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July 13, 2016

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RE: Notice of the Madera Water District's Intent to Serve as Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a Portion of the Madera Subbasin

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that the Madera Water District (MWD) has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a) and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for a portion of the Madera Subbasin, as proposed, of the San Joaquin Valley Basin (Basin) located within the boundary identified in **Exhibit A**. At this time, no other entity has elected to become or has provided notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of their formation of, or intent to form a GSA to manage aforementioned portions of the Madera Subbasin.

A public hearing was advertised (**Exhibit B**) and then held on July 13, 2016, at which the Madera Water District Board of Directors allowed public comment and approved a resolution electing to serve as a GSA (**Exhibit C**) for a portion of the proposed Madera Subbasin. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as GSA.

MWD anticipates the need to enter into intra- and/or inter-basin agreements to ensure that Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) are coordinated and satisfy applicable regulations developed under SGMA.

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For a detailed list of interested parties and stakeholders, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and development and implementation of the GSP, see **Exhibit D** attached hereto.

Should you have any questions or require additional information with regard to this notice, please contact Brad Samuelson of Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, at (209) 809-2300.

Regards,

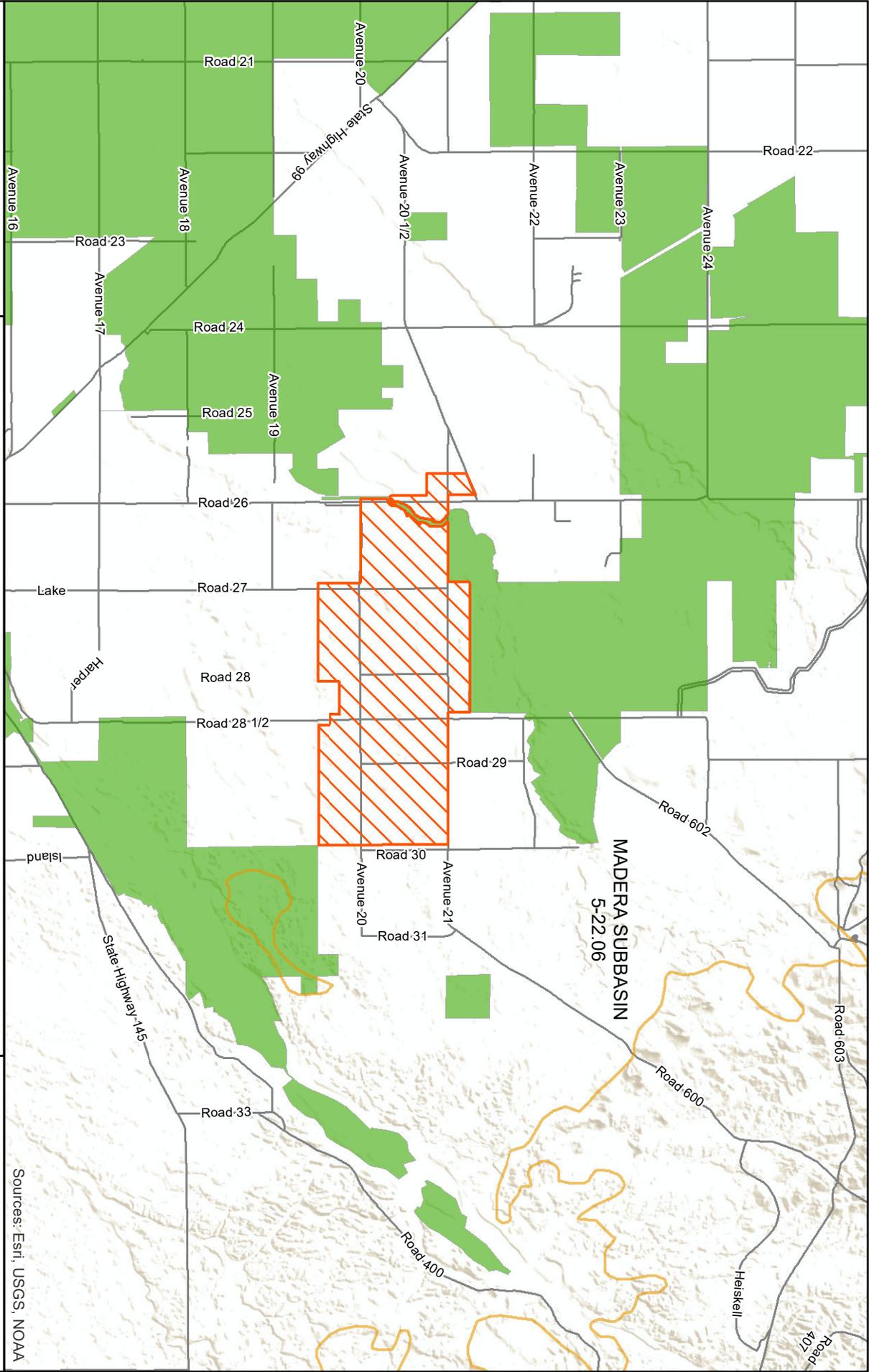


Carl Johnson, President

Attachments

- Exhibit A: Map of GSA Boundaries (GIS shape file to follow)
- Exhibit B: Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to Water Code 10723(b)
- Exhibit C: Resolution
- Exhibit D: List of Interested Parties per Water Code 10728.8(a)

