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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

As outlined in the California Water Code, Part 2.74, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), Section 10723.8, the County of Ventura hereby declares its intention to assume the role as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley Basin outside the boundaries of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA).

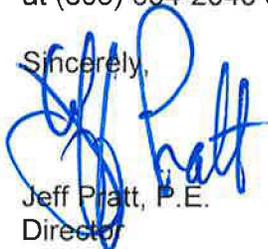
On January 9, 2015, the FCGMA confirmed its intent to assume the responsibilities of the Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley Basin within its boundaries. On January 28, 2015, Camrosa Water District elected to be the GSA for the portion of the basin outside the boundary of the FCGMA.

On May 5, 2015, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing and passed Resolution 15-031, Attachment 1, wherein the County resolved to become a GSA for the Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley Basin, outside the FCGMA boundaries. The basin boundaries are depicted in Attachment 2.

Per Section 10723.2 of the SGMA, the GSA shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans, per Attachment 3. The County would use its existing Board for governance purposes.

Should you require additional information or a clarification of this Notice of Intent, please contact me at (805) 654-2073 or via email at jeff.pratt@ventura.org. You may also contact Tully Clifford at (805) 654-2040 or via email at tully.clifford@ventura.org.

Sincerely,



Jeff Pratt, P.E.
Director

Attachments: (1) Ventura County Board of Supervisors Resolution
(2) Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley Basin Boundary
(3) List of Beneficial Uses and Users of Groundwater



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BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SUPERVISORS STEVE BENNETT, LINDA PARKS,
KATHY I. LONG, PETER C. FOY AND JOHN ZARAGOZA
May 5, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Public Hearing Regarding the Adoption of Resolution Declaring the Intention of the County of Ventura to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley Basin; and Authorization for the Public Works Agency Director to Undertake the Necessary Action to Provide Notification of This Decision to the California Department of Water Resources. (Public Works Agency)

- (X) All Board members are present.
- (X) The Board holds a public hearing.
- (X) The following persons are heard: Jeff Pratt, Kristofer Young, Ed Wehan, Ian Prichard, David Gold, Lynn Jensen, Matt Guthrie, Merrill Berge, Kevin Cannon, Scotia Alves, Tony Stafford, Mike Stubblefield, Diane Underhill, Carol Lindberg, Jim Finch, and Brandon Hansen.
- (X) The following document(s) are submitted to the Board for consideration:
 - (X) PowerPoint Presentation: Groundwater Sustainability
 - (X) PowerPoint Presentation: Water ppt
- (X) Upon motion of Supervisor Bennett, seconded by Supervisor Long, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves staff recommendations in the Board letter as Modified to include the City of Camarillo to participate with the County, with Supervisor Foy dissenting.

I hereby certify that the annexed instrument is a true and correct copy of the document which is on file in this office.

Dated: 5/8/15 MICHAEL POWERS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California

By: Tom Gaines
Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: Brian Palmer
Brian Palmer
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board



RESOLUTION NO. 15-031

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT ACT FOR THE ARROYO SANTA ROSA VALLEY BASIN
OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act); and

WHEREAS, the Act went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); and

WHEREAS, the Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) has been characterized by DWR as a medium priority basin; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the Basin west of the Bailey Fault is under the jurisdiction of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) and Section 10723(c) of the Act defines the FCGMA as the exclusive local agency within its statutory boundaries with the power to comply with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes any local agency overlying the Basin to elect to become a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura (County) is a local agency as defined under the Act eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.2 of the Act requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.8 of the Act requires that a local agency electing to be a GSA notify the DWR of its election and its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a basin; and

WHEREAS, the County held a public hearing on this date after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Ventura hereby elects to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the portions of the Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley Basin outside the boundaries of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County will develop an outreach program to include all stakeholders to ensure that all beneficial uses and users of groundwater are considered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Public Works Agency is authorized to submit to the DWR on behalf of the County a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Part 2.74 of the Water Code); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such notification shall include the boundaries of the portions of the Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley Basin that the County intends to manage, a copy of this resolution, a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 of the Act, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the groundwater sustainability agency and the development and implementation of the agency's groundwater sustainability plan; and

On motion by Supervisor Bennett and seconded by
Supervisor Long passed and adopted on (DATE) 5/5/15

Kathy J. Long
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Ventura County

