

Hamon Draft Alternative Proposed Statement of Equity

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STATEMENT OF PASO ROBLES SUBBASIN GROUND WATER FAIRNESS

Given that fairness is an essential component of environmental agreements, and that water must be seen as a public good; the Paso Robles Ground Water Subbasin is recognized as a shared ecological resource and that the Ground Water Agencies (GSA's) of Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (City of Paso Robles, San Miguel Community Services District, County of San Luis Obispo, and the Shandon – San Juan Water District) seek to responsibly manage ground water for the benefit all Subbasin users, consistent with their rights under the California Constitution and state statutes. The management framework established by the state's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and this Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) are inherently focused on assuring both sustainable and reasonable use of our shared ground water resource.

SGMA requires the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee to develop and implement a long-term groundwater sustainability plan to have reasonable access to our ground water resource, avoid undesirable ground water levels, and to mitigate overdraft. Subbasin mitigation programs that address an undesirable result should be sensitive to an affected user's access to economic resources.

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Achieving fair and reasonable use to our groundwater resource within the Paso Robles Ground Water Subbasin will have challenges due to diverse hydrogeology related to user location and diverse land use patterns such as urbanized areas, rural residential lots and irrigated agricultural operations.

It is the intent of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee GSA's to use best management practices within the Groundwater Sustainability Plan to allow for the fair and equitable use of our ground water resources.