

# Kern County Administrative Office



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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 the provisions of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and in particular 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 basin subject to this Notice is the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin, which is designated as Basin No. 5-22.14 in California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 (Basin). The County overlies the entire Basin, and as a result it has the authority to be a GSA for the entire Basin, or any portion thereof. The specific portion of the Basin subject to this Notice is depicted on the attached Exhibit A (Management Area).

The Management Area is coterminous with the portion of the Basin that was subject to a notice filed collectively as the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (KRGSA) on April 12, 2016 by the City of Bakersfield, the Kern Delta Water District, and the Kern County Water Agency Improvement District No.4.

Prior to its decision to become a GSA for the Management Area, the Kern County Board of Supervisors held a properly noticed public hearing on July 19, 2017. The public hearing was held in accordance with Water Code section 10723(b), and it was noticed in accordance with Government Code section 6066. Proof of Publication is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2016-170 (attached hereto as Exhibit C) electing to become a GSA for the Management Area. The Board of Supervisors did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances, or authorities related to this Notice; and this Notice has been provided within 30 days of the hearing as provided for in Water Code section 10723.8(a).

As previously mentioned, the KRGSA also filed notice of its election to become a GSA for the Management Area on April 12, 2016. The Management Area is intentionally coterminous with the portions of the Basin that were the subject to the notice filed by KRGSA on April 12, 2016. The County and KRGSA have had productive conversations since KRGSA's filing, but due to statutory limitations and the relatively short deadlines set forth in SGMA, the County must file this Notice in order to fully protect the County's rights and obligations. With that said, the County welcomes, and is committed to, active discussions with KRGSA 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 in the Basin.

As of the date of this Notice, and to the best of the County's knowledge, there are no other agencies, local agencies as defined by Water Code section 10721(n), and/or Groundwater Sustainability Agencies as defined by Water Code section 10721(j) that are managing or proposing to manage groundwater within the Basin pursuant to SGMA. With that said, prior to the date of this Notice, there have been a total of four other GSA notices filed within the Basin, but none of those filings have reached the point of being able to manage or propose to manage groundwater in the Basin pursuant to SGMA because they have not been deemed exclusive GSAs. The four prior notices include the following:

- 1) Buena Vista Water Storage District filed on March 10, 2016
- 2) Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency filed on April 21, 2016
- 3) Greenfield County Water District filed on April 21, 2016
- 4) County of Kern filed on June 17, 2016

The Buena Vista Water Storage District filing of March 10, 2016, is currently in an overlap status with the County of Kern filing of June 17, 2016. These filings are depicted on the attached Exhibit D. The Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency filing of April 21, 2016, and the Greenfield County Water District filing of April 21, 2016, are the subject of the Board of Supervisors' action on July 19, 2016, and per Resolution 2016-170, notices placing these filings in overlap will be filed with DWR by July 20, 2016.

To the best of the County's knowledge, a list of local agencies, including a Joint Powers Authority, that potentially could file to be a GSA within the Basin is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

Pursuant to California Water Code sections 10723.8 and 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 GSPs. Additionally, the County is committed to an open process including active and open discussions with all interested parties during the GSP development process.

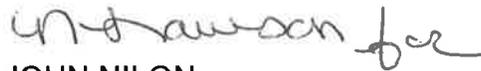
Pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8 and 10723.2, the County has developed an initial list of interested parties within the Management Area. The County is committed to amending this list as necessary during the GSP development process. To the best of the County's knowledge, a complete list of interested parties developed to date is attached hereto as Exhibit F.

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. In part, the County's commitment will take the form of formal and informal outreach to all interested parties, as well as the holding of public informational meetings and the development of an informational website.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Nilon".

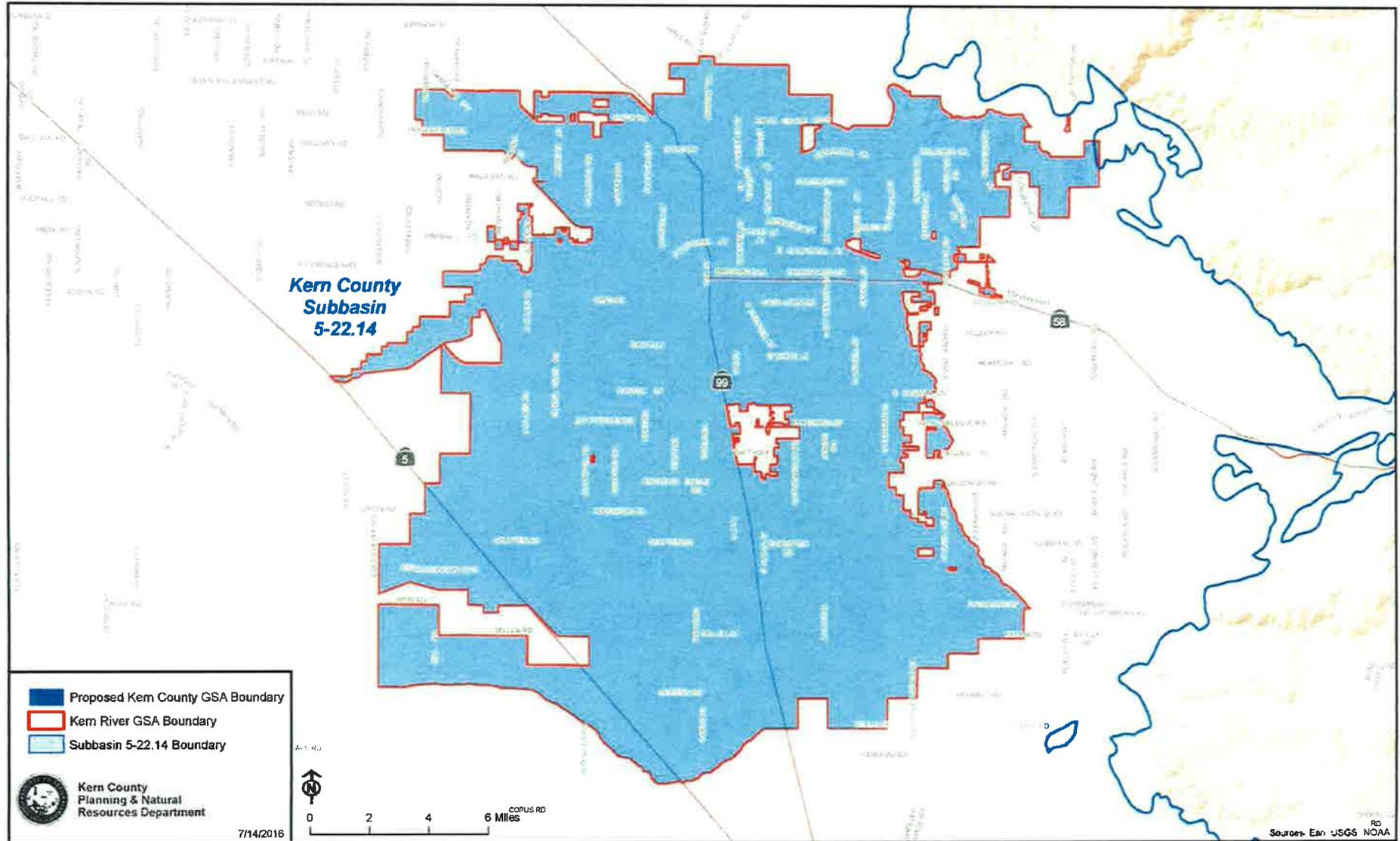
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County Administrative Officer

