM program. Sunset provisions need to be developed for inclusion in the CASGEM program that recognizes these future changes and allows former Monitoring Entities to opt out of the program without loss of eligibility for State water grant or loan programs (SB 6, Part 2.11, Chapter 3, Section 10933.7).

The District looks forward to working with DWR as a Monitoring Entity.

Sincerely,

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