

# Reclamation District 2054

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## **NOTICE OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2054'S INTENT TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR PORTIONS OF THE EAST BUTTE AND SUTTER SUBBASINS**

This letter constitutes notice to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), pursuant to Water Code sections 10723(d) and 10723.8, of Reclamation District 2054's (District) intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management of the East Butte and Sutter Subbasins (the Basins) as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The District is a local public agency with water management responsibilities within the Basins, and the District overlies the Basins. This notice of intent is timely filed within 30 days of the date the District's Board of Trustees (Board) approved a resolution electing to serve as a GSA. The resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A and a map

showing the District's political boundaries and proposed GSA management area is attached as an exhibit to the resolution. The District's proposed GSA management area includes areas of Sutter County that are within the Basins and within the District's boundaries, but outside the boundaries of Biggs-West Gridley Water District, Butte Water District, and Sutter Extension Water District. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with the resolution to serve as GSA.

As of the date of this notice, Butte County, the Cities of Biggs, Gridley, Live Oak, and Oroville, Biggs-West Gridley Water District, Butte College, Butte Water District, Richvale Irrigation District, Sutter Extension Water District, Thermalito Water and Sewer District, and Western Canal Water District have resolved to serve as GSAs for portions of the East Butte Subbasin. The proposed GSA management areas of Biggs-West Gridley Water District, Butte Water District, and Sutter Extension Water District are near and adjacent to the District's proposed management area. Should it elect to serve as a GSA, the management area of Sutter County may be near, adjacent to, or overlapping the District's proposed GSA management area. Reclamation District 1004 is also a potential GSA in the East Butte Subbasin, but it is located outside of the District's proposed GSA management area.

As of the date of this notice, Sutter Community Services District and Sutter Extension Water District have resolved to serve as GSAs for portions of the Sutter Subbasin. The proposed GSA management area Sutter Extension Water District is adjacent to the District's proposed management area. Should they elect to serve as GSAs for the Sutter Subbasin, the GSA management area of Sutter County and Butte Water District may be near, adjacent to, or overlapping the District's proposed GSA management area. Other potential GSAs in the Sutter Subbasin, but outside of the District's proposed GSA management area, include the City of Yuba City, Feather Water District, Oswald Water District, and Sutter County Waterworks District No. 1.

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

The District's proposed GSA management area is composed almost entirely of agricultural users, most of whom have a preexisting relationship with the District.

(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

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

(c) Public water systems

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

(d) Local land use planning agencies

Sutter County.

(e) Environmental users of groundwater

There are environmental users of groundwater within and near the District's proposed GSA management area. These environmental users pump groundwater to provide habitat to migrating waterfowl and other species.

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

Any users of surface water in the proposed management area would be the agricultural or environmental users already identified above.

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

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

(h) California Native American tribes

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

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

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

(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

Sutter County.

Under Water Code section 10723.8(a)(4), this notice must explain how the interests of the interested parties identified above will be considered in the development and operation of the

GSA and the development and implementation of the GSPs. The District is committed to an open and inclusive process to implement SGMA. Interested parties will have opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input to the District throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA and GSPs. 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 District's regular and special board meetings; and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8(a)).

Dated: March 31, 2016



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RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2054  
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03-11  
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, Reclamation District 2054 (District) overlies two subbasins of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin known as the East Butte and Sutter Subbasins (Basin Nos. 5-21.59 and 5-21.62 in the Department of Water Resources' CASGEM system), unadjudicated groundwater basins overlying portions of Butte and Sutter Counties (the "Basins"); and

WHEREAS, the District is a local public agency with water management responsibilities and which overlies the Basins, so it is authorized to be a GSA for the Basins; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing to consider whether the District should elect to be a GSA for the Basins, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, was published in the Chico Enterprise-Record and in the Marysville Appeal-Democrat, on February 24, 2016, and again on March 2, 2016, 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 Basins' other potential GSAs, including Sutter County, the Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation, Biggs-West Gridley Water District, Western Canal Water District, Butte Water District, Richvale Irrigation District, Sutter Extension Water District, Thermalito Water and Sewer District, Sutter County Waterworks District No. 1, Feather Water District, Oswald Water District, Reclamation District 1004, Sutter Community Services District, Butte-Glenn Community College District, and the cities of Oroville, Biggs, Gridley, Live Oak, and Yuba City; and

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

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

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

1. District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for those portions of the East Butte and Sutter Subbasins that are within the District's boundaries, but outside of the boundaries of Biggs-West Gridley Water District, Butte Water District, and Sutter Extension Water District, as shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the District's counsel is directed to submit a notice of the District's intent to the Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a).
3. The District's counsel shall, after complying with Water Code Section 10727.8, begin the process of implementing SGMA and developing the District's Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Basins in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations.
4. The District's counsel shall create and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices concerning the District's SGMA process pursuant to Section 10723.4 of the Water Code.
5. The District's counsel shall provide regular progress reports on the SGMA implementation process to the Board at least quarterly.

