

# THE WEST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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**RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
THE WEST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that The West Side Irrigation District (**WSID**) has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (**GSA**) pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8, and its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management for that portion of the Tracy Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Basin No. 5-22.15) (**Basin**) that lies within the service area of WSID. A map and shapefile showing the Basin, WSID's service area, and the proposed area of the GSA is attached in **Exhibit A**.

WSID is in discussions with other agencies overlying the Basin, and is interested in working cooperatively with them. To the best of WSID's knowledge, the other entities considering formation of a GSA, or who have already filed notice to assume GSA status, within the Basin boundaries currently include:

- City of Tracy
- South Delta Water Agency
- Byron Bethany Irrigation District
- San Joaquin County
- Banta-Carbona irrigation District

A copy of the resolution electing to become a GSA for the Basin is attached in **Exhibit B**.

The District did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities to elect to become a GSA.

Prior to the election to become a GSA, a public hearing was held on January 13, 2016 pursuant to Water Code section 10723(b).

As required by Water Code section 10723.8(a)(4), WSID developed a list of interested parties, and this list will continue to be amended as necessary during the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development process. As required by the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), WSID will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater within the Basin, as well as those responsible for developing GSPs. WSID will solicit feedback and participate in discussions with interested parties during GSP development. These interests include, but are not limited to the following:

- ***Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:***
  - *Agriculture users.*

The WSD Board of Directors is comprised of five members, each representing the agricultural water users within the district. Therefore, agricultural users are exclusively represented on the WSID governing board.

- *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.***

The City of Tracy, Diablo Water District, City of Antioch, and the City of Brentwood, operate municipal wells within the Basin, but not within the service area of WSID. WSID has been meeting regularly with the City of Tracy to discuss implementation SGMA, and will continue to do so.

- ***Public water systems.***

WSID will work with San Joaquin, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties to identify any public water systems within the basin relying on groundwater supplies.

- ***Local land use planning agencies.***

Again, the City of Tracy and others operate municipal wells within the Basin, but not within the service area of WSID or the proposed GSA. WSID has been meeting regularly with the City of Tracy to discuss implementation SGMA, and will continue to do so.

- ***Environmental users of groundwater.***  
WSID is working to identify agencies advocating for environmental uses within the Basin and will work with those entities in developing the GSA.
- ***Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater flows.***

WSID and the United States Bureau of Reclamation are the sole surface water providers within the GSA boundaries. WSID has a working relationship with numerous surface water users within the basin through its participation in the Tracy Subbasin GSA group coordinated by the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority.

- ***The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.***

WSID has a contractual relationship with the United States Bureau of Reclamation, and will continue to work with the federal government in development of the Groundwater Management Plan for the Basin.

- ***California Native American tribes.*** N/A
- ***Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.*** WSID has identified disadvantaged communities within the basin from DWR's web page, and will cooperate with San Joaquin County to work with any disadvantaged communities within the GSA relying on groundwater supplies.
- ***Entities listed in Water Code section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the GSA.*** WSID has a groundwater management plan adopted under Water Code Section 10750, et seq. San Joaquin County collects groundwater data, and the GSA will continue to coordinate with the county regarding the plan.

WSID intends to work cooperatively with other agencies, water providers, and other interested stakeholders within San Joaquin County and the State of California, regarding the sustainable management of groundwater within the Basin. WSID intends to use its existing Board of Directors for governance purposes.

Mr. Mark Nordberg  
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If the Department of Water Resources requires additional information, please contact:  
District Manager Dave Kaiser at (209) 835-0503.

