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Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
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**RE: Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Big Valley Groundwater Basin**

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Modoc County Board Supervisors supports the position of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors outlined in their letter on July 28, 2020. As the partner Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Big Valley Groundwater Basin, we share their concerns with the level of public participation for the members of the Big Valley groundwater basin due to COVID-19 and the lack of internet connectivity in our remote rural communities. In some cases, there is no access to internet, thus, preventing public members from being able to participate in the important outreach meetings and provide comments on the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

We urge you to consider the request from Lassen County to extend the January 31, 2022, deadline to submit a GSP to the Department of Water Resources for the Big Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin 5-004). We have attached their letter for consideration, as the matter of groundwater is of great importance to our rural farming and ranching communities who depend on this resource for their economic well-being.

Sincerely,

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Chair of the Board

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cc: Toni G. Atkins, President pro Tempore, California Senate  
Anthony Rendon, California State Assembly, Speaker  
Brian Dahle, Senator, California Senate  
Megan Dahle, Assembly Member, California State Assembly  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors as the Big Valley Lassen GSA  
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