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June 22, 2015

California Department of Water Resources
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RE: Notice of Election to Form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

Dear Mr. Nordberg;

Pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8, the County of Colusa (County), a political subdivision of the State of California, gives notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of its election to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to undertake sustainable groundwater management, within its County boundaries, of all groundwater basins and sub-basins underlying the County, including but not limited to the following:

- Sacramento Valley (DWR Basin No. 5-21);
- Colusa (DWR Basin No. 5-21.52);
- West Butte (DWR Basin No. 5-21.58);
- Stonyford Town Area (DWR Basin No. 5-63);
- Bear Valley (DWR Basin No. 5-64)
- Little Indian Valley (DWR Basin No. 5-65)
- Funks Creek (DWR Basin No. 5-90)
- Antelope Creek (DWR Basin No. 5-91); and
- Blanchard Valley (DWR Basin No. 5-92).

The County overlies, either completely or partially, all of the identified basins and sub-basins. Three other entities have provided notice to the DWR of their intent to form GSAs for basins and sub-basins within the County's proposed GSA boundaries.

On June 16, 2015, after giving notice as required by California Government Code section 6066 and California Water Code section 10723, the County held a public hearing in accordance with California Water Code section 10723(b). Following the hearing, the County adopted the

attached resolution (Resolution No. 15-026) electing to form a GSA pursuant to California Water Code section 10723 for all groundwater basins and sub-basins underlying the County. No new bylaws or ordinances were adopted in conjunction with the Resolution.

The County will continue to work cooperatively with agencies and water providers within the County of Colusa, surrounding areas, and the State of California, concerning groundwater projects and management. Additionally, the County will consider the interests of other GSAs when forming this GSA. Upon establishment of the GSA, the County will enter into coordinated efforts and agreements as needed in accordance with California Water Code section 10721(d), to ensure the coordinated implementation of any Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the basins and sub-basins.

If you have any questions, or require further information regarding any of these matters, please contact Joseph Damiano, Colusa County Agriculture Commissioner, or Mary Fahey, Water Resources Coordinator, at 530-458-0590.

Sincerely,

Marcos Kropf
County Counsel

Attachment: Resolution 15-026

RESOLUTION NO. 15-026

RESOLUTION OF THE COLUSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FORM A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY WITHIN THE BOUNDRIES OF COLUSA COUNTY FOR ALL GROUNDWATER BASINS AND SUB-BASINS UNDERLYING THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law and adopted into the California Water Code, commencing with Section 10720;

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of the SGMA is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins and sub-basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater;

WHEREAS, the County of Colusa (County) overlies nine identifiable groundwater basins and sub-basins: Sacramento Valley, Colusa, West Butte, Stonyford Town Area, Bear Valley, Little Indian Valley, Funks Creek, Antelope Creek, and Blanchard Valley as identified in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution;

WHEREAS, California Water Code section 10723.8 mandates that within 90 days of an entity giving notice to the California Department of Water Resources (Department) of the intent to form, or having formed, a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), that entity shall be presumed to be the exclusive GSA for that area unless another entity provides notice to the Department of their intent to form, or notice that the entity formed, a GSA;

WHEREAS, at least three other entities provided notice to the Department of their formation of, or intent to form, a GSA for groundwater basins and sub-basins in the County's proposed management area;

WHEREAS, establishing the County as a GSA will enable the County to work with other GSAs in the preparation and implementation of an effective and mutually beneficial Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) for the sustainable management of groundwater basins and sub-basins within the County;

WHEREAS, the County is committed to the management of its groundwater resources so as to create and promote sustainable groundwater use for the residents of Colusa County and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15378(a) and (b) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because this Resolution does not result in direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Colusa County Board of Supervisors elects to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, pursuant to California Water Code section 10723, within County boundaries, for all groundwater basins and sub-basins underlying the County, including but not limited to, Sacramento Valley, Colusa, West Butte, Stonyford Town Area, Bear Valley, Little Indian Valley, Funks Creek, Antelope Creek, and Blanchard Valley groundwater basins and sub-basins.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: **Supervisors Denise J. Carter, Gary J. Evans, John D. Loudon, and Mark D. Marshall.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSENT: **Supervisor Kim Dolbow Vann.**

