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June 24, 2015

California Department of Water Resources
Attn: Mark Nordberg
901 P Street, Room 213A
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

Please find enclosed Orland-Artois Water District's notification to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. I have included in the packet an original Notice of Election to serve as a GSA, a boundary map, an original OAWD resolution 2015-03, and a citification of said resolution.

Sincerely,

Emil Cavagnolo
General Manager

ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO SERVE AS A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Orland-Artois Water District ("OAWD" or "the District") provides this Notice pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2 of its election to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") for the area of the basin identified in Exhibit A.

OAWD is a California water district formed and operating under the provisions of California Water Code Sections 34000, and following, and has the authority to exercise powers related to groundwater management. The District has territory in Glenn County, and depends on the Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin (the "Basin"), an unadjudicated groundwater basin underlying the District's service area, to help meet the water needs of its landowners.

On June 16, 2015, OAWD held a public hearing to consider its decision to serve as a GSA for the Basin. The District caused notice of its election to serve as a GSA to be published in the Sacramento Valley Mirror as provided by Water Code Section 10723(b) and Government Code Section 6066. Courtesy copies of the notice were also mailed to the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Glenn County Board of Supervisors, City of Orland, Orland Unit Water Users Association, Glenn Colusa Irrigation District, Kanawha Water District, and Glide Water District. No negative comments were received prior to or at the hearing.

Immediately following the hearing, pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.6, OAWD adopted a resolution, attached as Exhibit B, electing that OAWD shall be the GSA for the area described therein, and setting out a framework for the development, adoption and implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan ("GSP") for the Basin pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") and other applicable provisions of law. The District has not adopted any other bylaws, regulations, or ordinances in its role as GSA at this time.

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a)(4) the District will consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs. The District has communicated with parties interested in the sustainable management of groundwater in the Basin, and will continue to solicit feedback from those parties as the plan is developed. These interests include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- Holders of overlying groundwater rights:
    - Agricultural users: This GSA's area of the basin is composed almost entirely of agricultural users, most of whom have an existing relationship with the District.

- Domestic well owners: There are domestic wells within the GSA, however, based on the understanding of groundwater conditions that currently exist, or are likely to exist in the foreseeable future, the GSA anticipates that the plan will exclude domestic wells.

- Municipal well operators: There is one municipal well operator within the boundaries of the GSA.

- Public water systems: OAWD believes that the municipal well operator noted above is a public water system as defined in the Health and Safety Code.

- Local/and use planning agencies:

  - Glenn County: The District provided notice of its intention to serve as the GSA, and will continue to communicate with and solicit feedback from the county as the GSA is developed. In addition, the District will continue its participation in Glenn County's groundwater planning efforts.

  - Other Water, Irrigation, and Reclamation Districts outside the GSA boundaries: The District provided courtesy notice of its intention to serve as a GSA to the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, City of Orland, Orland Unit Water Users Association, Glenn Colusa Irrigation District, Kanawha Water District, and Glide Water District and will continue to communicate with and solicit feedback from these neighboring agencies as the District develops the GSP.

- Environmental users of groundwater: N/A

- Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies: N/A

- The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands: N/A.

- California Native American tribes. N/A.

- Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems. : N/A.

- Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the GSA: The District has a groundwater management plan adopted under Water Code Sections 10750, et seq. The county collects groundwater data pursuant to groundwater ordinances. The GSA will continue to coordinate with the county regarding the plan.

The District and other interest holders' roles and responsibilities will be further defined in the plan. The District's staff welcomes feedback during this process from the state and any of the agencies or organizations listed here. If the Department of Water Resources requires anything further prior to the acceptance of this notification of the District's election to serve as a GSA for the defined part of the Basin, please address your concerns to Emil Cavagnolo, who is the General Manager of the District.

