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## State Water Resources Control Board

### Division of Drinking Water

July 27, 2020

Paul Kelley, Interim General Manager  
Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District  
19400 Hartmann Road  
Hidden Valley Lake, CA 95467

Dear Mr. Kelley,

The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water issued Compliance Order No. 02\_03\_14R\_004 (Order) to Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District (District) on October 17, 2014 and amended the order on February 27, 2015. The Order was issued following the issuance of a curtailment notice to the District by the State Water Board's Division of Water Rights. Under curtailment, the District could not meet the requirements of Section 116555 of the California Health & Safety Code, which requires public water systems to provide a reliable and adequate supply of water.

The Division of Drinking Water's Order contained a directive which restricted the District from making additional service connections. With most of California experiencing severe drought in 2014, the Division issued similar orders to several water systems whose supplies had been curtailed. Because future droughts would likely result in similar curtailments, the Division has kept these orders in place except where the affected water systems have demonstrated a sustainable solution to their supply shortfall.

On May 6, 2019, the District provided evidence to the Division of Water Rights, intending to demonstrate that some of the District's sources were percolating groundwater and therefore not subject to water rights restrictions. On April 17, 2020, the Division of Water Rights issued a technical memorandum that determined the Coyote Valley alluvial aquifer does not meet the four-part criteria for a subterranean stream and is therefore considered percolating groundwater. On this basis, the District requested on April 30, 2020 that the Division of Drinking Water rescind the Order. Further, on July 10, 2020, the Division of Water Rights revoked the District's water rights licenses and permits. This action eliminates the possibility of future curtailment and restores the District's capacity to reliably supply its community. The Division of Drinking Water hereby rescinds Compliance Order No. 02\_03\_14R\_004.

If you have any questions, please contact our Mendocino District Office at (707) 576-2145 or me at (510) 620-3474.

Sincerely,

Stefan Cajina, P.E., Chief  
North Coastal Section  
Division of Drinking Water  
State Water Resources Control Board

cc: Lake County Environmental Health