Mark D. Marshall, Board Chair

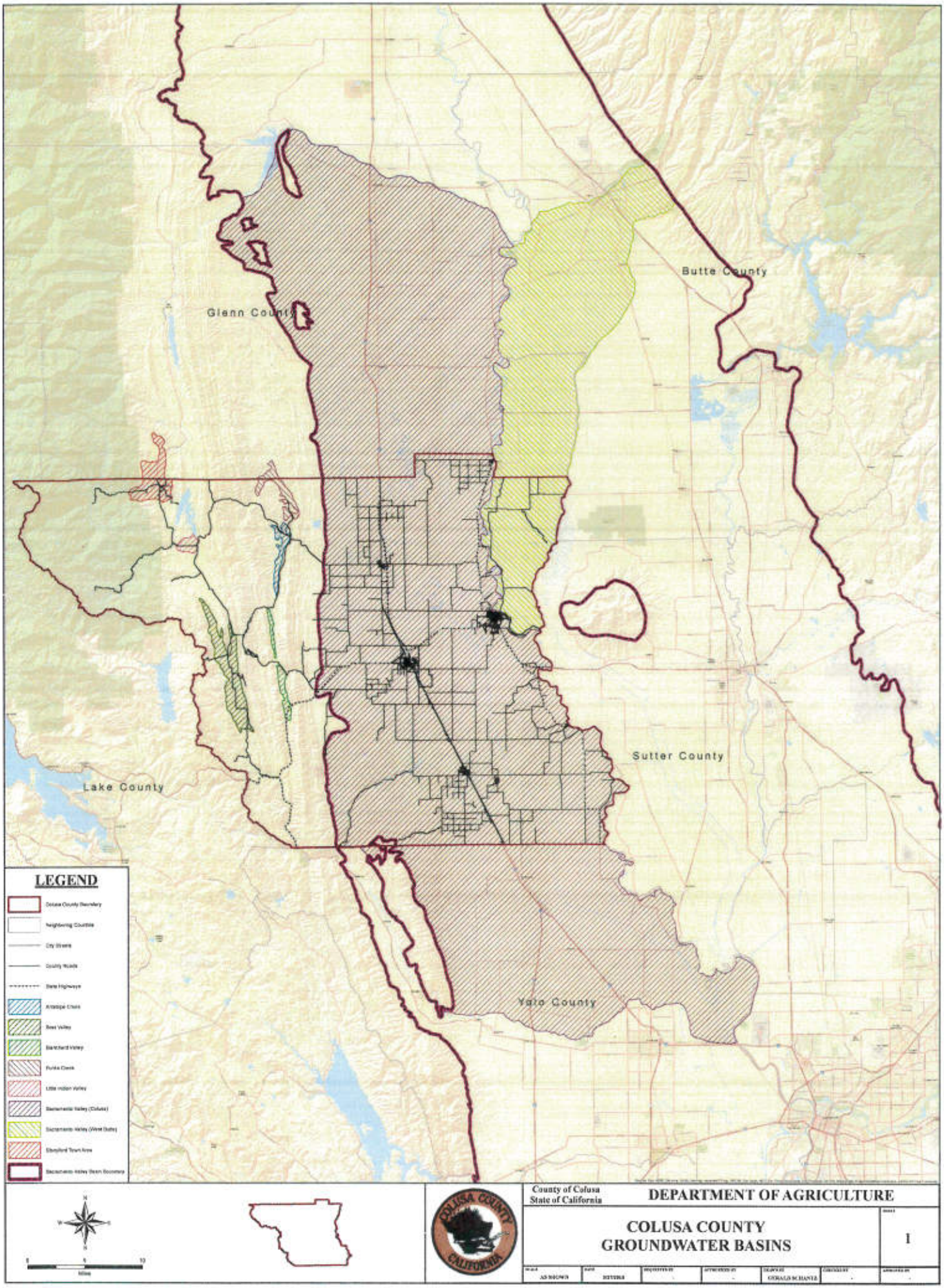
ATTEST: Robert J. Muszar, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By
Ann Nordyke, Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

6/16/2015
Marcos A. Kropf, County Counsel

Exhibit A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July 14, 2015

VIA EMAIL AND PERSONAL DELIVERY

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RE: Amended Notice of Election to Form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

Dear Mr. Nordberg;

Previously, the County of Colusa provided notice to the California Department of Water Resources of its election to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. There was a question as to whether the County properly noticed its public hearing in support of its election and resulting resolution. Accordingly, the County out of an abundance of caution re-noticed a new public hearing for July 14, 2015 in which it once again resolved to elect to form a GSA. Thus, Pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8, the County of Colusa (County), a political subdivision of the State of California, gives this amended notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of its intent to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to undertake sustainable groundwater management, within its County boundaries, of all groundwater basins and sub-basins underlying the County, including but not limited to the following:

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The County overlies, either completely or partially, all of the identified basins and sub-basins. Three other entities have provided notice to the DWR of their intent to form GSAs for basins and sub-basins within the County's proposed GSA boundaries.

On July 14, 2015, after giving notice as required by California Government Code section 6066 and California Water Code section 10723, the County held another public hearing in accordance with California Water Code section 10723(b). Following the hearing, the County adopted the attached resolution (Resolution No. 15-034), in addition to its previous Resolution No. 15-026 electing to form a GSA pursuant to California Water Code section 10723 for all groundwater basins and sub-basins underlying the County. No new bylaws or ordinances were adopted in conjunction with the Resolution.

The County will continue to work cooperatively with agencies and water providers within the County of Colusa, surrounding areas, and the State of California, concerning groundwater projects and management. Additionally, the County will consider the interests of other GSAs when forming this GSA. Upon establishment of the GSA, the County will enter into coordinated efforts and agreements as needed in accordance with California Water Code section 10721(d), to ensure the coordinated implementation of any Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the basins and sub-basins.