cc: County Counsel  
Planning and Natural Resources

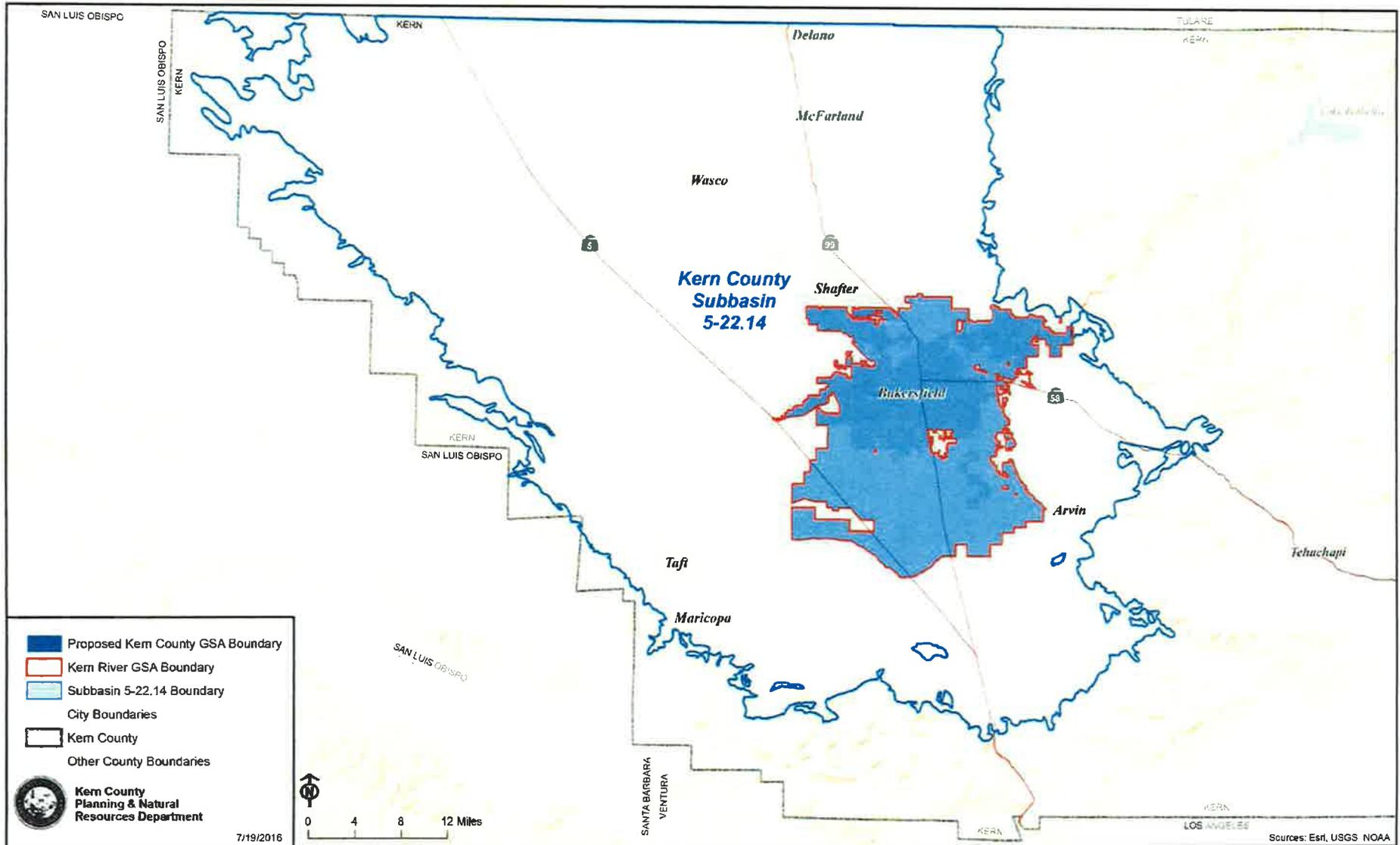
Enclosures

EXHIBIT A

**Exhibit A - Proposed Kern County Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
(Kern River Boundary) of the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin - Basin No. 5-22.14**



