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NOTICE OF SOUTH FEATHER WATER AND POWER AGENCY'S INTENT TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR A PORTION OF THE NORTH YUBA SUBBASIN

This letter constitutes notice to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), pursuant to Water Code sections 10723(d) and 10723.8, of South Feather Water and Power Agency's (the Agency) intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management of the North Yuba Subbasin (the Basin) as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This notice of intent is timely filed within 30 days of the date the Agency's Board of Directors (Board) approved a resolution electing to serve as a GSA. The resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A and a map showing the Agency's service area boundaries and proposed GSA management area is attached to the resolution as an exhibit. The Agency's proposed GSA management area is the portion of the Agency's service area that is within the Basin. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as GSA.

The Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA), Butte County, Cordua Irrigation District, and the City of Marysville have also elected to serve as GSAs for the Basin, and DWR has posted notices of their intent on its website. Butte County's and a small portion of YCWA's proposed management areas overlap with the Agency's proposed management area. Should it elect to serve as a GSA, the GSA management area of

the City of Oroville may be near, adjacent to, or overlapping the Agency's proposed GSA management area. Other potential GSAs in the Basin, but outside of the District's proposed management area, include Yuba County, Brown's Valley Irrigation District, the City of Marysville, and Ramirez Irrigation District.

Interested parties within the District's proposed GSA management area, determined pursuant to Water Code section 10723.2, include:

(a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

(1) Agricultural users

There are agricultural users of groundwater within the Agency's proposed GSA management area. The Agency has preexisting relationships with most of them due to their receipt of water service from the Agency.

(2) Domestic well owners

There are domestic wells within the proposed GSA management area. However, because SGMA excludes "de minimis extractors" (those that extract no more than two acre-feet per year) from certain regulatory requirements, it is anticipated that the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) will exclude domestic wells from such requirements.

(b) Municipal well operators

California Water Service - Oroville operates four municipal wells, and some portions of its service area may overlap with the Agency's proposed management area.

(c) Public water systems

South Feather Water and Power Agency; California Water Service Oroville.

(d) Local land use planning agencies

Butte County, City of Oroville

(e) Environmental users of groundwater

N/A. None within the Agency's proposed management area.

(f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies

There are few surface water users that divert within the proposed management area; to the extent there are, a hydrologic connection between groundwater and surface water has not been established. Surface water use will be considered in developing and implementing the GSP.

(g) The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands

N/A. None within the Agency's proposed GSA management area.

(h) California Native American tribes

A small portion of the Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians lies within the Agency's

proposed GSA management area. The Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians is within Agency boundaries, but is not in the Basin.

(i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems

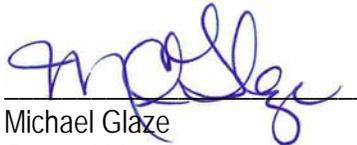
City of Oroville, South Oroville CDP, Palermo CDP.

(j) Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency

Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation.

The Agency intends to engage in a collaborative, open, and inclusive process in implementing SGMA. The Agency will listen to and consider the interests of the Basin's other GSAs, stakeholders, and other interested parties in the development and operation of the GSA, and in the development and implementation of the GSP. Interested parties will have opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input to the Agency throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA and GSP. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to, public comment periods required by SGMA (e.g., Water Code section 10728.4); opportunities for public comment during the Agency's regular and special board meetings; and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8(a).

Dated: January 19, 2016



Michael Glaze
General Manager
South Feather Water and Power Agency



SOUTH FEATHER WATER & POWER AGENCY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Resolution 16-01-01 ELECTION TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (“SGMA”) was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) or multiple GSPs; and,

WHEREAS, South Feather Water and Power Agency (the “Agency”) overlies a subbasin of Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin known as the North Yuba Subbasin (Basin No. 5-21.60 in the Department of Water Resources’ CASGEM system), an unadjudicated groundwater basin overlying portions of Butte and Yuba Counties (the “Basin”); and,

