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November 1, 2016

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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) and it is coterminous with the portion of the Basin that was subject to a notice filed by West Kern Water District (WKWD).

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 October 25, 2016. 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. 2016-266 (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 WKWD also filed notice of its election to become a GSA for the Management Area on August 3, 2016. The Management Area is intentionally coterminous with the portions of the Basin that were the subject to the notice filed by WKWD on August 3, 2016. The County and WKWD have had productive conversations since WKWD'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 to protect the County's rights and obligations. With that said, the County welcomes, and is committed to, active discussions with WKWD 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 eight 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 eight 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 (Buena Vista Filing);
- 5) County of Kern Filed on August 3, 2016 (Kern River Filing);
- 6) County of Kern Filed on August 3, 2016 (Greenfield County Filing);
- 7) West Kern Water District filed on August 3, 2016; and
- 8) Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District filed on September 13, 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. The Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency filing of April 21, 2016, and the Greenfield County Water District filing of April 21, 2016, are currently in an overlap status with the County of Kern filings of August 3, 2016. The Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District filing of September 13, 2016, was the subject of a Kern County Board of Supervisors public hearing on October 25, 2016. At the conclusion of said hearing, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing a GSA notification filing over the area subject to the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District filing and directing staff to file such a GSA notice in the coming days. The West Kern Water District filing of August 3, 2016, is the subject of this Notice filing and the Board of Supervisors' action on October 25, 2016, when at the conclusion of a public hearing the Board adopted the attached Resolution No. 2016-266. All of these filings are depicted on the attached Exhibit A3.

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 D.

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 under the provisions of SGMA. Additionally, the County is committed to an open process including active and open discussions with all interested parties during the GSP development process.

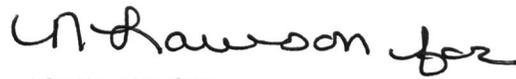
Pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8 and 10723.2, the County has developed an initial list of interested parties within the Management Area. The County is committed to amending this list as necessary during the GSP development process. To the best of the County's knowledge, a complete list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

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Nilon for". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JOHN NILON
County Administrative Officer

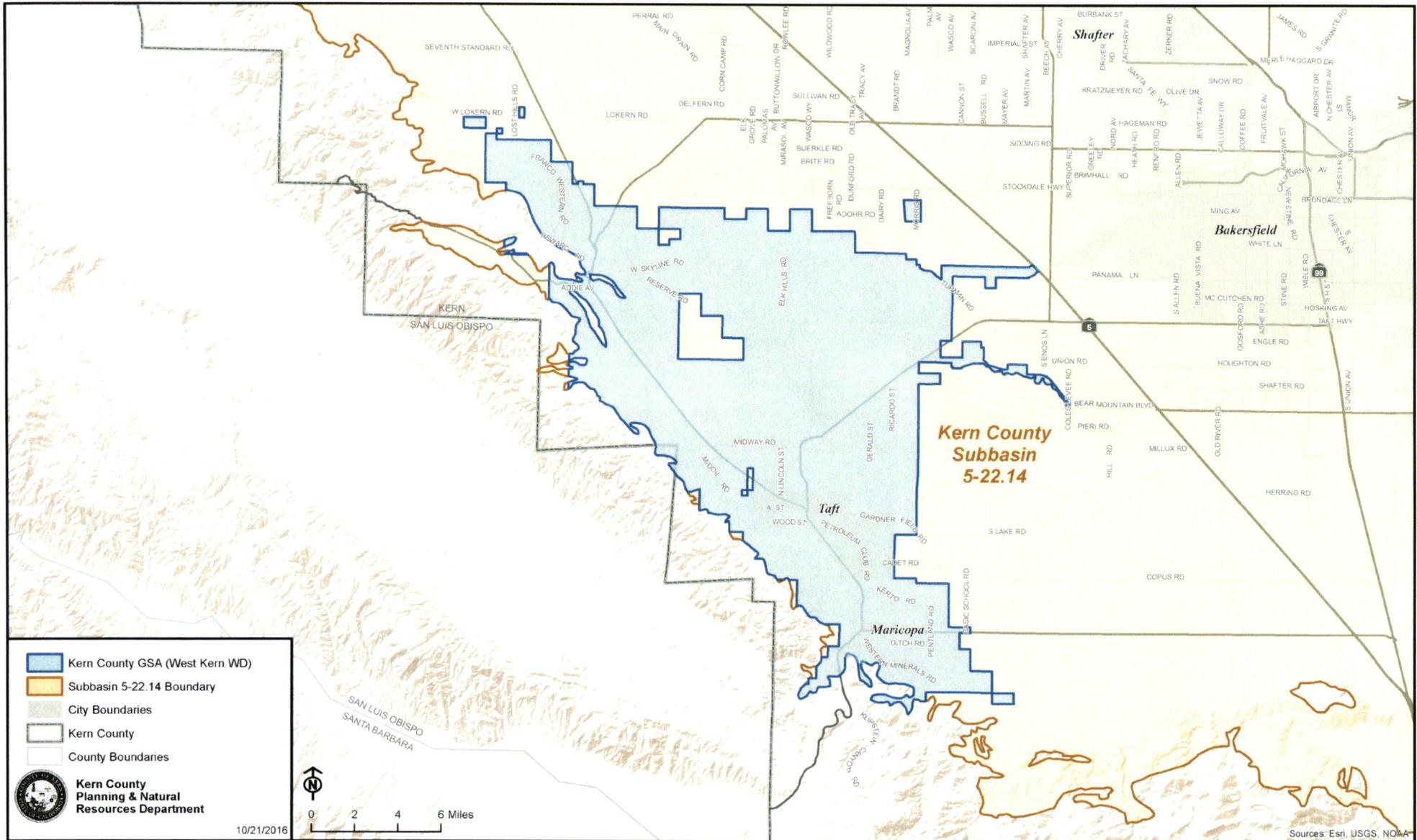
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cc: County Counsel
Planning and Natural Resources