**Exhibit A - Proposed Kern County Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
(Kern River Boundary) of the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin - Basin No. 5-22.14**



**EXHIBIT B**

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# PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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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:

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY OF KERN'S ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Water Code section 10723(b), the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern shall hold a public hearing on July 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, to consider and determine whether the County shall file to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, or Agencies, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for the portions of the Kern County Subbasin of the Tulare Lake Groundwater Basin which have been subject to Groundwater Sustainability Agency notices filed by the City of Bakersfield, Kern County Water District, Kern County Water Agency Improvement District No.4 and Greenfield Delta Water District. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by mail or hand delivery to Kathleen Krause, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 5th Floor, Bakersfield, California. The Board shall also consider oral and written comments received during the hearing but the presiding officer may limit oral comments to a reasonable length.

Dated: June 21, 2016

KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
 County of Kern, State of California  
 By /s/ Karen L. Winn, Deputy Clerk

June 26, July 3, 10, 2016  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY C

Ad Number 14184881

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY OF KERN'S ELECTION  
TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Water Code section 107234, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern shall hold a public hearing on July 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, to consider and determine whether the County shall file to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, or Agencies, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for the portions of the Kern County Subbasins of the Tulare Lake Groundwater Basin which have been subject to Groundwater Sustainability Agency notices filed by the City of Bakersfield, Kern Delta Water District, Kern County Water Agency, Improvement District No.1 and Greenfield County Water District. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by mail or hand delivery to Kathleen Krause, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 5th Floor, Bakersfield, California. The Board shall also consider oral and written comments received during the hearing but the presiding officer may limit oral comments to a reasonable length.

Dated June 21, 2016

KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Kern, State of California  
By: Karen E. Whinn, Deputy Clerk

July 17, 2016  
14184881

EXHIBIT C

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2016-170

**RESOLUTION ELECTING TO BECOME A  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN  
OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN  
WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO NOTICES FILED BY  
CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, KERN DELTA WATER  
DISTRICT, KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICT NO. 4 AND GREENFIELD COUNTY WATER  
DISTRICT**

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I, KATHLEEN KRAUSE, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, do certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor Scrivner, seconded by Supervisor Couch, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors at an official meeting this 19th day of July, 2016, by the following vote:

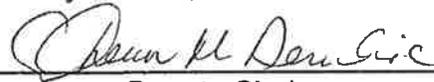
AYES: Gleason, Scrivner, Maggard, Couch, Perez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



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

  
Deputy Clerk

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**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 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 April 21, 2016, the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (KRGSA), which consists of the City of Bakersfield, Kern Delta Water District, and Kern County Water Agency Improvement District No.4, 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) On April 21, 2016, the Greenfield County Water District (Greenfield), 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

(j) 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

(k) 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

(l) 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

(m) 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

(n) 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

(o) On July 19, 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 April 21, 2016 filing by KRGSA and Greenfield, the County of Kern hereby elects to form a GSA for the portions of the Kern County Subbasin of the Tulare Lake Groundwater Basin which have been subject to notices filed by the City of Bakersfield, Kern Delta Water District, Kern County Water Agency Improvement District No.4 and Greenfield County Water District as depicted in the attached Exhibit A.

5. For comparison purposes, the April 21, 2016 filing by Greenfield County Water District are attached as Exhibit B; and the April 21, 2016 filing by the City of Bakersfield, Kern Delta Water District, and Kern County Water Agency Improvement District No.4 are attached as Exhibit C.

6. To the extent there are any inadvertent errors in any of the exhibits attached to this Resolution, those errors shall be deemed irrelevant and non-determinative of the Board's action. The stated purpose of this Resolution is to ensure the County's filing to be a GSA over the entirety of the portions of the Basin subject to the filings by KRGSA and Greenfield.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. The County GSA shall abide by and staff shall ensure that any and all requirements of SGMA, or other applicable law, are met, including any future amendments thereto.

11. 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 July 20, 2016.

12. 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.

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

COPIES FURNISHED:
<i>CAO, Co. Counsel</i>
<i>7/20/2016</i> <i>TD</i>

Exhibit A

**Exhibit A - Proposed Kern County Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
(Kern River Boundary) of the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin - Basin No. 5-22.14**

