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## NOTICE OF THE COUNTY OF KERN'S ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR A PORTION OF THE KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN

Pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8, the County of Kern (County), a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby gives notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of the County's election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and to undertake sustainable groundwater management in the area covered by this notice (Notice). The portion of the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin No. 5-22.14 in California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118) subject to this Notice is depicted in the attached Exhibit A (GSA Management Area).

In accordance with Water Code section 10723(b), the Kern County Board of Supervisors held a properly noticed public hearing prior to its decision to become a GSA on June 6, 2016. The public hearing was noticed in accordance with Government Code section 6066 and Proof of Publication is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

After holding the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2016-132 (attached hereto as Exhibit C) electing to become a GSA for a portion of the Kern County Subbasin. The Board of Supervisors did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances or authorities related to this Notice.

On March 10, 2016, the Buena Vista Water Storage District (Buena Vista) also elected to become a GSA for the GSA Management Area covered by this Notice. The County welcomes and is committed to active discussions with Buena Vista and any other GSA eligible agency which elects, or desires to elect, to become a GSA within the County's area of authority. The County is committed to working cooperatively with all interested parties to ensure the sustainable management of groundwater.

Pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.2, the County has considered, and will continue to consider, the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those that are responsible for implementing Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP). The County is committed to an open process including active discussions with all interested parties during the GSP development process.

Pursuant to Water Code sections 10723.8 and 10723.2, the County has developed an initial list of interested parties within the GSA Management Area. The County is committed to amending this list as necessary during the GSP development process. To the best of the County's knowledge, the interested parties include:

a.  Holders of Overlying Groundwater Rights, including:

1. Agricultural Users.

The GSA Management Area contains the Buena Vista Water Storage District. The County is committed to considering the interests of agricultural users during the GSP development process.

2. Domestic Well Owners.

The GSA Management Area contains domestic wells owners. The County recognizes that domestic wells owners that extract less than two acre feet per year are considered to be "de minimis extractors" and therefore they are excluded from certain regulatory requirements. The County is committed to considering the interests of all domestic wells owners during the GSP development process.

b. Municipal Well Operators.

Buttonwillow County Water District.

c. Public Water Systems.

Buttonwillow County Water District.

d. Local Land Use Planning Agencies.

Kern County.

e. Environmental Users of Groundwater.

California Water Fowl.

f. Surface Water Users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies.

To the best of the County's current knowledge, the only holder of surface water rights within the GSA Management Area is the Buena Vista Water Storage District.

g. The Federal Government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of Federal lands.

n/a

h. California Native American Tribes.

n/a

i. Disadvantaged Communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.

Buttonwillow Census-Designated Place.

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.

Kern River Fan Group.

California Department of Water Resources

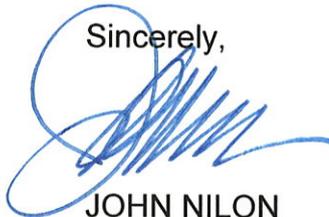
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The County is committed to cooperatively and collaboratively working with all interested parties in an inclusive and open process that will lead to the development and implementation of a GSP that achieves sustainable groundwater management. The County is committed to providing all interested parties with opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA and GSP.

By this Notice, the County has provided DWR with all applicable information required by Water Code section 10723.8(a). If any further information is required, please contact Alan Christensen at the above-listed phone number or at the following email address: [achristensen@co.kern.ca.us](mailto:achristensen@co.kern.ca.us).