Exhibit A



Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA

Madera Water District GSA

Legend

-  Proposed Madera W.D. GSA Boundary (same as MWD Services Area)
-  Proposed Madera I.D. GSA Boundary*
-  DWR Bulletin 118 GW Subbasins
-  Road

*Shape provided by Madera I.D. R.Mendez

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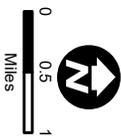


Exhibit B

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Madera Water District will hold a public hearing during its board meeting on July 13, 2016, at 9 AM at the Madera Water District office, 1663 N. Schnoor Avenue, Suite 105, Madera, California 93637.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to accept public testimony regarding the proposal that the Madera Water District act as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency under Water Code Section 10723 for the portion of the Madera Groundwater Sub-basin within the Madera Water District, prior to the board adopting a resolution.

The hearing is open to the public and any person present will have the opportunity to be heard. For further information regarding this matter, please contact John Gies, General Manager, at (559) 674-4944.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MADERA WATER DISTRICT

CODE SECTION 10723

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

) ss.

County of Madera)

I am a citizens 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 principal clerk of the printer of the Madera Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Madera, County of Madera, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of General circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Madera, State of California, under the date of November 9, 1966, Case Number 4875 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:

June 22, 29, July 6, 2016

I certify or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature

Date

7/20/16

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No. 3023 - June 22, 29, July 6, 2016

EXHIBIT C

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-713

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF MADERA WATER DISTRICT

REGARDING THE MADERA WATER DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO BECOME
A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR A PORTION OF THE MADERA SUBBASIN OF
THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), signed into law on September 16, 2014, 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, the SGMA authorizes any local agency overlying the Basin to elect to become a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Madera Water District (District) is a local agency as defined under SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, prior to GSA formation, as outlined in the California Water Code, a public hearing must take place after which the District can adopt a Resolution to form a GSA; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on July 13, 2016 at 9:00 AM 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;

1. The Madera Water District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portion of the Madera Subbasin within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District.

2. Within 30 days of this Resolution, the President is directed to submit a notice of intent to the California Department of Water Resources, pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8(a).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this July 13, 2016.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned hereby certifies that I am the Secretary of Madera Water District and that the foregoing Resolution was authorized by the Board of Directors of said District at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly held on July 13, 2016, at which meeting a quorum of the Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand this July 13, 2016.

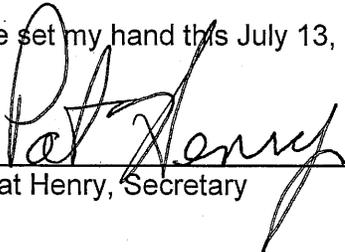

Pat Henry, Secretary

EXHIBIT D

Interested Parties

Madera Water District (MWD) has identified the following interested parties as defined in Water Code Section 10723.2. It is anticipated that the list may be modified and amended during GSP development. MWD will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater within the Madera Subbasin, as well as others responsible for developing GSPs within the Subbasin and, as appropriate, within adjacent subbasins that are hydrogeologically connected. MWD will solicit feedback and engage with interested parties during GSP development. Interested parties include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

1. Agriculture users

MWD is comprised of several agriculture landowners that rely on MWD groundwater wells for irrigation. There are no private irrigation wells within the service area of the District. Approximately 2,183 net acres of MWD are subordinately annexed into Madera Irrigation District (MID).

2. Domestic users

There is one domestic well within MWD's service area located at a residence of a landowner.

B. Municipal well operators

There are no municipal well operators within MWD's service area.

C. Public water systems

There are no public water systems within MWD's service area.

D. Local land use planning agencies

Madera County is the local planning agency with authority covering MWD's service area.

E. Environmental users of groundwater

There are no environmental users of groundwater within MWD's service area.

F. Surface water users

Dry Creek runs through the MWD service area but there is no hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater flows. There are no other surface water features adjacent to or within the MWD's service area.

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

There are no Federal Lands within MWD's service area.

H. California Native American Tribes

There are no California Native American Tribes within MWD's service area.

I. Disadvantaged communities

There are no disadvantaged communities within MWD's service area.

J. 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.

MWD is a member of the Madera Subbasin GSA Formation Committee and the Madera Groundwater Authority. The agencies in these organizations include the City of Madera, County of Madera, and local water agencies including Gravelly Ford Water District, Root Creek Water District, Madera Irrigation District, and Aliso Water District. The Madera-Chowchilla CASGEM group currently covers the MWD service area and The San Luis & Madera Water Authority is the CASGEM monitoring entity for the Madera Subbasin.