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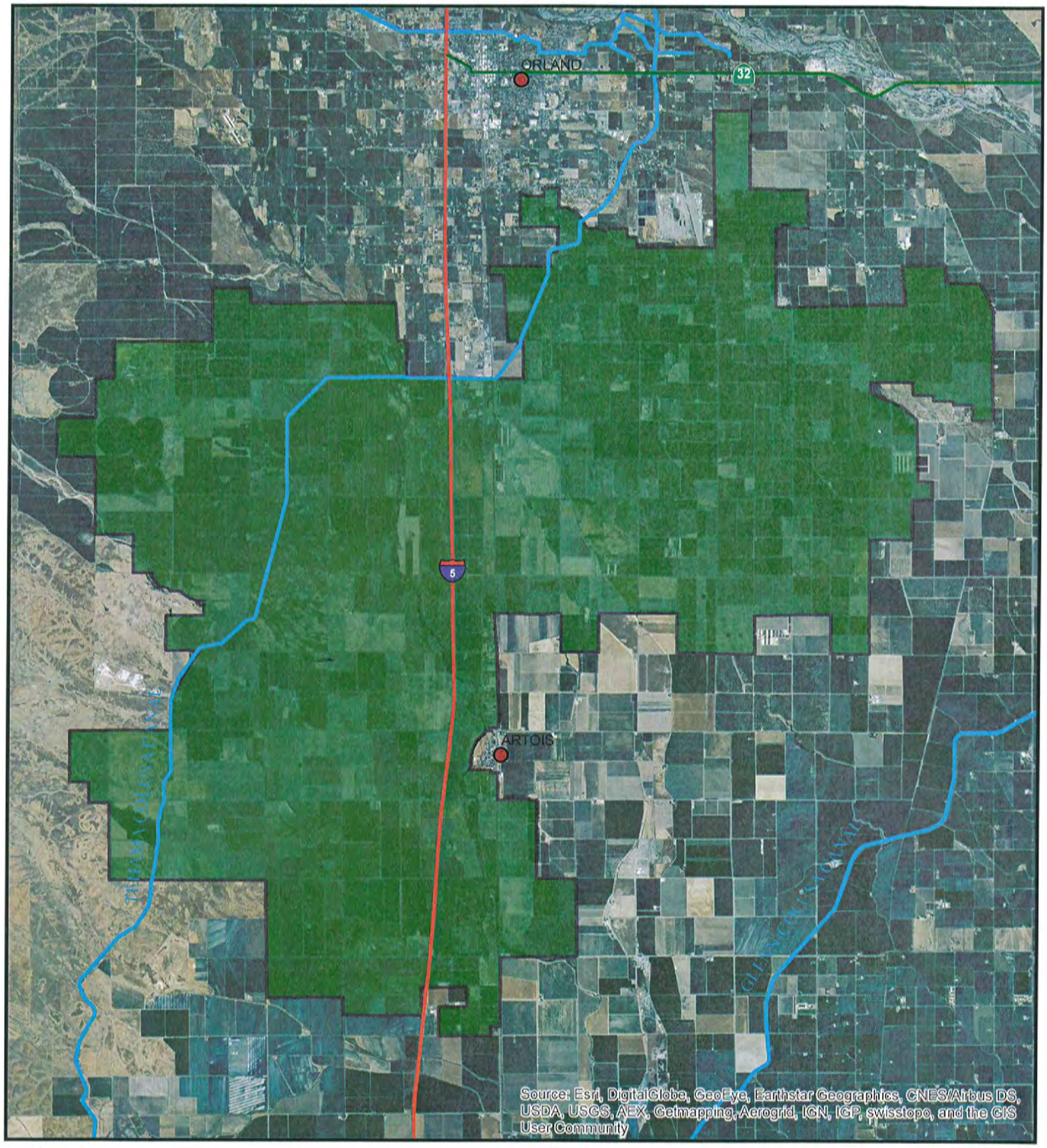
Emil Cavagnolo,
General Manager
Orland-Artois Water District