Sincerely,



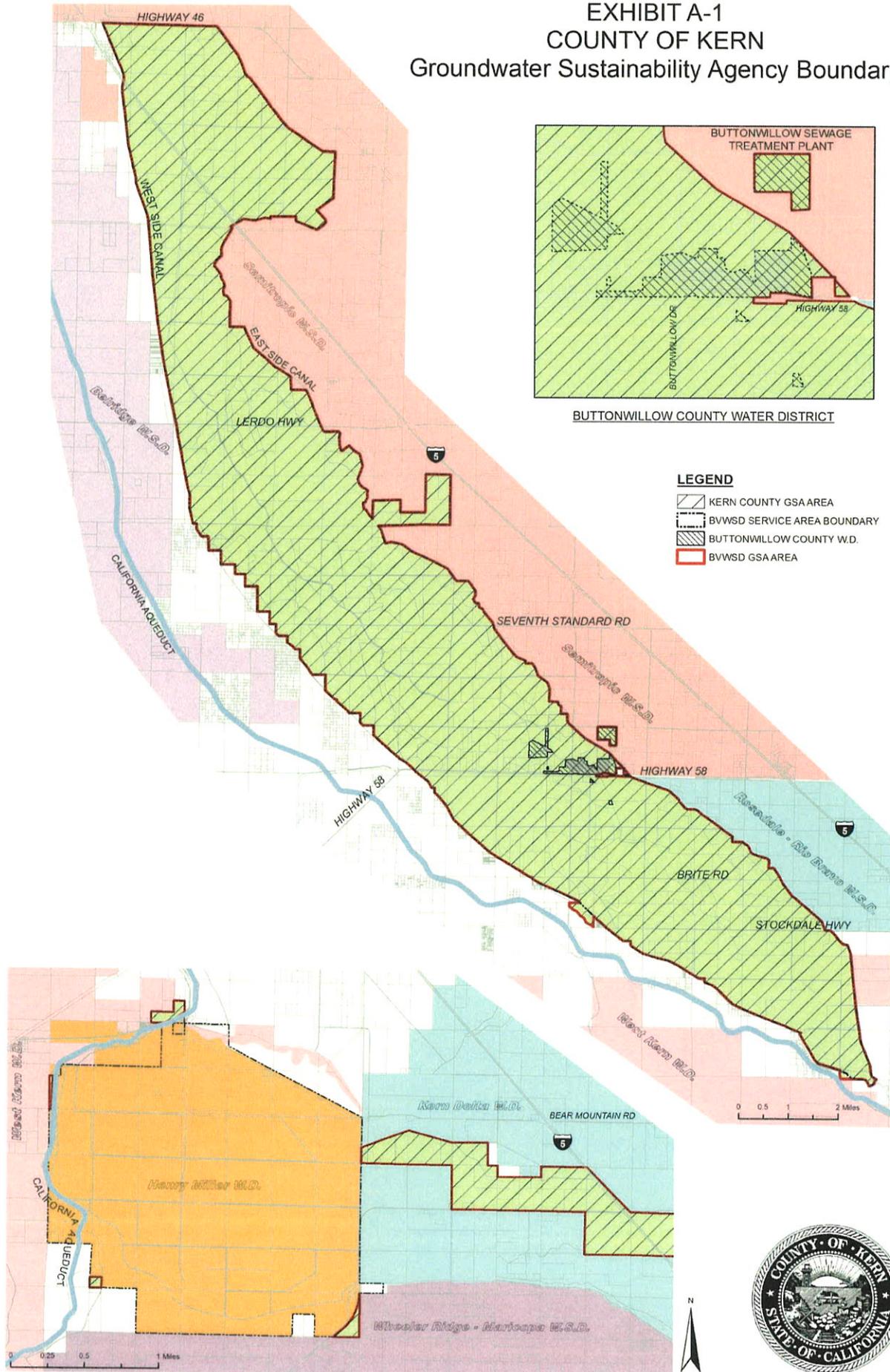
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