October 15, 2021

City of Ferndale
City of Fortuna
City of Rio Dell
Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria
Wiyot Tribe
Scotia Community Services District
Palmer Creek Community Services District
Hydesville Community Water District
Loleta Community Services District
Humboldt County Farm Bureau
Del Oro Water Company
Eel River Valley groundwater users and stakeholders

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt the Eel River Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan

In accordance with California Water Code Section 10728.4, the Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Humboldt County GSA) hereby provides notice of intent to adopt a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Eel River Valley groundwater basin (Basin No. 1-010) for compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. A map of the GSP area is attached.

The Humboldt County GSA is governed by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and staffed through the Humboldt County Department of Public Works. The Humboldt County GSA plans to release the draft GSP for a 30-day review period on November 22, 2021. If release of the draft plan is delayed, the 30-day review period will be adjusted accordingly. The draft GSP will be posted at https://humboldtgov.org/2820/Eel-River-Valley-Groundwater-Basin-Resou. An informational report will be provided to the Board of Supervisors at one of the Board’s regularly scheduled meetings in December 2021. The Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the GSP at a public hearing to be scheduled in January 2022. The GSP will be adopted no earlier than 90 days from the date of this notice. The deadline for submitting the adopted GSP to the California Department of Water Resources is January 31, 2022. Once adopted, the GSP will apply to groundwater management actions within the basin.

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10728.4, cities within the geographic area of the proposed plan may request consultation within 30 days of receipt of this notice. In addition, the Humboldt County GSA welcomes requests for consultation from tribes, districts, and stakeholder organizations within the Eel River Valley groundwater basin. Written requests to consult with the Humboldt County GSA regarding the GSP shall be delivered to the Plan Managers’ designee identified below:

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