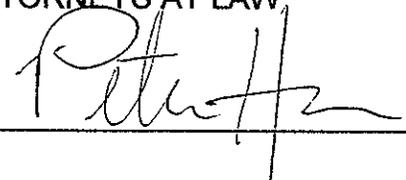
AYES: 3  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

DATED: March 11, 2016

  
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Gary Justeson, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MINASIAN, ET AL,  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

By   
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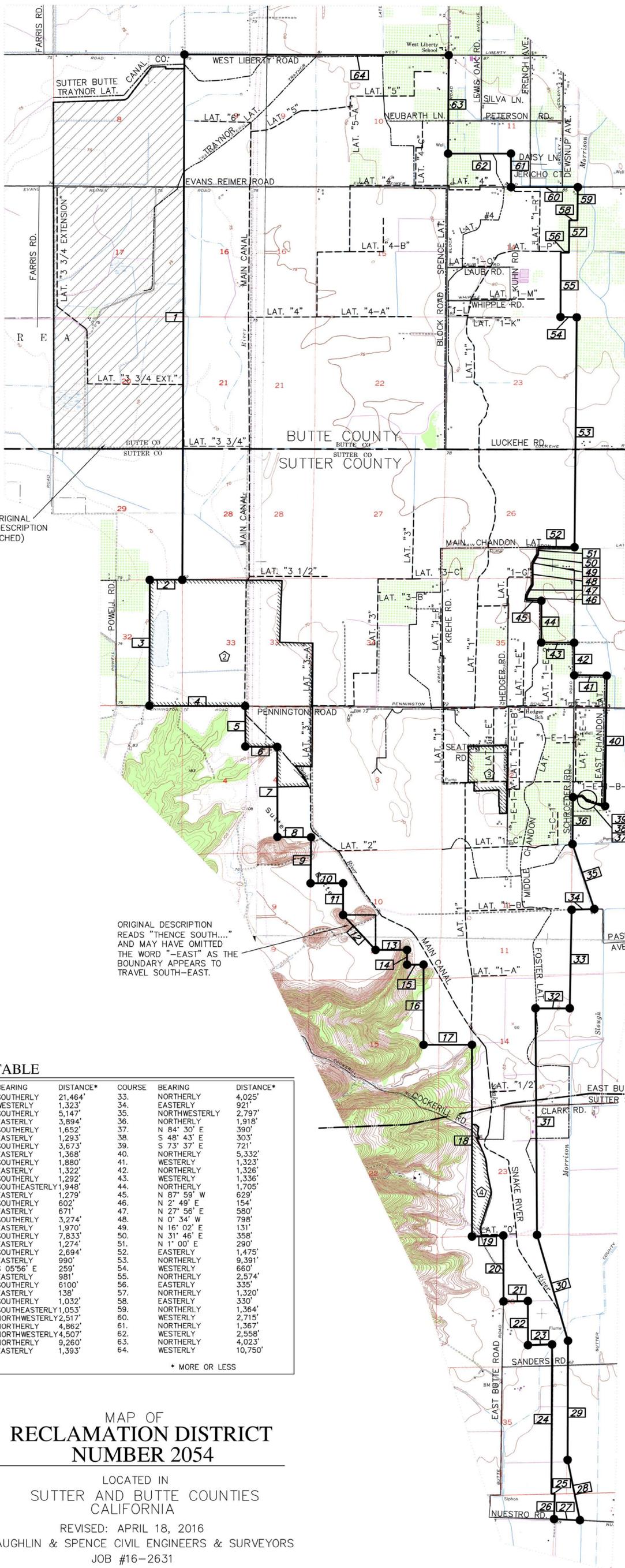
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR ELECTION TO BECOME GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE  
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT  
RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2054**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Water Code section 10723, Reclamation District 2054 will hold a public hearing during its special meeting on March 11, 2016, commencing at 3:30 p.m. at the office of Reclamation District 833, 1643 W. Biggs Gridley Rd., Gridley, CA, 95948, to determine whether the District will elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for portions of the East Butte and Sutter Subbasins of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin. Written comments may be submitted to the District, Attn: Palmer Hatch, Secretary, no later than 5:00 pm. on March 10, 2016, to P.O. Box 143, Gridley, CA 95948, or by hand delivery during the meeting. During the hearing, the District 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: February 19, 2016, Palmer Hatch, Secretary.