EXHIBIT A
GSA Map



Legend

Orland-Artois WD G.S.A. Boundary

Orland-Artois WD G.S.A Boundaries

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EXHIBIT B
RESOLUTION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03

RESOLUTION OF DISTRICT ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2014

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has enacted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("the Act"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable manner in accordance with the requirements of the Act;

WHEREAS, in order to exercise the authority granted in the Act, a local agency or combination of local agencies must elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency ("GSA");

WHEREAS, the District is a local agency, as the Act defines that term;

WHEREAS, where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, the Act requires local agencies to cooperatively manage the groundwater basin in a sustainable manner;

WHEREAS, the District overlies an unadjudicated basin, the Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Basin (designated Basin Number 5-21.52 in the California Department of Water Resources' CASGEM groundwater basin system) ("the Basin"), and the District has the authority to act as a GSA;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the District to work cooperatively with other water agencies and the County of Glenn ("the County"), as may be appropriate, to manage the Basin in a sustainable fashion in accordance with the Act;

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the District's election to become a GSA for the Basin has been published within Glenn County in the Sacramento Valley Mirror in the manner provided in the Act;

WHEREAS, courtesy copies of the notice of hearing were also mailed to the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, Glide Water District, Kanawha Water District, Orland Unit Water Users Association, City of Orland City Council, Tehama Colusa Canal Authority, and Glenn Colusa Irrigation District; and

WHEREAS, on this day the District held a public hearing to consider whether it should elect to become a GSA, and the Board determined after receiving public comment at the hearing that the District should exercise its authority under the Act to be a GSA for the Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orland-Artois Water District as follows:

1. The District hereby elects to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency within the Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Basin.

2. Within thirty days of the date of this Resolution, the General Manager is directed to provide notice of this election to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner required by law.

3. One of the elements of the notice to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") is the boundaries of the area of the basin or the portion of the basin that the District intends to manage based upon a review of the map of alternatives presented to the Board of Directors, and in view of the purposes of the Act and the goals of the District as a GSA, the area delineated on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit A as the map of the "GSA Boundary" shall comprise the portion of the Basin that the District intends to manage in accordance with the Act. The General Manager also will provide DWR with a list of other groundwater sustainability agencies that have been formed to date within the Basin.

4. The General Manager shall begin discussions with the City of Orland, the County of Glenn, and other local agencies and districts, in order to pursue the process of developing a groundwater sustainability plan or plans for the Basin. The General Manager is further directed to develop a plan for the District, or a joint plan with other GSAs with which the District might cooperate or join in consultation and close coordination, as contemplated by the Act.

5. Because DWR has not yet developed and had approved its regulations required by the Act for the formation and operation of GSAs, the Board finds that the District is unable at this time to provide DWR with the following: (1) a copy of the bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities adopted by the GSA; and (2) a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development

and implementation of the GSA's groundwater sustainability plan. The General Manager is directed to develop this information and provide it to DWR at the appropriate time after DWR's regulations for GSAs are approved.

6. The General Manager is directed to report back to the Board at least quarterly on the progress toward developing the groundwater sustainability plan. The Board of Directors wishes to move forward aggressively to complete the development of these plans as quickly as may be feasible and to ensure that the Basin is managed in a sustainable fashion at the earliest possible date.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orland-Artois Water District on June 16, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: Mike Vereschagin, Ernest Pieper, James Jones

NOES:

ABSENT: Charles Schonauer, John Erickson

By: _____
Mike Vereschagin
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

_____
Emil Cavagnolo
General Manager/Secretary

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CERTIFICATION

I, Emil Cavagnolo, the duly and regularly appointed Secretary of the ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and exact copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT, duly and regularly passed and adopted at a meeting of the said Board of Directors at Orland, California, on June 16, 2015, the original of which is on file in my office and duly and regularly entered in the official records of proceedings of the Board of Directors of ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT.

Dated: June 16, 2015

Emil Cavagnolo; Board Secretary