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**Award Notification for Budget Act of 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGM Act (SGMA) Implementation – Round 1 Grant**

Dear Mr. Geoff Poole:

***Congratulations!*** We are pleased to inform you that the proposal, Implementation Project for the Borrego Springs Subbasin, filed by your agency, has been recommended by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for funding in the amount of **\$6.11 million** for the Budget Act of 2021 SGM Grant Program SGMA Implementation – Round 1 grant solicitation. This award is conditioned upon the execution of a Grant Agreement between DWR and your agency. A copy of the draft Grant Agreement has been or will be sent by your assigned DWR Grant Manager for your review and comments. We kindly ask that you refrain from publicly announcing your funding until after DWR issues its press release announcing these awards on **May 2, 2022**.

We also invite you to join us at an award ceremony on **May 4, 2022**, at 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM in Sacramento at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center during the Spring 2022 ACWA Conference. If you would like to attend this ceremony, please RSVP by **May 2** by emailing DWR's Public Affairs Office at [Allison.Armstrong@water.ca.gov](mailto:Allison.Armstrong@water.ca.gov).

***Your timely attention is directed to the following requirements:*****Within 14 calendar days of the date of this award letter:**

**Award Acceptance** – Please submit a letter on official letterhead signed by the authorized representative (agreement signatory); include in your letter:

- Confirm your agency as the Grantee to accept the grant award in the amount specified above.
- Confirm the proper billing address for your organization to receive reimbursement checks.
- DWR electronic signature authorization: Provide your consent for DWR to use DocuSign to process signatures electronically to expedite all grant-related documents requiring a signature.
- Grantee electronic signature authorization:
  - If you consent to use DocuSign for your agency/organization, include a statement in your letter consenting to the use of DocuSign for all transactions related to this award.

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- If you do not consent to use DocuSign, state in your letter that you are declining the use of DocuSign for your agency (Note: DWR can send documents for original (wet) signatures via email or mail, but this can delay the process significantly, especially during situations such as the COVID-19 public health emergency.)

**Within 30 calendar days of the date of this award letter:**

Authorizing Resolution – Please submit an authorizing resolution for this agreement within the next 30 days of this letter if you have not already provided a resolution that meets the requirements to enter into, amend, and submit invoices and deliverables for the grant.

Following receipt of your award acceptance letter as outlined above, the assigned DWR Grant Manager will provide you with a draft agreement and work with you to finalize and execute the agreement.

Your timely attention to these requirements is critical to execute the Grant Agreement. Failure to do so may result in DWR revoking the grant award. Please submit the required information in the time periods specified to [sgwp@water.ca.gov](mailto:sgwp@water.ca.gov). The subject line of the email should include “Borrego Water District ANL Items”.

Please contact [christopher.martinez@water.ca.gov](mailto:christopher.martinez@water.ca.gov) or [SGWP@water.ca.gov](mailto:SGWP@water.ca.gov) for any questions regarding the required materials.

Again, congratulations on this well-deserved grant award. The SGM Grant Team appreciates your time and effort to respond to this grant solicitation and we look forward to working with you to execute and implement your grant agreement. We will be reaching out in the coming months to ask for your feedback so that we can continuously improve our programs.

Sincerely,

*Carmel Brown*

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