WHEREAS, the Agency, as a local public agency overlying the Basin, is authorized to be a GSA for the Basin; and,

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing to consider whether the Agency should elect to be a GSA for the Basin, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, was published in the Chico Enterprise Record and in the Marysville Appeal-Democrat on December 23, 2015 and again on December 30, 2015, pursuant to section 6066 of the Government Code, as required by section 10723(b) of the Water Code; and,

WHEREAS, courtesy copies of the hearing notice were also sent to each of the Basin’s other potential GSAs, including the Boards of Supervisors of Butte and Yuba Counties, Ramirez Irrigation District, Brown’s Valley Irrigation District, Reclamation District 10, Cordua Irrigation District, the City of Marysville, the City of Oroville, and the Yuba County Water Agency; and,

WHEREAS, the Agency held a public hearing at which its Board of Directors considered whether the Agency should become a GSA for the Basin; and,

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Agency to become a GSA for the Basin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDERED, AND DIRECTED that:

1. South Feather Water and Power Agency hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for at least that portion of the North Yuba Subbasin that is within the Agency’s service area boundaries, as depicted in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.

2. Within 30 days after the date of this Resolution but in no event any later than January 25, 2016, the General Manager is directed to submit a notice of the Agency's intent to the Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8(a).

3. The General Manager shall, after complying with Water Code section 10727.8, begin the process of coordinating with other GSAs and developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Agency's portion of the Basin in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

4. The General Manager shall create and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices concerning the Agency's SGMA process pursuant to section 10723.4 of the Water Code.

5. The General Manager shall provide regular progress reports on the SGMA implementation process to the Board at least quarterly.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the South Feather Water and Power Agency at the special meeting of said Board on the 7th day of January 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Edwards, Lodigiani, Moreland, Starr

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Hickman



Lou Lodigiani, President

(seal)



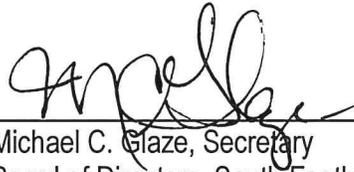
Michael C. Glaze, Secretary

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

MICHAEL C. GLAZE, certifies that: he is the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the South Feather Water and Power Agency; and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the South Feather Water and Power Agency at a meeting of said Board duly and specially held on the 7th day of January 2016, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted; said resolution has not been rescinded and is in full force and effect.

