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Re: Baton Rouge Area Aquifer Management Plan

Dear Mr. Hebert and Mr. Duplechin:

I was encouraged this morning by the announcement from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) regarding the release of the long-awaited report on the groundwater flow and saltwater intrusion models for the 1,500- and 2,000-foot sands in the Baton Rouge area.

I again would like to commend the CAGWCC, in the absence of this completed report, for taking significant action with the adoption at the March 19, 2013, board meeting of the Summary Plan for saltwater migration management in the 1,500- and 2,000-foot sands.

It is my understanding that the Summary Plan was intended as a set of initial action items, subject to modification and expansion upon release of the USGS report. Now that the USGS report has been released, I would like to open a discussion regarding future actions based on the findings within the document.

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As Commissioner of Conservation Jim Welsh's designee to CAGWCC, I am hereby recommending that a special technical committee meeting be scheduled within the first week of August, with the goal of preparing a formal plan that contains specific procedures for CAGWCC's regular, ongoing evaluation of the rate of movement and impacts of saltwater intrusion in the several sands within the Baton Rouge area aquifer system through current and future USGS modeling efforts. Such a plan also should include the adoption of a regular and more robust public information effort on the overall health of the aquifer system and the progress of any necessary or proposed remediation.

I can say with assurance that the Office of Conservation stands ready under the recently approved Memorandum of Understanding to assist in the development of any technical or communications planning CAGWCC may undertake.

Thank you for your kind attention to my request. Please feel free to disseminate this letter to the other commission members, and let me know if I can answer any questions.

Yours very truly,



John W. Adams, Designee for  
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