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From: Commanding officer, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake
To: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Subj: INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER MODEL

Ref: (a) NAWCWD-TP-8811.

1. The Navy contracted with Desert Research Institute (DRI) to develop a digital model of the Indian Wells Valley (IWV) groundwater aquifer, as initially documented in Ref(a). This model has become the basis for the IWV Groundwater Authority's (IWV GA) efforts to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) pursuant to California State law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014. The Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) is an ex-officio, non-voting member of the IWV GA.
2. The Navy supports the transfer of the basin model's maintenance, further development, and configuration management to the IWV GA with a condition of this transfer that the Navy shall be a participant of the model's configuration management process that oversees, recommends, and dispositions any changes to the model's capability and functionality. The Navy will retain its unlimited use license of the basin model to support studies specific and unique to Navy interests and needs. Consequently, there shall be no condition in the relationship between DRI and the IWV GA that prohibits DRI from using the basin model to these ends. Upon the IWV GA's acceptance of these conditions, the Navy will act immediately to inform DRI of the IWV GA's authority to manage the maintenance, development, and configuration management of the basin model.
3. The IWV GA will develop a model management plan, to include configuration management, to ensure proper maintenance and vetting of future requirements requiring change to the model. The Navy shall be a participant of the model's configuration management process that oversees, recommends, and dispositions any changes to the model's capability and functionality.
4. Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to NAWS China Lake Public Works Officer, CDR Peter R. Benson at 760-939-2382.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. R. Benson", is located below the list of points.

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By direction