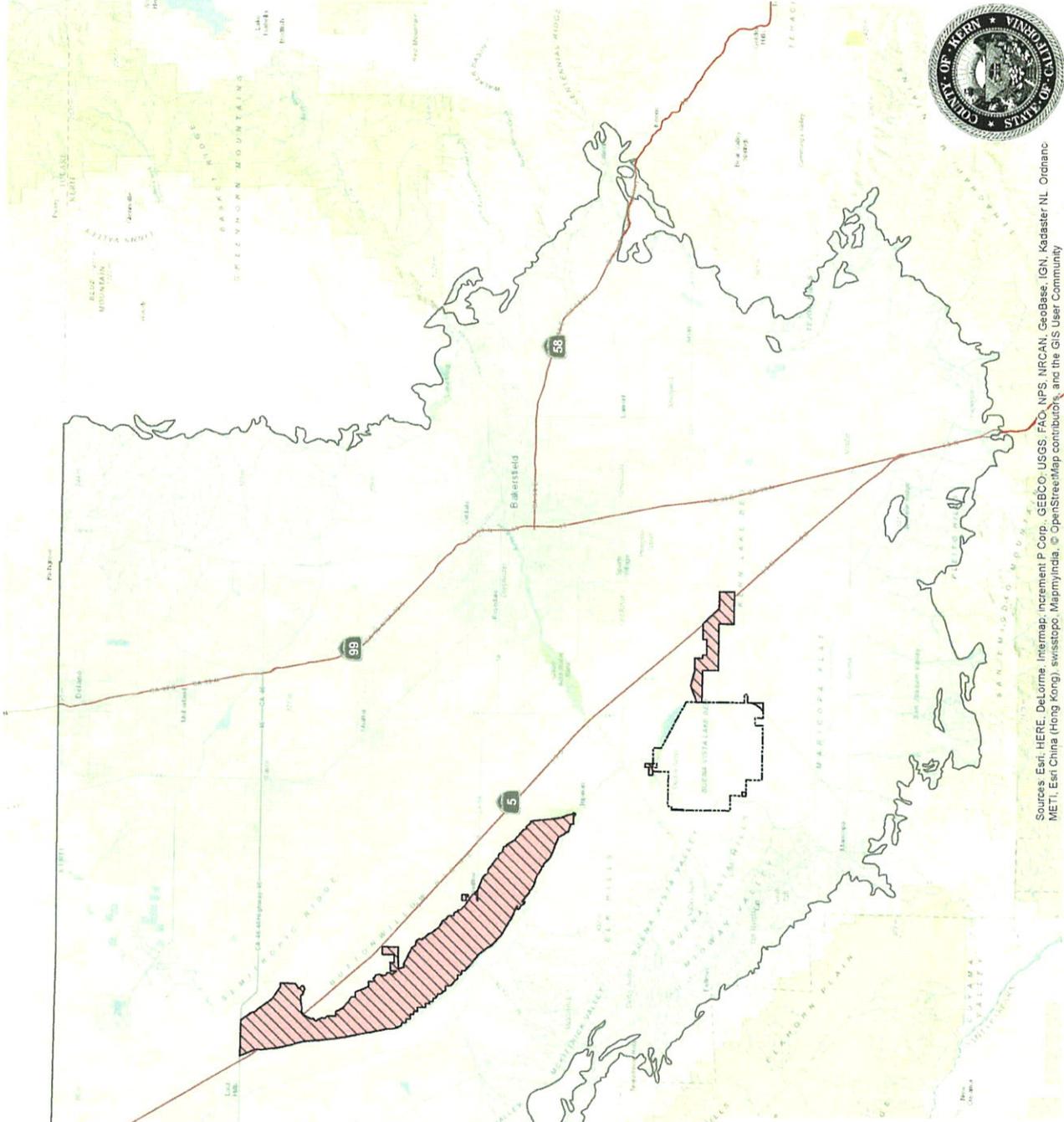
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cc: County Counsel  
Planning and Natural Resources