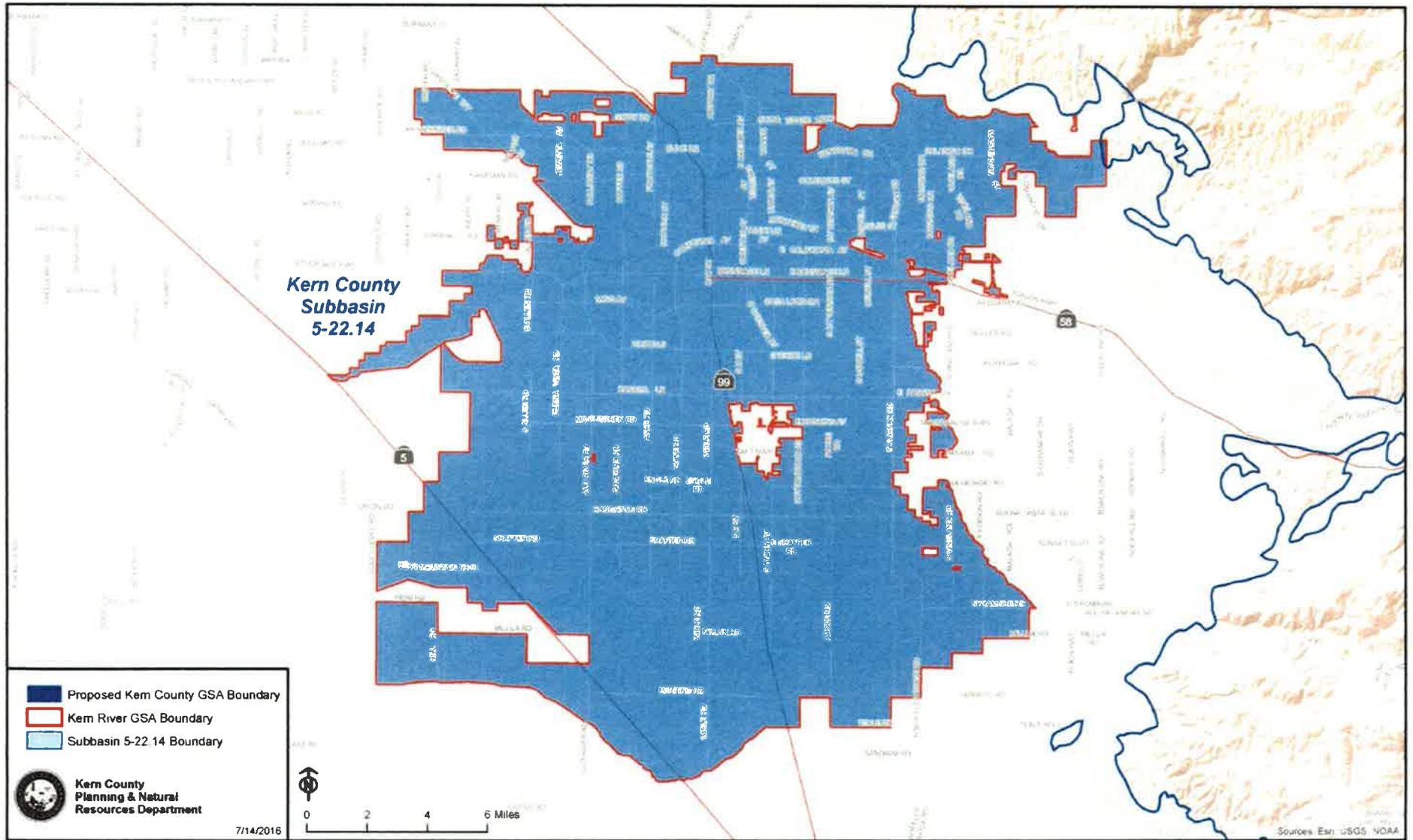




Exhibit B

# Greenfield County Water District GSA Boundary

GSA Boundary within subbasin 5-22.14 of the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region