January 7, 2016

Date

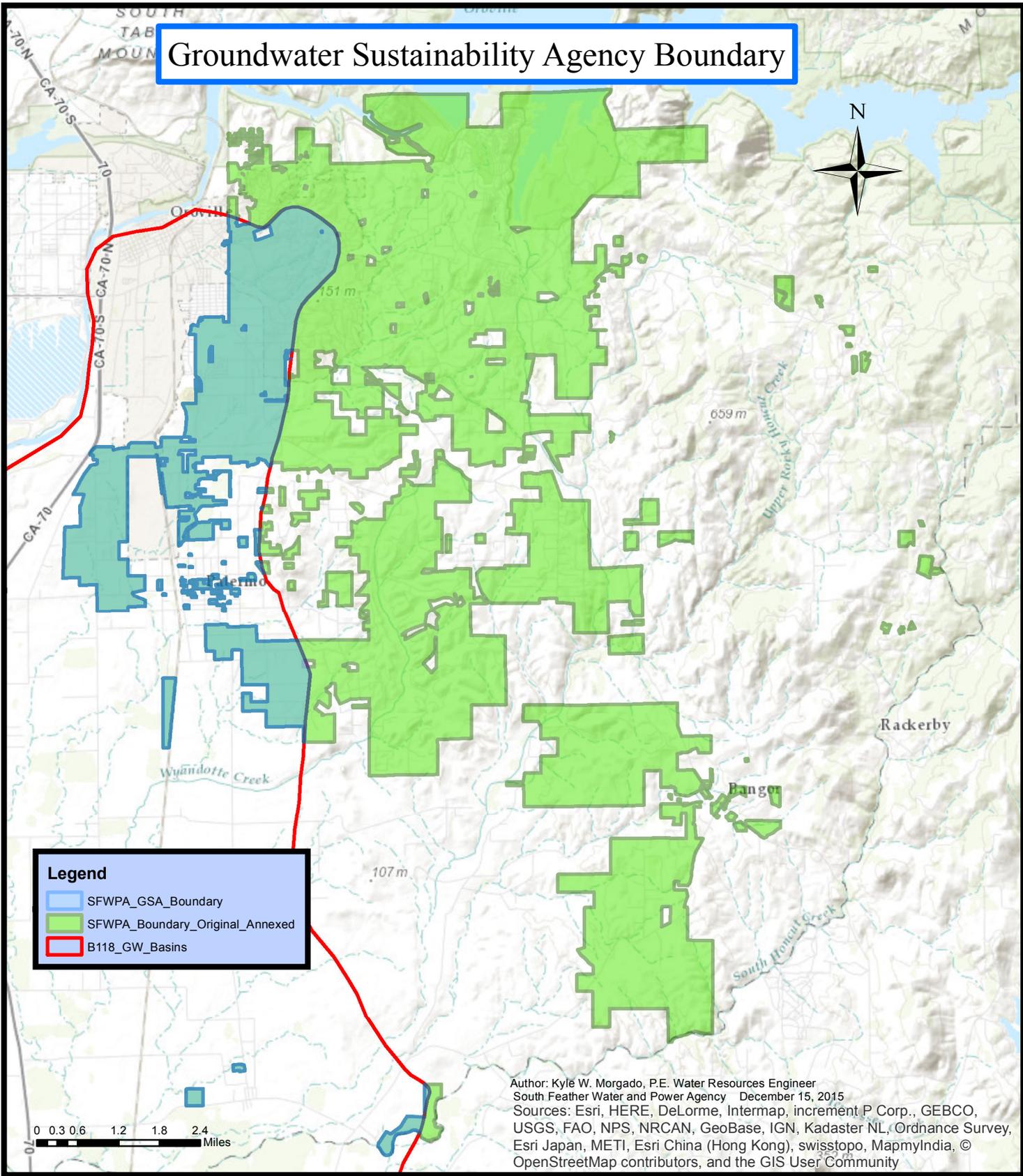


Michael C. Glaze, Secretary

Board of Directors, South Feather Water and Power Agency

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Groundwater Sustainability Agency Boundary



Legend

- SFWPA_GSA_Boundary
- SFWPA_Boundary_Original_Annexed
- B118_GW_Basins

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GSA and Service Area Boundaries

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I am not a party to, nor interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer and publisher of THE APPEAL-DEMOCRAT, a newspaper of general circulation, printed & published in the City of Marysville, County of Yuba, to which Newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by The Superior Court of the County of Yuba, State of California under the date of November 9, 1951, No. 11481, and County of Sutter to which Newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Sutter, State of California under the date of May 17, 1999, Case No.CV PT99-0819. The Notice, of which the annexed is a copy, appeared in said newspaper on the following dates:

December 23 & 30, 2015

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

December 30, 2015



Date

Signature

Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper, LLP
South Feather Water & Power Agency

COPY:

SOUTH FEATHER WATER AND POWER AGENCY Notice of Public Hearing - Election to Become Groundwater Sustainability Agency Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Water Code section 10723, South Feather Water and Power Agency will hold a public hearing during a special meeting on January 7, 2016, commencing at 3:30 PM at the Agency's office at 2310 Oro-Quincy Highway, Oroville, CA, 95966, to determine whether the Agency will elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the North Yuba Subbasin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin. Written comments may be submitted to the Agency, Attn: Michael Glaze, General Manager, by mail or hand delivery to the Agency office no later than 5:00 PM on January 6. During the hearing, the Agency will allow oral comments, and will receive additional written comments before making a decision. The presiding officer may limit oral comments to a reasonable length. Date: December 17, 2015, Michael Glaze, General Manager.

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