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# EXHIBIT A-1 COUNTY OF KERN Groundwater Sustainability Agency Boundary





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**EXHIBIT A-2**  
**KERN COUNTY GSA LOCATION**  
Within Kern County Subbasin (5-22.14) of  
Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region Per DWR Bulletin 118

- LEGEND**
-  Kern County GSA Area
  -  BWWS Service Area Boundary
  -  BWWS GSA Boundary
  -  Kern County Subbasin 5-22.14



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF KERN

I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY AFORESAID: I AM OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS, AND NOT A PARTY TO OR INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER. I AM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER OF THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED DAILY IN THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD COUNTY OF KERN,

AND WHICH NEWSPAPER HAS BEEN ADJUDGED A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, UNDER DATE OF FEBRUARY 5, 1952, CASE NUMBER 57610; THAT THE NOTICE, OF WHICH THE ANNEXED IS A PRINTED COPY, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN EACH REGULAR AND ENTIRE ISSUE OF SAID NEWSPAPER AND NOT IN ANY SUPPLEMENT THEREOF ON THE FOLLOWING DATES, TO WIT:

5/21/16  
5/28/16  
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ALL IN YEAR 2016

I CERTIFY (OR DECLARE) UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

*B. Mentz*

DATED AT BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA

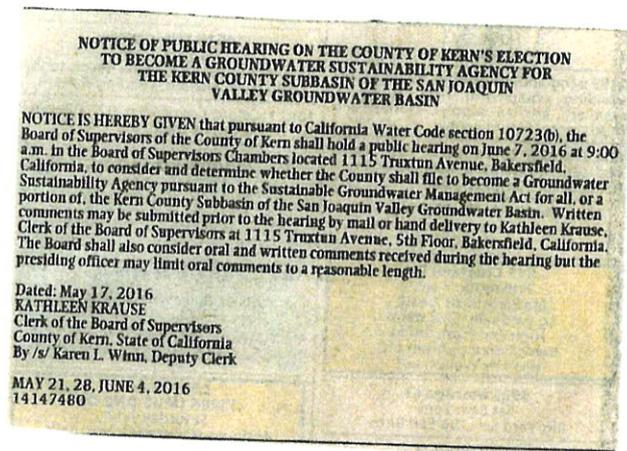
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY C

Ad Number 14147480



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2016-132

**RESOLUTION ELECTING TO BECOME A  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
FOR A PORTION OF THE KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN  
OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

I, KATHLEEN KRAUSE, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, do certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Couch, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors at an official meeting this 7th day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Gleason, Scrivner, Maggard, Couch, Perez

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None



**KATHLEEN KRAUSE**  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Kern, State of California

*Karen L Winn*  
Deputy Clerk

**RESOLUTION**

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) The comprehensive groundwater legislation referred to as the "Sustainable Groundwater Management Act" (SGMA) was signed into law on September 16, 2014, with an effective date of January 1, 2015, and codified at California Water Code sections 10720 *et seq.*; and

(b) The stated purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code Section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins, and subbasins, as defined by the California Department of Water Resources at a local level by providing local water

Resolution No. 2016-132

supply, water management and land use agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

(c) SGMA further provides for and anticipates that eligible local agencies overlying basins that are designated by California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as “high or medium priority” will form Groundwater Sustainable Agencies (“GSAs”) for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”); and

(d) Water Code section 10723(a) authorizes local agencies with water supply, water management or local land use responsibilities, or a combination of those local agencies, overlying a groundwater basin to elect to become a GSA; and

(e) The County of Kern falls within the SGMA definition of local agency and it overlies the entirety of the unadjudicated groundwater subbasin known as Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin).

(f) The Basin, which is defined in DWR Bulletin 118 as Basin No. 5-22.14, has been designated as a high priority basin in critical overdraft; and

(g) Many of the express powers set forth in SGMA were previously held exclusively by the County through its constitutionally granted policy power over groundwater and as such the ability of a local water purveyor to now also exercise these powers through the formation of a GSA is a significant expansion of the authorities granted to local water purveyors. Prior to SGMA, the powers and authorities afforded to a of a local water purveyor were expressly set forth, and limited by, the purveyor’s enabling act; and

(h) On March 10, 2016, the Buena Vista Water Storage District (Buena Vista), which is a limited powers special district formed pursuant to the California Water Storage District Law, filed notice of its election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Basin, which overlies the authority area for the County of Kern; and

(i) SGMA anticipates and expressly provides the statutory authorities for GSAs to operate as enterprise funds through the imposition of fees on those that are benefited by the GSA’s operations. As such, any initial outlay of general funds by the County may be recouped once the GSA is formed; and