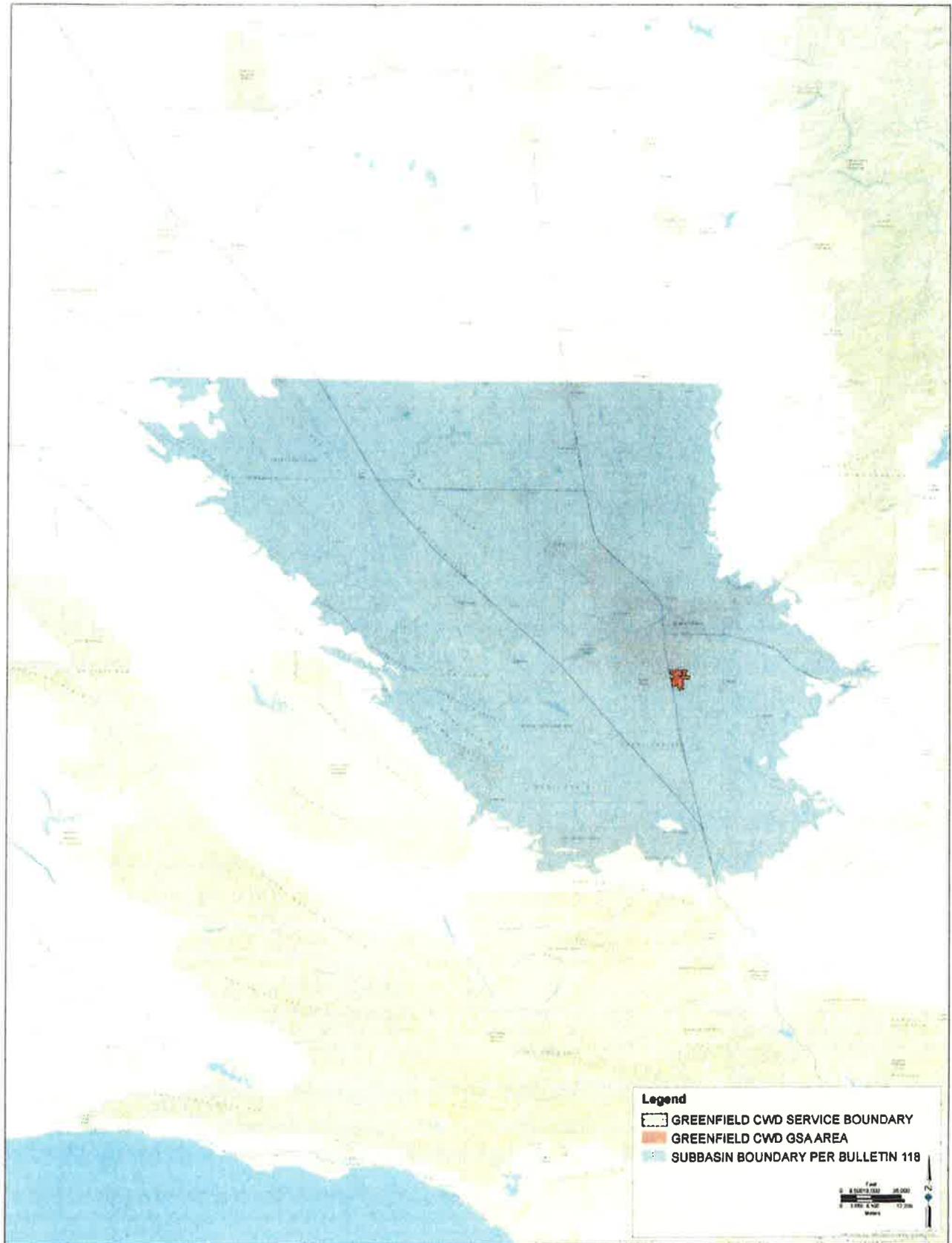




Exhibit C

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# Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