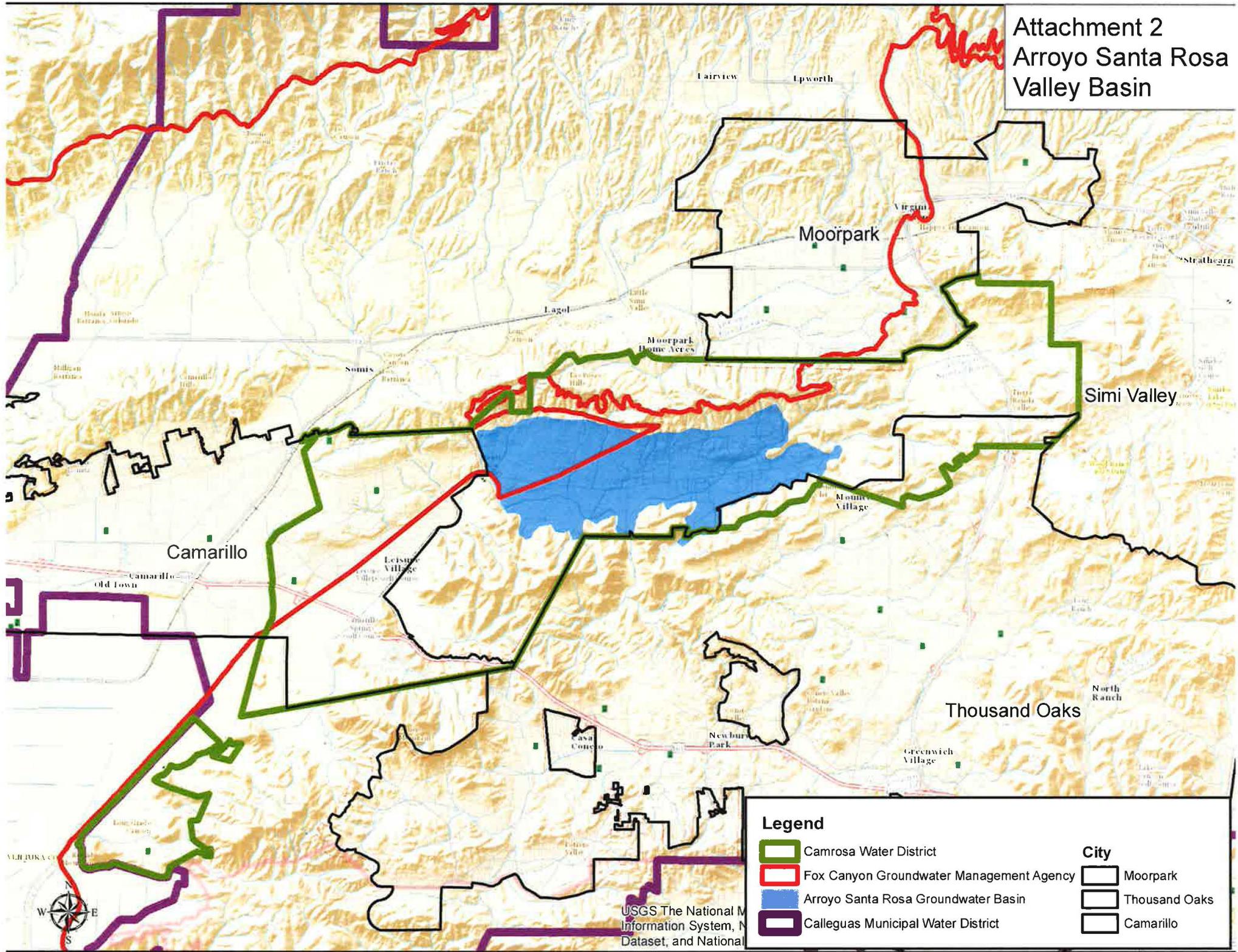
ATTEST:

MICHAEL C. POWERS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Ventura County
State of California



By: Lori Gaines
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Attachment 2 Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley Basin



Legend

- Camrosa Water District
- Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
- Arroyo Santa Rosa Groundwater Basin
- Calleguas Municipal Water District

City

- Moorpark
- Thousand Oaks
- Camarillo

USGS The National Map Information System, National Dataset, and National

LIST OF ALL BENEFICIAL USES AND USERS OF GROUNDWATER

In accordance with Section 10723.2 and Section 10723.8 (a)(4) of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) the following parties will be contacted to determine how best to consider and protect their interests throughout the formation of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), and implementation of the GSP. These interests include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:
 - a. Agricultural users - representation could include individual growers, the Ventura County Farm Bureau, and the Ventura County Agricultural Association.
 - b. Domestic well owners.
 - c. Camrosa Water District.
- b) Municipal well operators - Camrosa Water District.
- c) Public water systems – Calleguas Municipal Water District is the water wholesaler in this basin.
- d) Local land use planning agencies:
 - a. County of Ventura
 - b. City of Thousand Oaks
 - c. City of Camarillo
- e) Environmental users of groundwater – no known designated uses or users.
- f) Surface water users – City of Thousand Oaks discharges wastewater effluent to the Basin. Numerous users of surface water, groundwater, and recycled water. Groundwater use is impacted by surface water diverted to Pleasant Valley County Water District
- g) Federal government - no designated uses or users, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.
- h) California Native American tribes – none apparent at this time.
- i) Disadvantaged communities – none in this basin.
- j) Entities listed in the SGMA Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency:
 - a. Ventura County Watershed Protection District
 - b. Camrosa Water District
- k) Other entities:
 - a. Watershed Coalition of Ventura County and the Calleguas Creek Watershed Committee – these groups are very involved with integrated regional watershed management and are comprised of numerous organizations, including environmental and other non-governmental organizations, interested in the health and sustainability of the watershed.

Attachment 3

- b. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency – this agency is the GSA for a portion of the Arroyo Santa Rosa Basin within their boundaries. Coordination and collaboration will be undertaken to ensure the basin achieves and maintains sustainable yield and any other goals identified during the planning process.
- c. Ventura County Parks and Recreation Department – Administers and maintains Santa Rosa Park
- d. Santa Rosa Municipal Advisory Committee
- e. State Agencies – Regional Water Quality Control Board, Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife

The above stakeholders will be invited to participate in developing their roles and responsibilities in the governance, planning, and implementation processes. It is expected that this will be documented as part of the GSP or as part of a resolution, ordinance, or agreement through the GSA formation.