(j) SGMA does not allow a local agency to impose fees or regulatory requirements on activities that are outside of the boundaries of the local agency and therefore in order to ensure uniformity in the implementation of SGMA and its effects on all lands within the Basin the County of Kern should elect to become a GSA or be a member of all GSA’s in the Basin; and

(k) Water Code section 10735.2(a) provides that the State Board may designate the Basin as probationary if any portion of the Basin is not covered by a GSA before June 30, 2017; and

(l) Staff has reviewed this matter and determined that this matter is exempt from further CEQA review pursuant CEQA Guideline section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(5) because the matter is an organizational activity that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and

(m) As required by Water Code section 10723(b), the notice of public hearing to consider this election to become a GSA for the Basin was published pursuant to Government Code section 6066 in the Bakersfield Californian; and

(n) On June 7, 2016, the Board of Supervisors properly held the noticed public hearing required by Water Code section 10723(b) at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers.

Section 2. IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

1. This Board finds that the recited facts are true and that it has the jurisdiction to consider, approve, and adopt this Resolution.

2. This Board incorporates and makes all the findings recommended by staff, whether verbally or in their written reports.

3. This Board finds and determines that the applicable provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Kern County Guidelines have been observed in conjunction with the hearing and the considerations of this matter and it is exempt from further CEQA review pursuant Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(5).

4. In response to the March 10, 2016, filing by Buena Vista, the County of Kern hereby elects to form a GSA for the entire portion of the Basin subject to the Buena Vista filing as depicted in the attached Exhibit "A." For comparison purposes, the March 10, 2016, filing by Buena Vista is attached as Exhibit "B."

5. As set forth in the DWR's Groundwater Sustainability Agency Frequently Asked Questions dated January 7, 2016, the GSA formed by the County of Kern shall consider the desires of other eligible agencies to join this GSA or form other GSA's with the participation and membership of the County of Kern.

6. As required by Water Code section 10723.2, the GSA formed by the County of Kern shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those that are responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans.

7. As required by Water Code section 10723.4, the GSA shall establish and maintain a list of all persons interested in receiving notices regarding the GSP preparation, meetings, announcements, and the availability of draft plans, maps and other relevant documents.

8. Staff is directed to ensure that the County's notice of GSA formation, and all supporting documentation, is submitted to California Department of Water Resources by no later than June 8, 2016.

9. Staff is further authorized and directed to engage in discussions with other qualified local agencies that wish to be a part of the GSA established herein.

