

## **ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT**

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### **NOTICE OF ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT'S INTENT TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR A PORTION OF THE VINA SUBBASIN**

This letter constitutes notice to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), pursuant to Water Code sections 10723(d) and 10723.8, of Rock Creek Reclamation District's (District) intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management of the Vina 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 to the resolution as Exhibit B. 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, the City of Chico, County of Butte, and the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District have filed notices of intent to serve as GSAs for the Basin, which DWR posted pursuant to Water Code section 10733.3. The proposed GSA management area of Butte County are near, adjacent to, and/or partly overlap the District's proposed GSA management area. Other potential GSAs in the Basin, but outside of the District's proposed management area are the City of Chico, the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the County of Glenn.

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 GSA, however, SGMA excludes "de minimis extractors" (those that extract no more than two acre-feet per year) from certain regulatory 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

Butte 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

N/A.

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

Although not within the District's proposed management area, there are lands administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service near and adjacent to the District's proposed 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

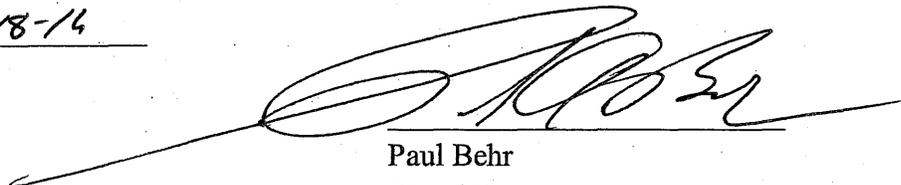
N/A. None within the District's proposed GSA management area.

(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

Such entities are included above.

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: 10-18-14



Paul Behr  
Board Director  
Rock Creek Reclamation District

RESOLUTION NO. 1  
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, Rock Creek Reclamation District (the “District”) overlies a portion of the Vina subbasin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin Nos. 5-21.57 in the Department of Water Resources’ CASGEM system), unadjudicated groundwater basin overlying portions of Butte, Glenn, and Tehama Counties (“Basin”); and

WHEREAS, the District, as a local public agency that has water supply, water management, or land use responsibility overlying the Basin, 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 Red Bluff Daily News on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of 2016, in the Chico Enterprise Record on September 14<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> of 2016, and the Sacramento Valley Mirror on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of 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 Basin’s other potential GSAs, including the Boards of Supervisors of Butte, Tehama, and Glenn Counties; City of Chico; and

- California Water Service-Chico
- California Water Service-Hamilton City
- Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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 Basins;

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

1. Rock Creek Reclamation District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portions of the Vina Subbasin that is within the District's service area boundaries, as depicted in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. No later than 30 days after the adoption of this Resolution, the Board Chairman 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 Board Chairman shall, after complying with Water Code section 10727.8, begin the process of coordinating with other GSAs and developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan(s) for the District's portion of the Basin in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations.
4. The Board Chairman 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 Board Chairman shall provide regular progress reports on the SGMA implementation process to the Board at least quarterly.