Adopted Boundary as of March 31, 2016

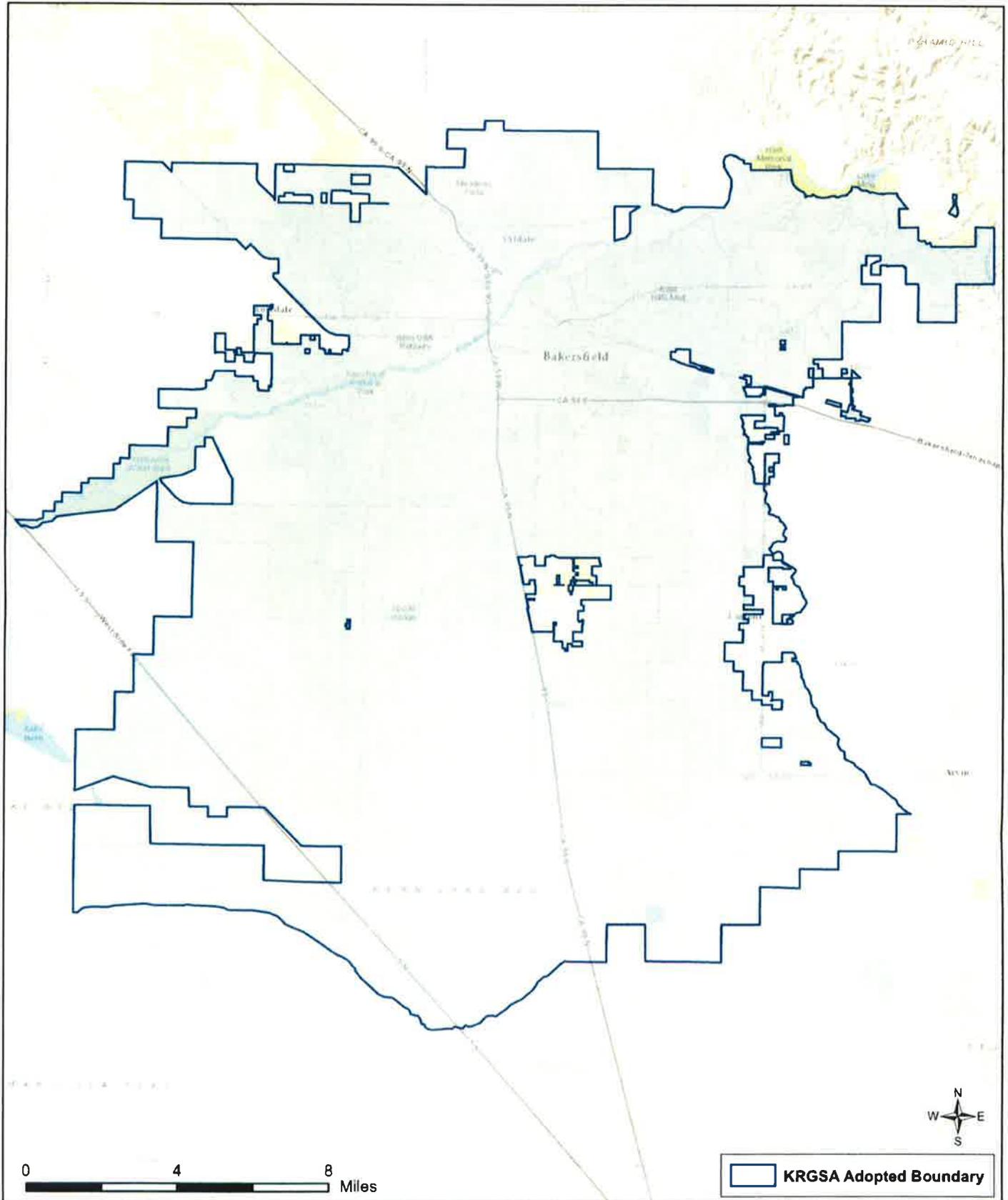
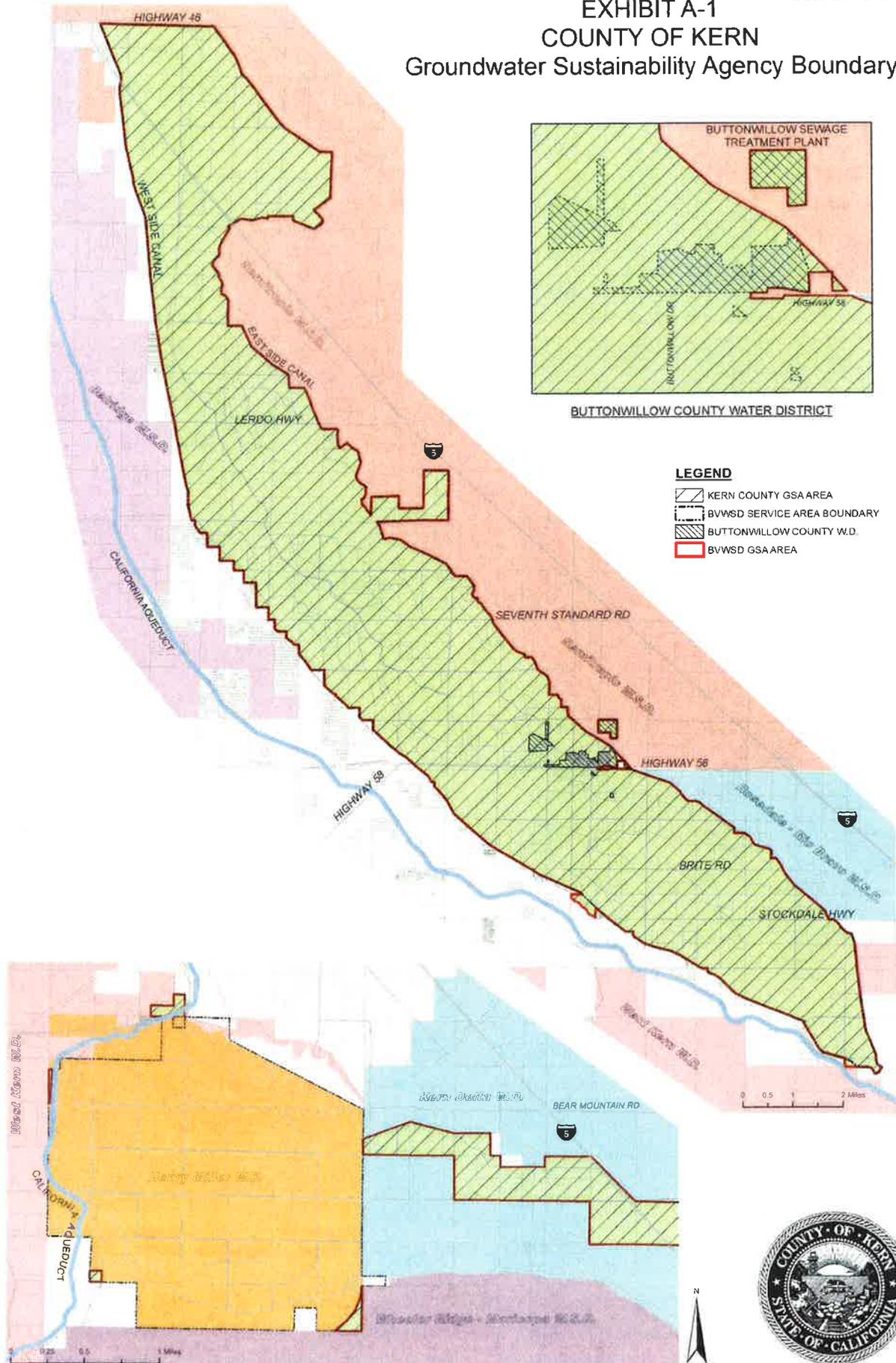
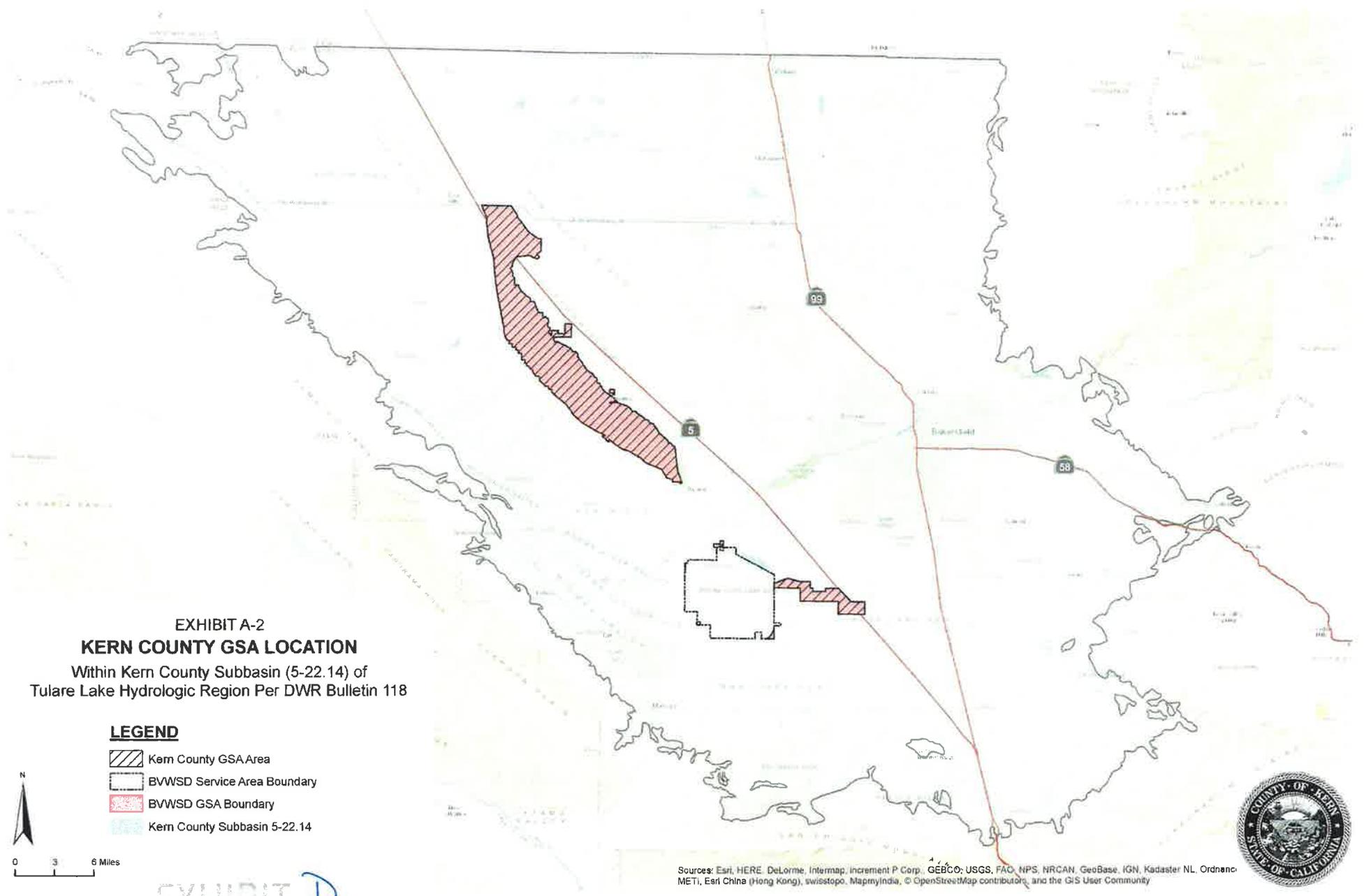