10. The Clerk of this Board shall cause a Notice of Exemption to be filed with the County Clerk.

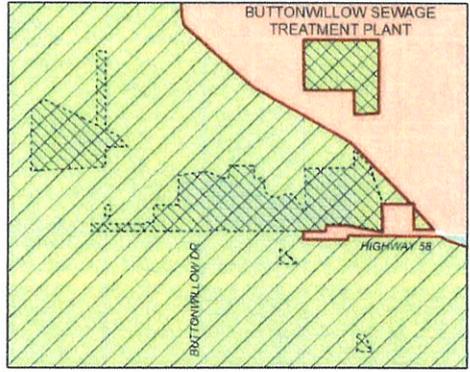
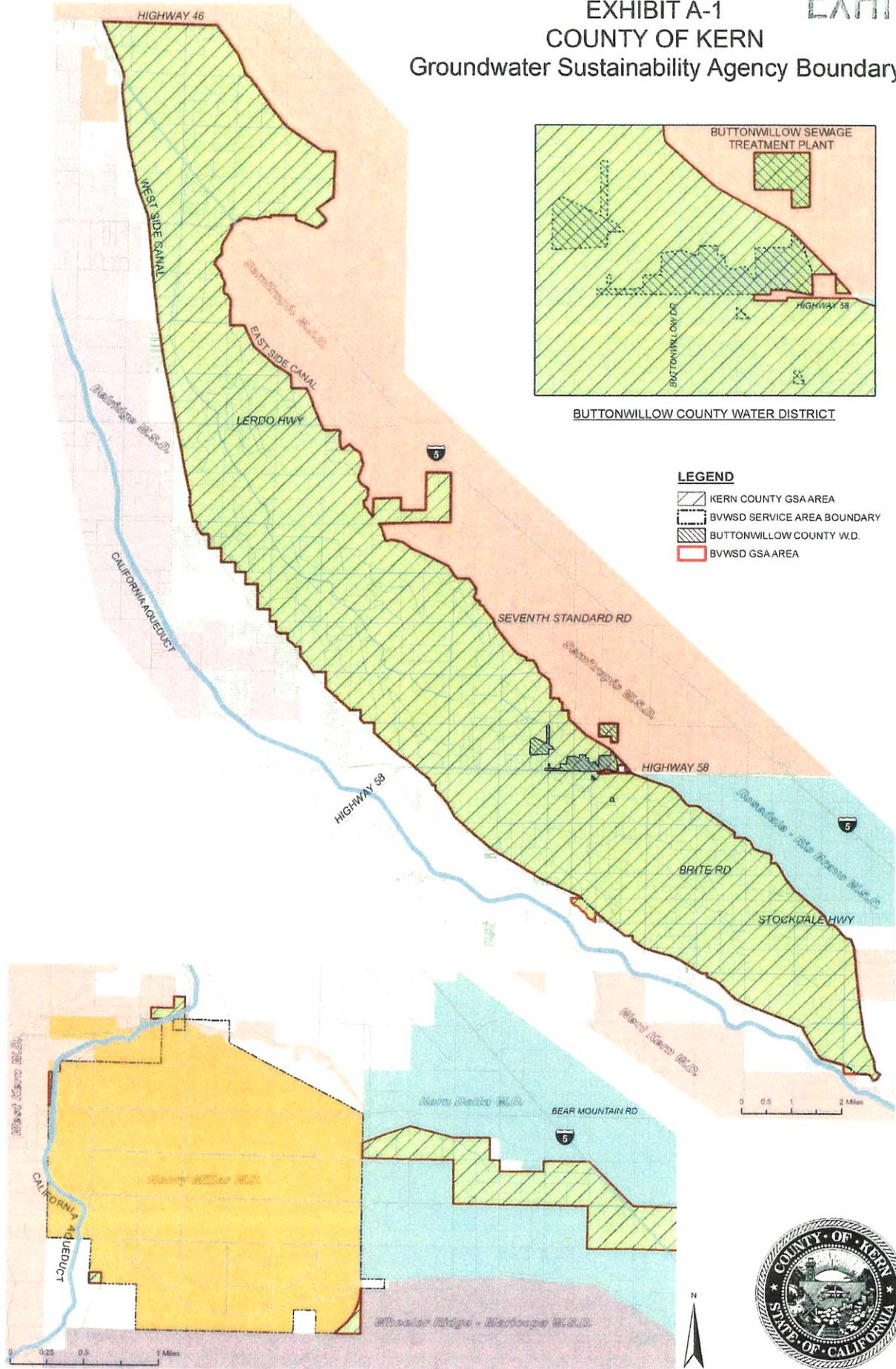
11. The Clerk of this Board shall provide copies of this Resolution to:

