

BORREGO SPRINGS SUB BASIN STIPULATION 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT THRU DECEMBER 20, 2019 @ 4 PM

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: The Borrego Water District is requesting written comments from Borrego Water District Ratepayers on the Draft documents required for a Stipulated Judgment in the Borrego Springs Sub Basin. The specific documents to be reviewed include a Settlement Agreement, Stipulation with Exhibits and Rules & Regulations. All of the documents will be available by 9:30 AM on November 20, 2019 on the home page of BorregoWD.org.

DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED BY THE PUBLIC DURING GSP: The aforementioned documents also include an Exhibit consisting of a revised Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), now referred to as the Groundwater Management Plan (GMP). In 2019, the GSP underwent significant Public review and formal responses provided by the County of San Diego and its Consultants and the vast majority of the document is unchanged. BWD believes the recent formal review process was adequate to address the public's concerns on the GSP. To optimize BWD resources, it is not soliciting comments on the unchanged components of the GSP/GMP. BWD is requesting comments on the new legal document including Settlement Agreement, Stipulation and Rules/Regulations as well as revised components of the GMP and how the comment directly impacts the language in any of the proposed documents.

BWD will make the final determination on whether a formal response will be provided or not. For those issues not receiving a direct response from BWD, additional opportunities will be available for members of the public to make comment during future legal and State regulatory proceedings.

HOW TO SUBMIT A COMMENT: All of the Stipulation related documents will be available on the BorregoWD.org home page Bulletin Board, including a form to submit a comment electronically. In addition, blank forms are available at the front counter of the BWD office located at 896 Palm Canyon Drive. The Public Review period ends at 4 PM pacific time on December 20, 2019.

Avoiding a rush of comments at the last minute will help facilitate a process for providing responses, as needed, as quickly as possible. For those who need the full 30 days to formulate a comment, please do so. However, for those who develop their comments during the 30 day period, please submit your question as soon as you are comfortable doing so.

SCHEDULE: The Board of Directors will be holding a Public Hearing and considering approval of the Stipulation documents at a Special Meeting on January 7th.

November 20, 2019: Start of 30-day Public Review Process – The Stipulation documents will be available on the BorregoWD.org. The Board is holding a Special Meeting to unveil the documents and provide an overview of the document structure.

December 20, 2019: Closure of Public Review Period – BWD will review all comments and publish the response when provided at the discretion of BWD.

January 7, 2020: BWD Public Hearing - Board to formally consider approval of The Stipulation documents. Legal Counsel to present his overview of the document and process to the Public.

