

Sustainability Goal Adopted August 13, 2020

The goal of this GSP is to sustainably manage the groundwater resources of the Upper Ventura River Basin for the benefit of current and anticipated future beneficial users of groundwater, including the environment, and the welfare of the general public who rely directly or indirectly on groundwater. Sustainable groundwater management will ensure the long-term reliability of the Upper Ventura River Basin groundwater resources by avoiding SGMA undesirable results no later than 20 years from Plan adoption through implementation of a data-driven and performance-based adaptive management framework. It is the express goal of this GSP to develop sustainable management criteria and plan implementation measures to avoid undesirable results for the applicable SGMA sustainability indicators by:

- 1. Using best available science and information, including consideration of uncertainty in the basin setting and groundwater conditions and future opportunities to address data gaps;*
- 2. Conducting active and meaningful stakeholder engagement;*
- 3. Developing a pragmatic and financially realistic approach to sustainable groundwater management that seeks the triple bottom line of vibrant and well-functioning ecological, social, and economic systems by:*
 - a. Considering the economic, social, and environmental impacts and benefits associated with the all current and anticipated future beneficial users of groundwater;*
 - b. Considering water supply reliability for agriculture, domestic, and municipal users;*
 - c. Considering the availability of alternative water sources for domestic groundwater beneficial users;*
 - d. Considering potential impacts to groundwater dependent ecosystems;*
 - e. Considering State, federal, or local standards relevant to applicable sustainability indicators;*
 - f. Considering the feasibility of projects and management actions necessary to achieve proposed measurable objectives; and*
 - g. Considering the economic impact of projects and management actions necessary to achieve proposed measurable objectives on all beneficial users, with special consideration of disadvantaged communities and agricultural enterprises lacking alternative land use options.*
 - h. Coordinating planning and implementation actions with local and State agencies, non-governmental organizations, and, as necessary, the California Judicial Branch.*