EXHIBIT D

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





**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
-  BVWSD Service Area Boundary
-  BVWSD GSA Boundary
-  Kern County Subbasin 5-22.14

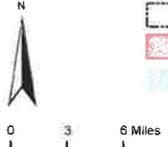


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EXHIBIT E

## EXHIBIT E

Arvin Edison Community Services District  
Arvin-Edison Water Storage District  
Belridge Water Storage District  
Berrenda Mesa Water District  
Buena Vista Water Storage District  
Buttonwillow County Water District  
Cawelo Water District  
City of Arvin  
City of Bakersfield  
City of Delano  
City of Maricopa  
City of McFarland  
City of Shafter  
City of Taft  
City of Wasco  
County of Kern  
County of San Luis Obispo  
Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District  
Devil's Den Water District  
East Niles Community Services District  
Henry Miller Water District  
Kern County Water Agency (including Improvement District No. 4)  
Kern Delta Water District  
Kern Groundwater Authority  
Kern-Tulare Water District  
Lamont Public Utilities District  
Los Hills Utility District  
Lost Hills Water District  
McAllister Ranch Irrigation District  
North of the River Municipal Water District  
North Kern Water Storage District  
Olcese Water District  
Rag Gulch Water District\Rosedale Ranch Improvement District  
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water District  
Semitropic Water Storage District  
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District  
Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District  
West Kern Water District  
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

EXHIBIT F

## **EXHIBIT F**

### **a. Holders of Overlying Groundwater Rights, including:**

#### **1. Agricultural Users.**

- Rosedale Ranch Improvement District
- Various landowners

The County is committed to considering the interests of all agricultural users in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

The Management Area includes a significant portion of the land that is currently used for agricultural purposes, especially in the unincorporated area of the Management Area that overlies the Kern Delta Water District. The County has up-to-date lists of all lands zoned for agricultural use and ownership records for the same. The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all lands zoned for agricultural use.

#### **2. Domestic Well Owners.**

The Management Area contains some domestic wells owners. The County is committed to considering the interests of all domestic wells owners in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

Additionally, the County recognizes that well owners that extract less than two acre feet per year for domestic purposes are considered to be “de minimis extractors” and therefore they are excluded from certain regulatory requirements.

The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all domestic wells owners in the Management Area. While there may be additional domestic wells owners located within the Management Area, the following domestic well owners have been identified at this stage.

- Bear Mountain Truck Stop
- Cal Mat (Panama Lane Facility)
- Cemex Construction Materials Pacific LLC
- Countryside Market & Restaurants

- Delta Trading Water System
- Donovan Bros. Golf
- Derrel's Mini Storage #66
- Farmer John Egg Ranch #2
- Golden Empire Concrete Company
- Grace Community Church Water System
- Harvest Steakhouse
- J.G. Boswell Company Water System
- Kern County Cemetery Association
- Kern Oil and Refining Company
- Kidz Kountry Preschool
- Lakeside School
- Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association
- Seven Oaks Country Club
- Stockdale Country Club
- Various private entities and homeowners

**b. Municipal Well Operators.**

The County is committed to considering the interests of all municipal well operators in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all municipal well operators in the Management Area. While there may be additional municipal well operators located within the Management Area, it is believed that the following is a complete list of municipal well operators within the proposed Management Area.

- Ashe Water Company
- City of Bakersfield
- California Water Service Company
- East Niles Community Services District
- Greenfield County Water District
- Kern County Water Agency, Improvement District No.4
- North of the River Mutual Water District

**c. Public Water Systems.**

The County is committed to considering the interests of all public and water system operators in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all public water system operators in the Management Area. While there may be additional public water system operators located within the Management Area, it is believed that the following is a complete list of public water system operators located partially or fully within the proposed Management Area.

