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SUBJECT: CITY OF OROVILLE'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

As outlined in California Water Code, Part 2.74, Section 10723.8 of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the City of Oroville hereby declares its intention to assume the role as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for that portion of the East Butte and North Yuba Groundwater Sub Basins that underlie the City of Oroville city limits.

After holding a noticed public hearing (Exhibit A – Public Hearing Notice), on January 5, 2016, the Oroville City Council adopted Resolution No. 8452 (Exhibit B) to elect to become a GSA for the East Butte and North Yuba groundwater sub basins as described above and depicted in the map in Exhibit C (Oroville GSA). Furthermore, no new bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities were adopted in connection with the approval of Resolution No. 8452. Other GSAs operating within these sub basins include:

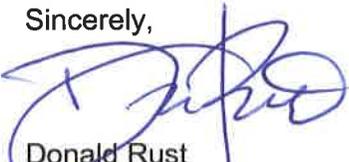
- County of Butte (East Butte and North Yuba)
- City of Gridley (East Butte)
- City of Biggs (East Butte)
- City of Live Oak (East Butte)
- Thermalito Water and Sewer District (East Butte)
- Butte College (East Butte)
- Sutter Extension Water District (East Butte)
- Western Canal Water District (East Butte)
- Butte Water District (East Butte)
- Biggs-West Water District (East Butte)
- Richvale Irrigation District (East Butte)
- South Feather Water and Power (North Yuba)
- City of Marysville (North Yuba)
- Cordua Irrigation District (North Yuba)
- Yuba County Water Agency (North Yuba)

Pursuant to Section 10723.2 of the SGMA, the Oroville GSA shall consider the interests of and work cooperatively with all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans. These parties include, but are not limited to:

1. Holders of overlying groundwater rights:
 - a. The Oroville GSA's area of the East Butte and North Yuba Sub Basins are composed primarily of municipal drinking water interests.
 - b. The interest of any domestic well owners located within the Oroville GSA will be addressed.
2. Municipal well operators: City of Gridley and City of Biggs.
3. Public water systems: Thermalito Water and Sewer District, California Water Service Company and South Feather Water and Power
4. Local land use planning agencies: Butte County, City of Biggs and City of Gridley.
5. Environmental users of groundwater: Environmental users of groundwater, if any, will be addressed.
6. Surface water users where there is a hydrologic connection: The City will work with other GSAs and surface water users to cooperatively prepare a sustainable groundwater management plan.
7. The Federal government: Not applicable for the Oroville GSA.
8. California Native American Tribes: Not applicable for the Oroville GSA.
9. Disadvantaged communities: Portions of the Oroville city limits are considered to be disadvantaged communities.
10. Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or part of a groundwater basin managed by the GSA: Butte County

Please feel free to contact me at (530) 538-2433 or Interim City Engineer Rick Walls at (530) 538-2507 if you have any questions regarding the City's decision to become a GSA.

Sincerely,



Donald Rust
Acting City Administrator

Attachments:

- Exhibit A – GSA Public Hearing Notice
- Exhibit B – Certified Copy of Resolution No. 8452
- Exhibit C – Oroville GSA Basin Map



EXHIBIT A

CITY OF OROVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Oroville City Council will hold a public hearing on January 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in the Oroville City Council Chambers, 1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA, 95965. The purpose of this public hearing will be to consider public testimony on whether the City should elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) for all portions of the City that overlie the East Butte and North Yuba sub-basins, as depicted by the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118.

The City will allow oral comments prior to the conclusion of the hearing. The City may take action to elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and adopt a resolution as such at the conclusion of the hearing. The SGMA regulations and the proposed resolution are available for public review at the City of Oroville, Community Development Department, 1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA.

For more information please contact Rick Walls, Interim City Engineer at (530) 538-2420

Donald Rust
Acting City Clerk

Posted – December 11, 2015

Published – December 11 and December 18, 2015

EXHIBIT B

CITY OF OROVILLE RESOLUTION NO. 8452

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE COPY
OF Resolution No 8452
DATE CERTIFIED 01.06.2016
[Signature]
DEPUTY CITY CLERK, CITY OF OROVILLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL ELECTING TO BE A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE EAST BUTTE AND NORTH YUBA GROUNDWATER SUBBASINS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF OROVILLE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS

WHEREAS the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA enables the State Water Resources Control Board to intervene in groundwater basins unless a local public agency or combination of local public agencies form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency or Agencies (GSA) by June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, any local public agency that has water supply, water management or land use responsibilities within a subbasin may elect to be a GSA; and

WHEREAS, other local public agencies in Butte County have elected to be a GSA and have notified the Department of Water Resources (DWR) of its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2015, the Butte County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution to become a GSA for the four groundwater subbasins in Butte County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oroville (City) has land use authority and is eligible to be a GSA for the portions of the East Butte and North Yuba subbasins that underlie the City's jurisdictional limits; and

WHEREAS, establishing the City as a GSA will enable the City to work with Butte County and other GSAs in the preparation and implementation of an effective and mutually beneficial Groundwater Sustainability Plan(s) for sustainable groundwater management in Butte County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Oroville City Council as follows:

1. The City of Oroville elects to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portions of the East Butte and North Yuba subbasins that underlie the City's jurisdictional limits as depicted by the Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118.
2. Direct the Acting City Administrator Manager to provide notice within thirty (30) days of the date of this Resolution to Department of Water Resources that the

City intends to become a GSA for the portions of the aforementioned subbasins that underlie the Oroville city limits.

3. The City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution.

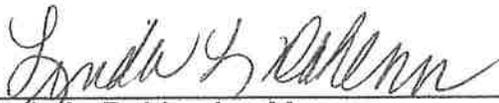
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Oroville City Council at a regular meeting on January 5, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Berry, Del Rosario, Hatley, Pittman, Simpson, Vice Mayor Wilcox, Mayor Dahlmeier

NOES: None

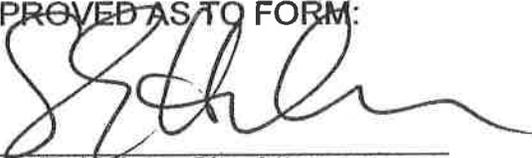
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



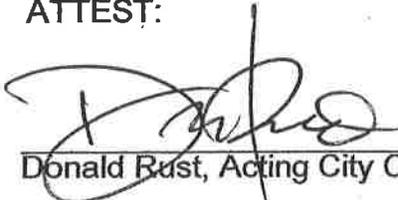
Linda L. Dahlmeier, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Scott E. Huber, City Attorney

ATTEST:



Donald Rust, Acting City Clerk

EXHIBIT C - OROVILLE GSA MAP

Attachment 1: Bulletin 118 Subbasins in Butte County