Signed: October 18, 2016

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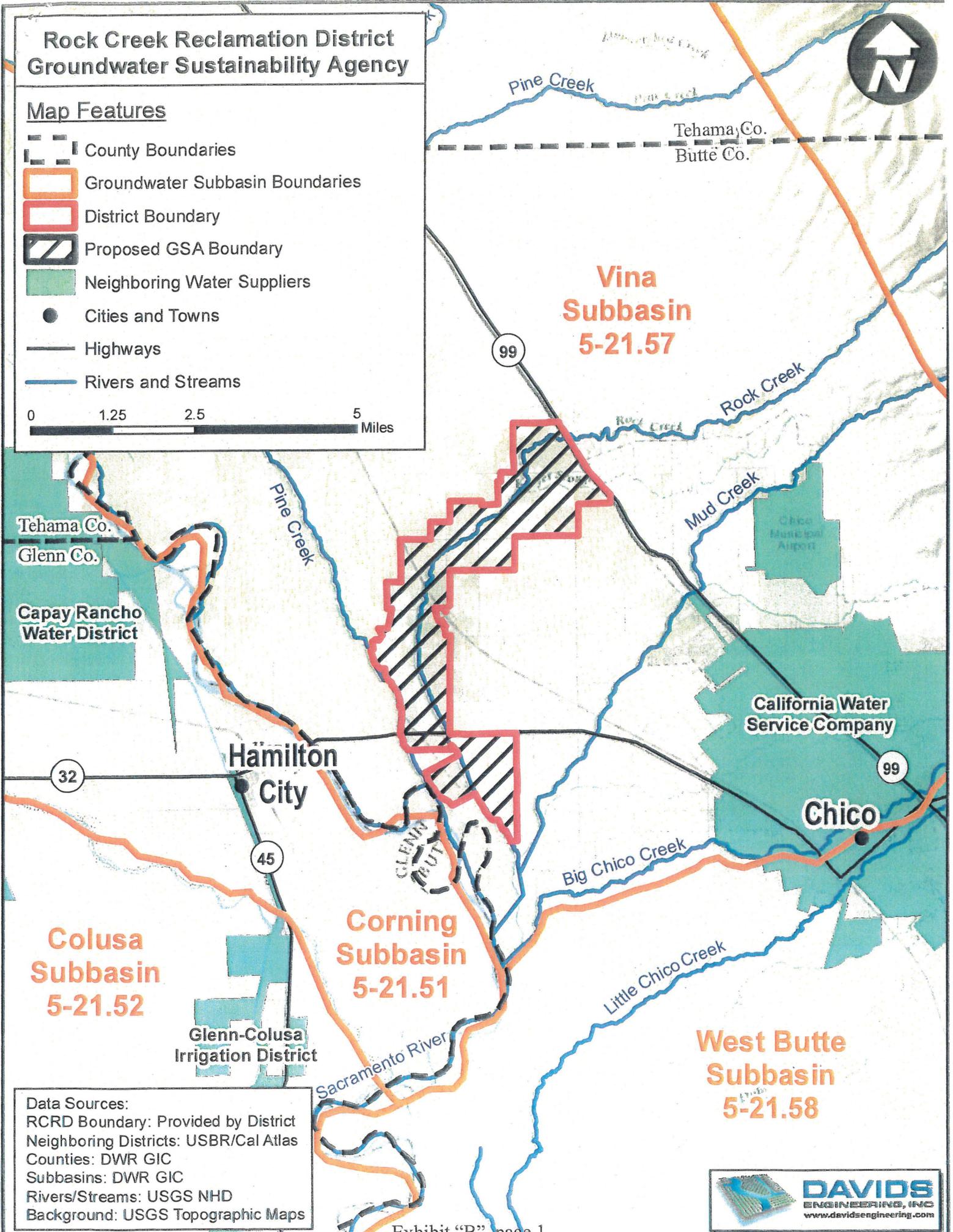
ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT Notice of Public Hearing- Election to Become Groundwater Sustainability Agency Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Water Code section 10723, Rock Creek Reclamation District will hold a public hearing during its special meeting on September 22, 2016 commencing at 6:00 p.m. at 5361 Wilson Landing Road, Chico CA, to determine whether the District will elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Vina Subbasin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin. Written comments may be submitted to the District, Attn: Paul Behr, Board Chairman, by mail or hand delivery to the District mailing address, 5556 Wilson Landing Road, Chico, CA, 95973, no later than 5 P.M on September 21, 2016. 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: September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Paul Behr, Chairman.

# Rock Creek Reclamation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Map Features

-  County Boundaries
-  Groundwater Subbasin Boundaries
-  District Boundary
-  Proposed GSA Boundary
-  Neighboring Water Suppliers
-  Cities and Towns
-  Highways
-  Rivers and Streams

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Data Sources:  
 RCRD Boundary: Provided by District  
 Neighboring Districts: USBR/Cal Atlas  
 Counties: DWR GIC  
 Subbasins: DWR GIC  
 Rivers/Streams: USGS NHD  
 Background: USGS Topographic Maps