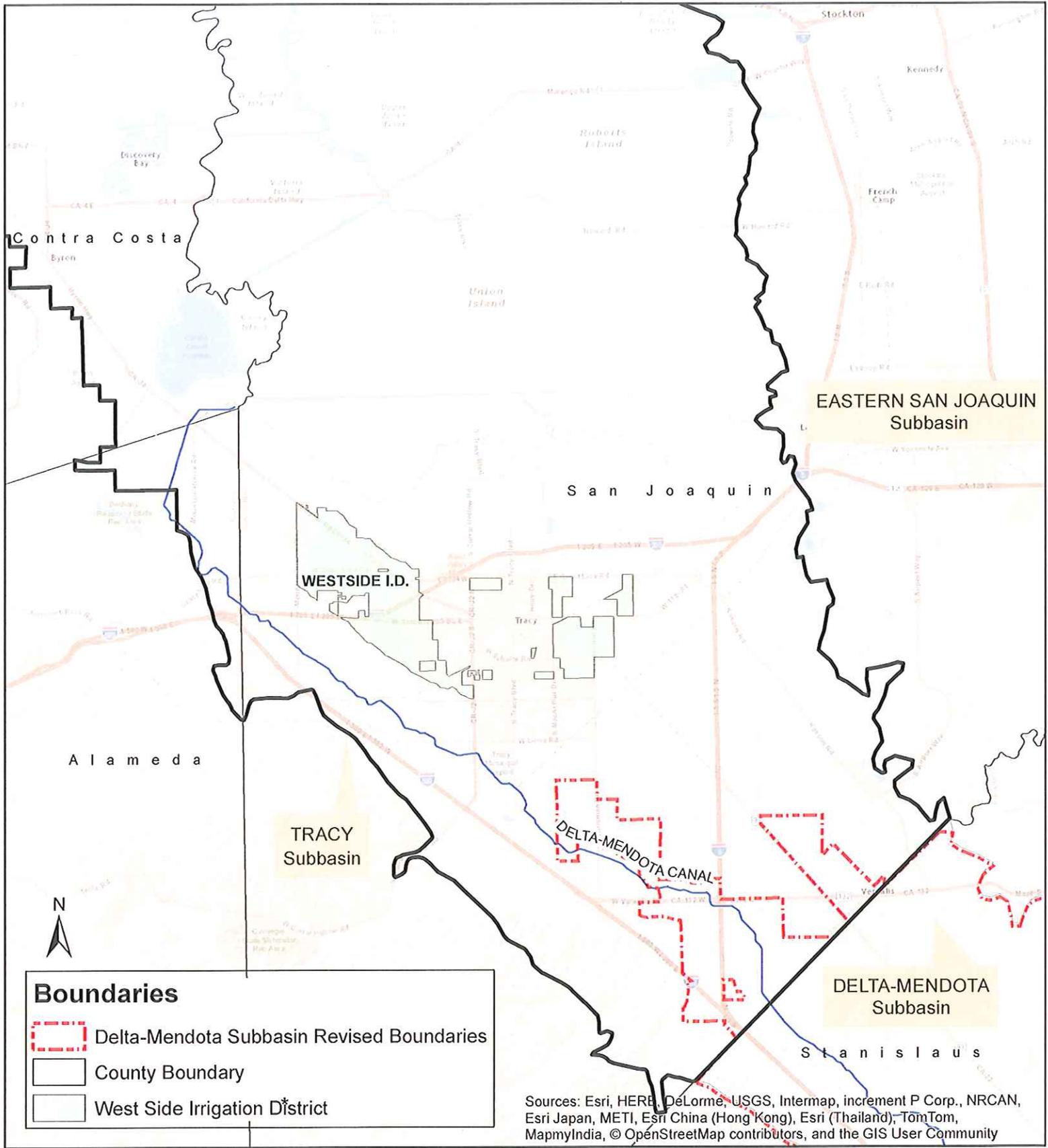
Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Alvarez". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

JACK ALVAREZ  
President

Attachments:

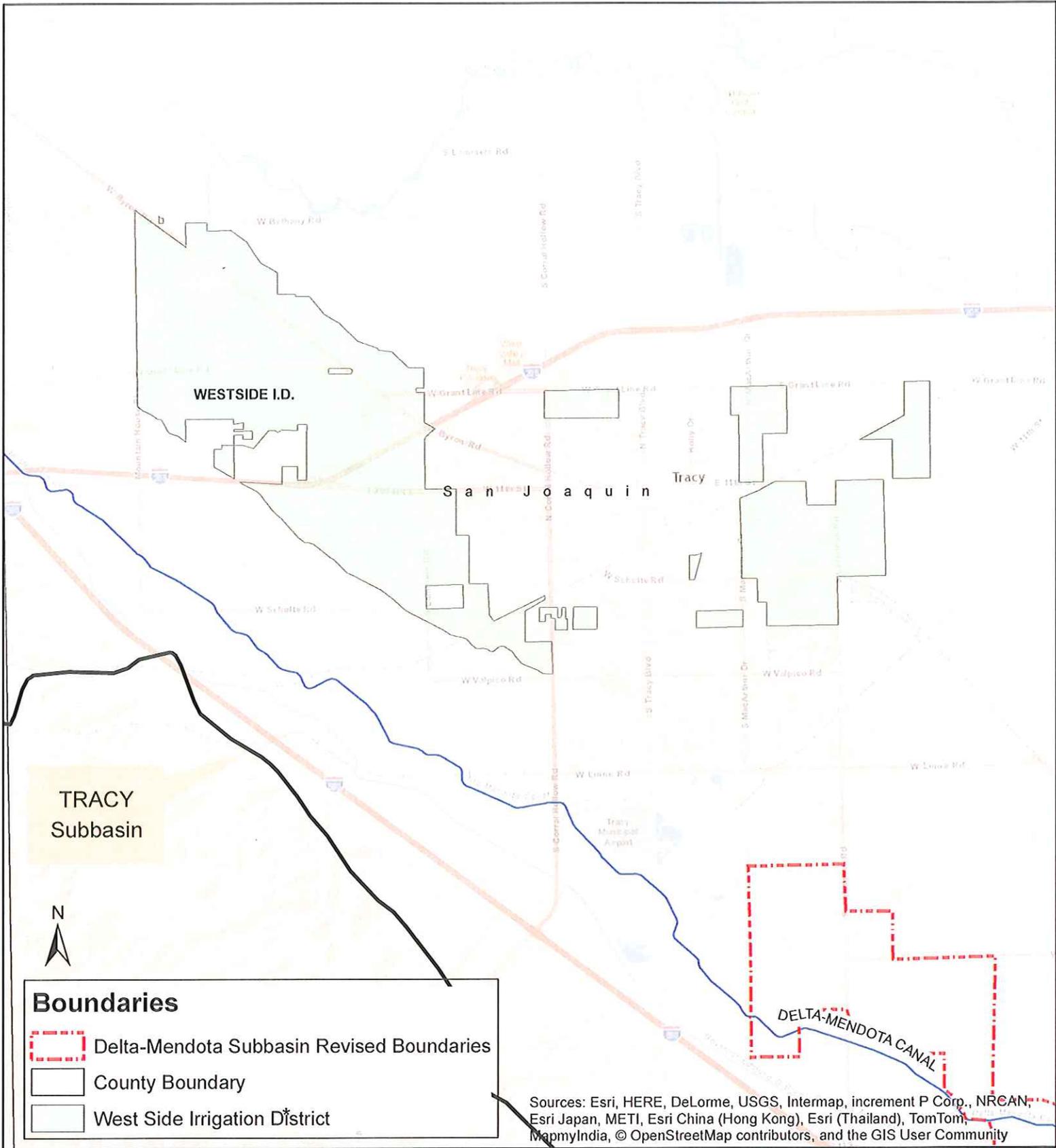
**Exhibit A** - Map/GIS shape file of the Tracy Subbasin Basin  
**Exhibit B** - Copy of resolution of election to become a GSA



# Tracy Subbasin

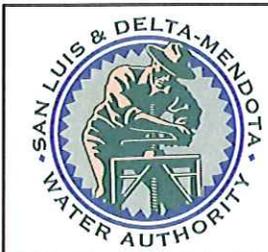
West Side Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

Date: 02/11/2016



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# Tracy Subbasin

West Side Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

Date: 02/11/2016

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WEST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-1**

**RESOLUTION OF THE WEST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN, TRACY SUBBASIN**

**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 (SGMA); and

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

**WHEREAS**, the SGMA 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 San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) has been designated by DWR as a high priority basin; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the West Side Irrigation District (District) is a local agency as defined under the SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10723.2 of the SGMA 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 SGMA requires that a local agency electing to be a GSA to notify the DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the District held a public hearing on January 13, 2016, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider the adoption of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the District wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the West Side Irrigation District hereby elects to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Tracy Subbasin; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District 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 Board Members of the West Side Irrigation District are authorized to submit to the DWR on behalf of the District a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with the SGMA (Part 2.74 of the Water Code); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such notification shall include the boundaries of the Tracy Subbasin that the District intends to manage, which shall include the lands within the District boundaries, a copy of this resolution, a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 of the SGMA, 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.

On motion by Director Serpa and seconded by Director Pombo, the forgoing resolution was passed and adopted on January 13, 2016 by the following vote.

AYES – Alvarez, Mattos, Pereira, Pombo, & Serpa  
NOES – None  
ABSTAINS – None  
ABSENT – None

By: *Jack Alvarez*  
President

ATTEST:

By: *Carol Putz*  
Secretary