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Sincerely,

Marcos Kropf
County Counsel

Enclosure: Resolution 15-034 with Exhibit

RESOLUTION NO. 15-034

RESOLUTION OF THE COLUSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FORM A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY WITHIN THE BOUNDRIES OF COLUSA COUNTY FOR ALL GROUNDWATER BASINS AND SUB-BASINS UNDERLYING THE COUNTY

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WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15378(a) and (b) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because this Resolution does not result in direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Colusa County Board of Supervisors elects to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, pursuant to California Water Code section 10723, within County boundaries, for all groundwater basins and sub-basins underlying the County, including but not limited to, Sacramento Valley, Colusa, West Butte, Stonyford Town Area, Bear Valley, Little Indian Valley, Funks Creek, Antelope Creek, and Blanchard Valley groundwater basins and sub-basins.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: **Supervisors Denise J. Carter, Gary J. Evans, Kim Dolbow Vann, John D. Loudon and Mark D. Marshall.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

Mark D. Marshall, Board Chair

ATTEST: Robert J. Muszar, Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Ann Nordyke, Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Marcos A. Kropf, County Counsel

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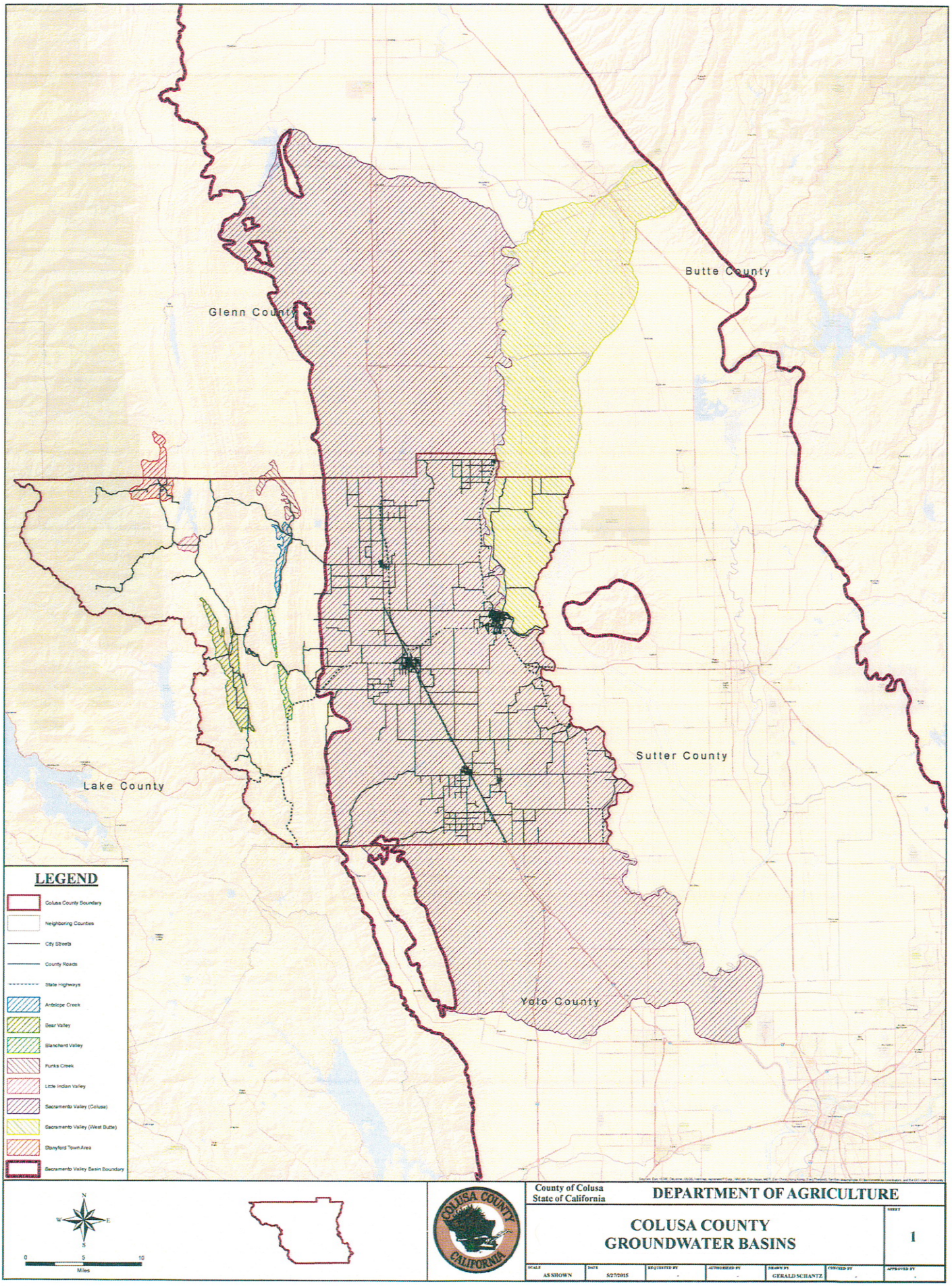
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