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Joe Serrano  
Executive Officer  
Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Cruz County  
701 Ocean Street, Room 318-D  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**RE: *Countywide Water Service and Sphere Review***

Dear Mr. Serrano,

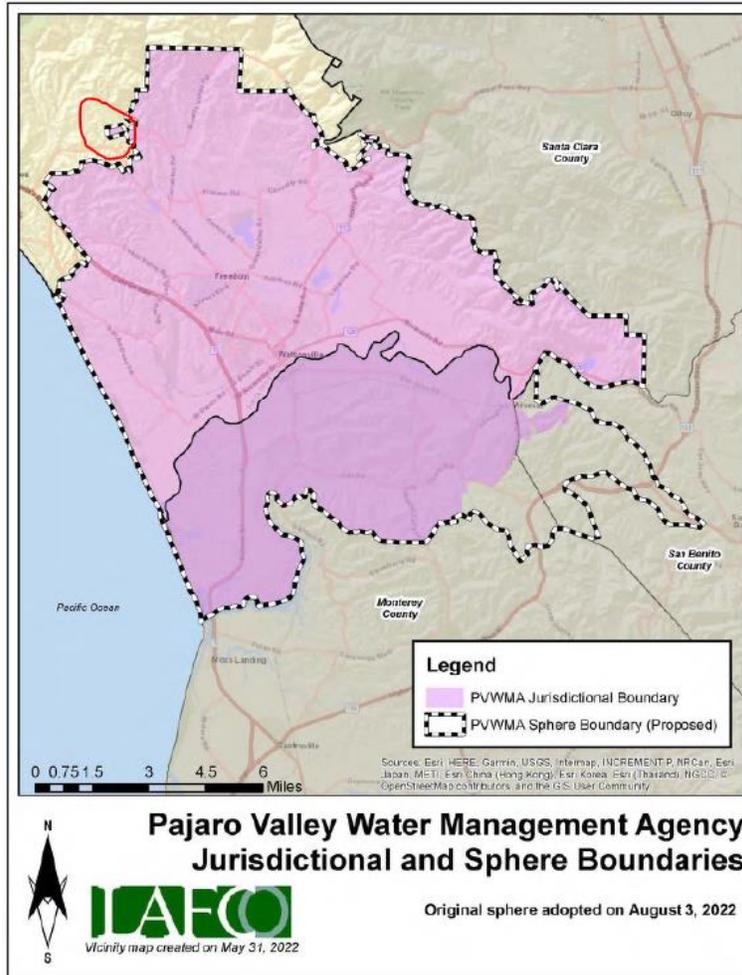
On behalf of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PV Water), I would like to thank you for the time you have taken to meet with me to discuss the preparation of the *Countywide Water Service and Sphere Review*, and for the opportunity you have provided to comment on the draft report. While many of the comments and suggested revisions I presented you regarding the chapter analyzing PV Water have been incorporated into the report, there are a few remaining items that I feel warrant being noted in advance of a potential LAFCO action on this item.

- As noted previously, the polygon used to represent PV Water's jurisdictional boundary throughout the report appears to have an extra parcel in the northwest area (see figure 1, below, red circle).
- The financial numbers included in the report appear to overstate both PV Water's revenues and expenditures because they include "transfers in" and "transfers out" which represent transfers of funds within PV Water's internal accounts and not new revenues or expenditures. I provided a more in-depth comment on this matter previously.
- The population stated for the City of Watsonville differs between Table 7 (2020 population states: 65,231 a/o 2020) and Table 53 (53,536 a/o 2020).
- The number of unmetered domestic wells within PV Water is stated at 1,200 in Table 50, and 1,100 in the text of the last paragraph on the following page.

Lastly, with respect to the following LAFCO Staff Recommendation: "*PVWMA should consider updating the Basin Management Plan since the last update was eight years ago. The update should include the assumption that the District will be the successor agency of the Reclamation District No. 2049, which is consistent with the scheduled completion of the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.*" I would like to note that the PV Water Board of Directors adopted the "*Basin Management Plan: Groundwater Sustainability Update 2022*" ("GSU22") in November 2021. The GSU22 was the culmination of a year-long process, led by the Ad Hoc Sustainable Groundwater Planning Advisory Committee that included 12 committee meetings, and another 12 or so

community meetings. The GSU22 incorporates the Basin Management Plan and is PV Water's most current document.

Figure 1.



Thank you for considering the above noted comments. I welcome the opportunity to discuss any questions or comments you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Brian Lockwood, General Manager

cc: Amy Newell, Chair, PV Water Board of Directors