Planning and Natural Resources  
County Counsel

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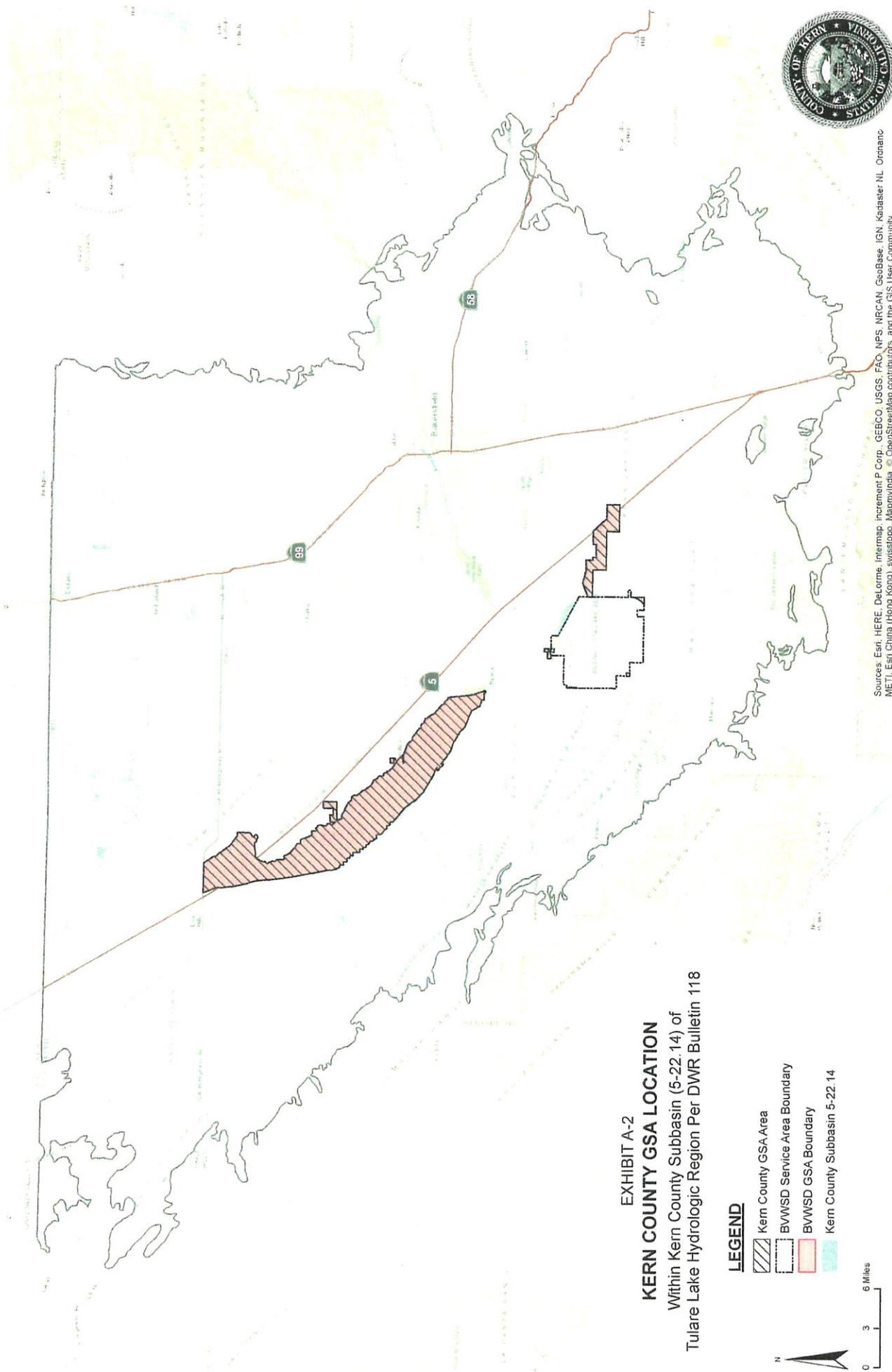
EXHIBIT A-1  
COUNTY OF KERN  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency Boundary



BUTTONWILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

- LEGEND**
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**EXHIBIT A-2**  
**KERN COUNTY GSA LOCATION**  
 Within Kern County Subbasin (5-22-14) of  
 Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region Per DWR Bulletin 118

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EXHIBIT B

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### **NOTICE OF BUENA VISTA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR A PORTION OF THE KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN**

This letter constitutes notice to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), pursuant to Water Code sections 10723(d) and 10723.8, of Buena Vista Water Storage District's (District) intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management of the Kern County 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 District'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 District's service area boundaries and proposed GSA management area is attached as an exhibit to the resolution. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as GSA.