- Ashe Water Company
- Athal Mutual Water System
- Bear Mountain RV Park Water System
- California Water Service Company
- Casa Loma Water Company
- East Niles Community Services District
- East Wilson Road Water Company
- El Adobe POA, Inc.
- Fuller Acres Mutual Water Company
- Gosford Road Water Company
- Greenfield County Water District
- North of the River Mutual Water District
- Oasis Property Owners Association
- Oildale Mutual Water Company
- Old River Mutual Water Company
- Panama Road Property Owners Association
- Ski West Village Water System
- South Kern Mutual Water Company
- Stockdale Annex Mutual Water Company
- Stockdale Mutual Water Company
- Vaughn Water Company
- Wini Mutual Water Company

**d. Local Land Use Planning Agencies.**

The County of Kern and the City of Bakersfield are the local land use planning agencies for the Management Area. The County is committed to considering the interests of all local land use planning agencies in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

**e. Environmental Users of Groundwater.**

The County is committed to considering the interests of all environmental users of groundwater in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all environmental users of groundwater in the Management Area. While there may be additional environmental users of groundwater located within the Management Area, it is believed that the following is a complete list of environmental users of groundwater located partially or fully within the proposed Management Area.

- Panorama Vista Preserve
- Kern River Parkway Foundation
- City of Bakersfield

The County understands and believes that the City has developed a project known as the Kern River Flow and Municipal Water Program for the stated purpose of restoring streamflow and increasing groundwater recharge along the Kern River. The City has asserted that the program will implement City adopted plans and policies to enhance and protect the natural resources of the Kern River through increasing river flows. The City has further asserted that the increased river flows provide benefits of increased groundwater recharge, recreation, and habitat enhancement.

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

The County is committed to considering the interests of all surface water users in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all hydrologically connected surface water users in the Management Area. While there may be additional hydrologically connected surface water users located within the Management Area, it is believed that the following is a complete list of hydrologically connected surface water users located partially or fully within the proposed Management Area.

- Buena Vista Water Storage District
- Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District
- The City of Bakersfield
- Kern-Delta Water District

The City and Kern-Delta Water District own long-standing historic surface water rights and supplies, and typically use such water supplies for deliveries to constituents (surface deliveries and conjunctive use deliveries) within the their boundaries.

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

The County is presently unaware of any lands in the Management Area that are owned or operated by the federal government. If in the future such interests are discovered, they will be included as an interested party.

**h. California Native American Tribes.**

The County is presently unaware of any lands in the Management Area that are owned by California Native American Tribes. If in the future such interests are discovered, they will be included as an interested party.

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

The County is committed to considering the interests of all communities, including but not limited to disadvantaged communities, in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all disadvantaged communities in the Management Area. While there may be additional disadvantaged communities located within the Management Area, it is believed that the following is a complete list of disadvantaged communities located partially or fully within the proposed Management Area.

- Calder's Corner
- Edison
- Greenfield
- Kern City
- Magunden

SGMA does not provide a precise definition of disadvantaged communities. KRGSA addressed this ambiguity by relying on Senate Bill 535 (*De Leon*) and attaching a list of census tracts with a corresponding map obtained from the CalEPA website. For the sake of uniformity, the County will adopt this same approach and attached hereto as Exhibit E-1 is list of census tracts with a corresponding map.

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 Groundwater Authority
- Kern Water Bank Authority
- Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
- Deer Creek & Tule River Authority
- Kern County Water Agency
- Kern County Water Agency Improvement District 4
- Kern-Tulare Water District
- North Kern Water Storage District
- Semitropic Water Storage District
- Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District
- Kern Fan Authority (previously known as the Kern River Fan Group)

The following are other interested parties that do not fit the various categories outlined in Water Code §10723.2 but which we believe generally fit within this category because they monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin

- Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority
- City of Bakersfield

All of the above interested parties will be considered in the operation of the GSA and the development of the GSP.



## EXHIBIT F-1

<b>GEOID<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>Census Tract Name<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>Population<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>Nearest Zip Code</b>
3113	31.13	5298	93307
3112	31.12	5658	93313
2900	29	6787	93309
0300	3	4381	93308
0200	2	7957	93308
3206	32.06	13845	93307
2812	28.12	5581	93309
6201	62.01	3244	93203
0400	4	4495	93301
0507	5.07	3703	93309
0600	6	6453	93301
0904	9.04	4402	93306
0903	9.03	4150	93306
0905	9.05	2553	93306
0906	9.06	3881	93306
3115	31.15	5954	93307
3114	31.14	7430	93313
3122	31.22	8612	93307
3121	31.21	8136	93307
1103	11.03	5588	93307
1201	12.01	3269	93305
1202	12.02	5864	93305
1500	15	2682	93307
1400	14	8745	93305
1300	13	7205	93305
1600	16	1580	93307
2200	22	5804	93307
1700	17	4088	93309
2100	21	3372	93307
1902	19.02	4958	93301
1901	19.01	3786	93309
1801	18.01	6251	93309
2302	23.02	3444	93307
2301	23.01	10255	93307
3700	37	3806	93206
6202	62.02	6887	93243
3103	31.03	3810	93307
2000	20	7529	93307
2600	26	3500	93307
2700	27	6152	93309
2500	25	8592	93307
2400	24	8470	93307

3000	30	8119	93307
3202	32.02	17216	93307
2813	28.13	4327	93309
2815	28.15	4918	93309
2814	28.14	4306	93309
2816	28.16	6119	93309
0101	1.01	12616	93308
6303	63.03	6768	93203
6404	64.04	3318	93241
6403	64.03	6513	93241
1000	10	10276	93307
6401	64.01	8698	93241
1102	11.02	6496	93307
1101	11.01	4413	93307

**Notes:**

1Partial U.S. Census GEOID. Each full GEOID begins with 0602900 followed by the partial GEOID shown in the table. For example, partial GEOID 3112 has a full U.S. Census GEOID of 06029003112.

2GSA boundary includes all or part of the aerial extent of each census tract.

3GSA boundary includes all or part of the population for each census tract.

(B) Map of DACs Identified by Census Tract within the Kern River GSA Boundary