**Instructions:**

Public twice in Chico Enterprise Record; February 24, 2016 and March 2, 2016

EXHIBIT A



ANNEX TO ORIGINAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION (SHOWN HATCHED)

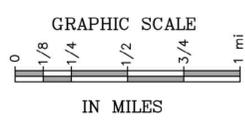
ORIGINAL DESCRIPTION READS "THENCE SOUTH..." AND MAY HAVE OMITTED THE WORD "EAST" AS THE BOUNDARY APPEARS TO TRAVEL SOUTH-EAST.

**LINE TABLE**

COURSE	BEARING	DISTANCE*	COURSE	BEARING	DISTANCE*
1.	SOUTHERLY	21,464'	33.	NORTHERLY	4,025'
2.	WESTERLY	1,323'	34.	EASTERLY	921'
3.	SOUTHERLY	5,147'	35.	NORTHWESTERLY	2,797'
4.	EASTERLY	3,894'	36.	NORTHERLY	1,918'
5.	SOUTHERLY	1,652'	37.	N 84° 30' E	390'
6.	EASTERLY	1,293'	38.	S 48° 43' E	303'
7.	SOUTHERLY	3,673'	39.	S 73° 37' E	721'
8.	EASTERLY	1,368'	40.	NORTHERLY	5,332'
9.	SOUTHERLY	1,880'	41.	WESTERLY	1,323'
10.	EASTERLY	1,322'	42.	NORTHERLY	1,326'
11.	SOUTHERLY	1,292'	43.	WESTERLY	1,336'
12.	SOUTHEASTERLY	1,948'	44.	NORTHERLY	1,705'
13.	EASTERLY	1,279'	45.	N 87° 59' W	629'
14.	SOUTHERLY	602'	46.	N 2° 49' E	154'
15.	EASTERLY	671'	47.	N 27° 56' E	580'
16.	SOUTHERLY	3,274'	48.	N 0° 34' W	798'
17.	EASTERLY	1,970'	49.	N 16° 02' E	131'
18.	SOUTHERLY	7,833'	50.	N 31° 46' E	358'
19.	EASTERLY	1,274'	51.	N 1° 00' E	290'
20.	SOUTHERLY	2,694'	52.	EASTERLY	1,475'
21.	EASTERLY	990'	53.	NORTHERLY	9,391'
22.	S 05°56' E	259'	54.	WESTERLY	660'
23.	EASTERLY	981'	55.	NORTHERLY	2,574'
24.	SOUTHERLY	6100'	56.	EASTERLY	335'
25.	EASTERLY	138'	57.	NORTHERLY	1,320'
26.	SOUTHERLY	1,032'	58.	EASTERLY	330'
27.	SOUTHEASTERLY	1,053'	59.	NORTHERLY	1,364'
28.	NORTHWESTERLY	2,517'	60.	WESTERLY	2,715'
29.	NORTHERLY	4,862'	61.	NORTHERLY	1,367'
30.	NORTHWESTERLY	4,507'	62.	WESTERLY	2,558'
31.	NORTHERLY	9,260'	63.	NORTHERLY	4,023'
32.	EASTERLY	1,393'	64.	WESTERLY	10,750'

\* MORE OR LESS

SCALE: 1" = 2000'



THIS MAP BASED ON JULY 1944 DISTRICT MAP

**LEGEND**

- DISTRICT BOUNDARY
  - - - LATERAL
  - BUTTE WATER DIST. LATERAL
  - ROAD
  - ORIGINAL BOUNDARY (JUNE 1921)
  - APPROXIMATE GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN BOUNDARY
  - XX COURSE NUMBER. CORRESPONDS TO PROPERTY DESCRIPTION PREPARED BY LAUGHLIN & SPENCE.
  - COURSE END POINT
  - ⬜ PROPOSED BOUNDARY OF RD2054 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT MANAGEMENT AREA.
- AREA #2 = 860 ACRES ±  
 AREA #3 = 70 ACRES ±  
 AREA #4 = 70 ACRES ±  
 TOTAL AREA = 1,000 ACRES ±
- DISTRICT AREA: 15,060± AC.

**ESTIMATED LATERAL LENGTH:**

MAIN CANAL-	62,090'
LATERAL 0-	1,425'
LATERAL 1/2-	1,016'
LATERAL 1-	89,697'
LATERAL 2-	1,586'
LATERAL 3-	39,173'
LATERAL 4-	25,202'
LATERAL 5-	9,344'
LATERAL 6-	2,285'
TOTAL-	231,818'

**MAP OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NUMBER 2054**

LOCATED IN SUTTER AND BUTTE COUNTIES CALIFORNIA

REVISED: APRIL 18, 2016  
 LAUGHLIN & SPENCE CIVIL ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS  
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