As of the date of this notice, DWR has not posted any other notice pursuant to Water Code section 10733.3 of another entity's intent to serve as a GSA for the Basin. Should they elect to serve as GSAs, the proposed GSA management areas of Kern County, Belridge Water Storage District, Buttonwillow County Water District, Henry Miller Water District, Kern Delta Water District, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, Semitropic Water Storage District, West Kern Water District, and/or Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District may be near or adjacent to the District's proposed GSA management area. Other potential GSAs in the Basin, but outside of the District's proposed GSA management area, include the Cities of Arvin, Bakersfield, Delano, Maricopa, McFarland, Shafter, Taft, and Wasco; and also Arvin Community Services District, Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Cawelo Water District, Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District, Devil's Den Water District, East Niles Community Services District, Greenfield County Water District, Improvement District No. 4, Kern County Water Agency, Kern-Tulare Water District, Lamont Public Utilities District, Lost Hills Utility District, Lost Hills Water District, McAllister Ranch Irrigation District, North Kern Water Storage District, Olcese Water District, Rag Gulch Water District, Rosedale Ranch Improvement District, Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District, and Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utilities District.

Interested parties within the District's proposed GSA management area, determined pursuant to Water Code section 10723.2 and to the best of the District's knowledge, 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

Buttonwillow County Water District.

(c)  Public water systems

Buttonwillow County Water District.

(d)  Local land use planning agencies

Kern County.

(e)  Environmental users of groundwater

California Water Fowl.

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

The only holder of surface water rights within the proposed management area is the District.

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

N/A

(h)  California Native American tribes

N/A

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

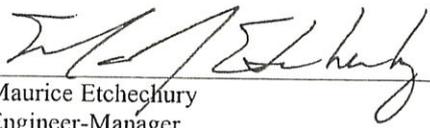
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(j)  Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency

Kern River Fan Group (which includes the District).

The District intends to engage in a collaborative, open, and inclusive process in implementing SGMA. The District 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 District 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 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: 2/18/16

  
Maurice Etchechury  
Engineer-Manager  
Buena Vista Water Storage District

**RESOLUTION NO. 4291**  
**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, Buena Vista Water Storage District (District) overlies a subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin known as the Kern County Subbasin (Basin No. 5-22.14 in the Department of Water Resources’ CASGEM system), an unadjudicated groundwater basin overlying portions of Kern County (the “Basin”); and

WHEREAS, the District, 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 District should elect to be a GSA for the Basin, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, was published in the *Bakersfield Californian* on November 3, 2015 and again on November 9, 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 provided to the Basin’s other potential GSAs, including the Kern County Board of Supervisors, the cities that overly the Basin, and various irrigation, water, community services, and other districts that overly the Basin; and

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

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

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

1. Buena Vista Water Storage District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for at least that portion of the Kern County Subbasin that is 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 General Manager 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).

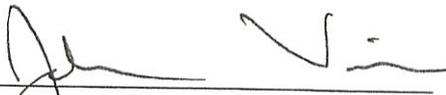
3. The General Manager shall, after complying with Water Code section 10727.8, begin the process of developing the District's Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Basin in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

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

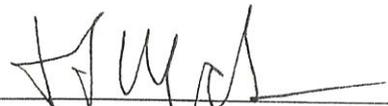
5. The General Manager shall provide regular progress reports on the SGMA implementation process to the Board at least quarterly.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Buena Vista Water Storage District held on the 17th day of February, 2016 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors Vidovich, Chicca, Wyrick, Ritchie  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Director Cauzza  
ABSTAIN: None

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Board of Directors  
Buena Vista Water Storage District

ATTESTED:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Board of Directors  
Buena Vista Water Storage District

**EXHIBIT A**

BUENA VISTA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT 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, Buena Vista Water Storage District will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting on November 18, 2015, commencing at 8:30 am at the District's office at 525 N. Main Street, Buttonwillow, CA 93206, to determine whether the District will elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Kern County Sub-basin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin. Written comments may be submitted to the District, Attn: Maurice Etchechury, Engineer-Manager, no later than 5:00 pm. on November 17, 2015, to P.O. Box 756, Buttonwillow, CA 93206, or by hand delivery to the address above. 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: November 2, 2015  
Maurice Etchechury, Engineer-Manager.

EXHIBIT A-1

# BUENA VISTA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT Groundwater Sustainability Agency Boundary