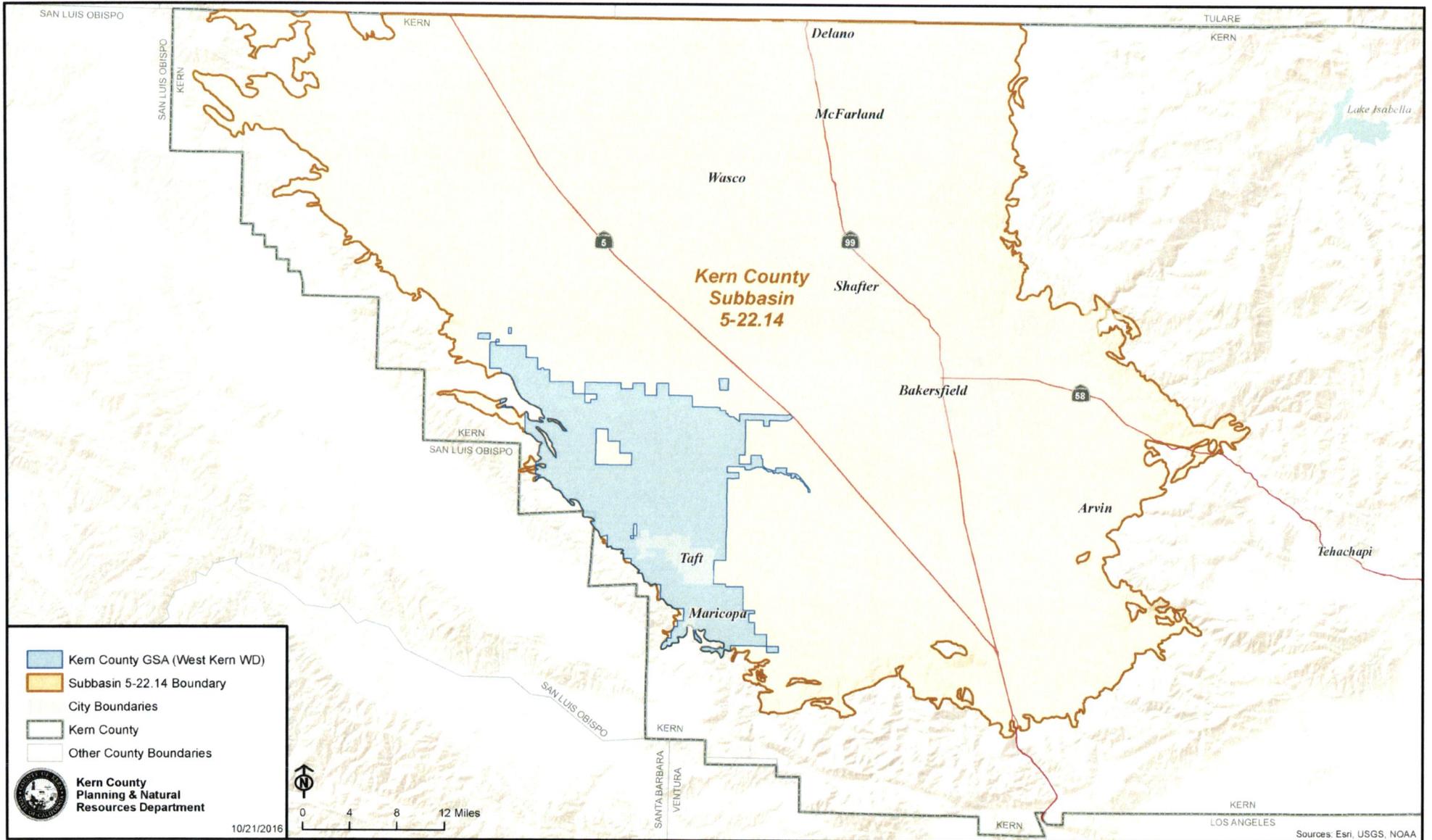
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EXHIBIT A

**Exhibit A1 - Proposed Kern County Groundwater Sustainability Agency
(West Kern Water District Boundary) of the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin - Basin No. 5-22.14**



**Exhibit A2 - Proposed Kern County Groundwater Sustainability Agency
(West Kern Water District Boundary) of the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin - Basin No. 5-22.14**



**Exhibit A3 - Proposed Kern County Groundwater Sustainability Agency
(West Kern Water District Boundary) of the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin - Basin No. 5-22.14**

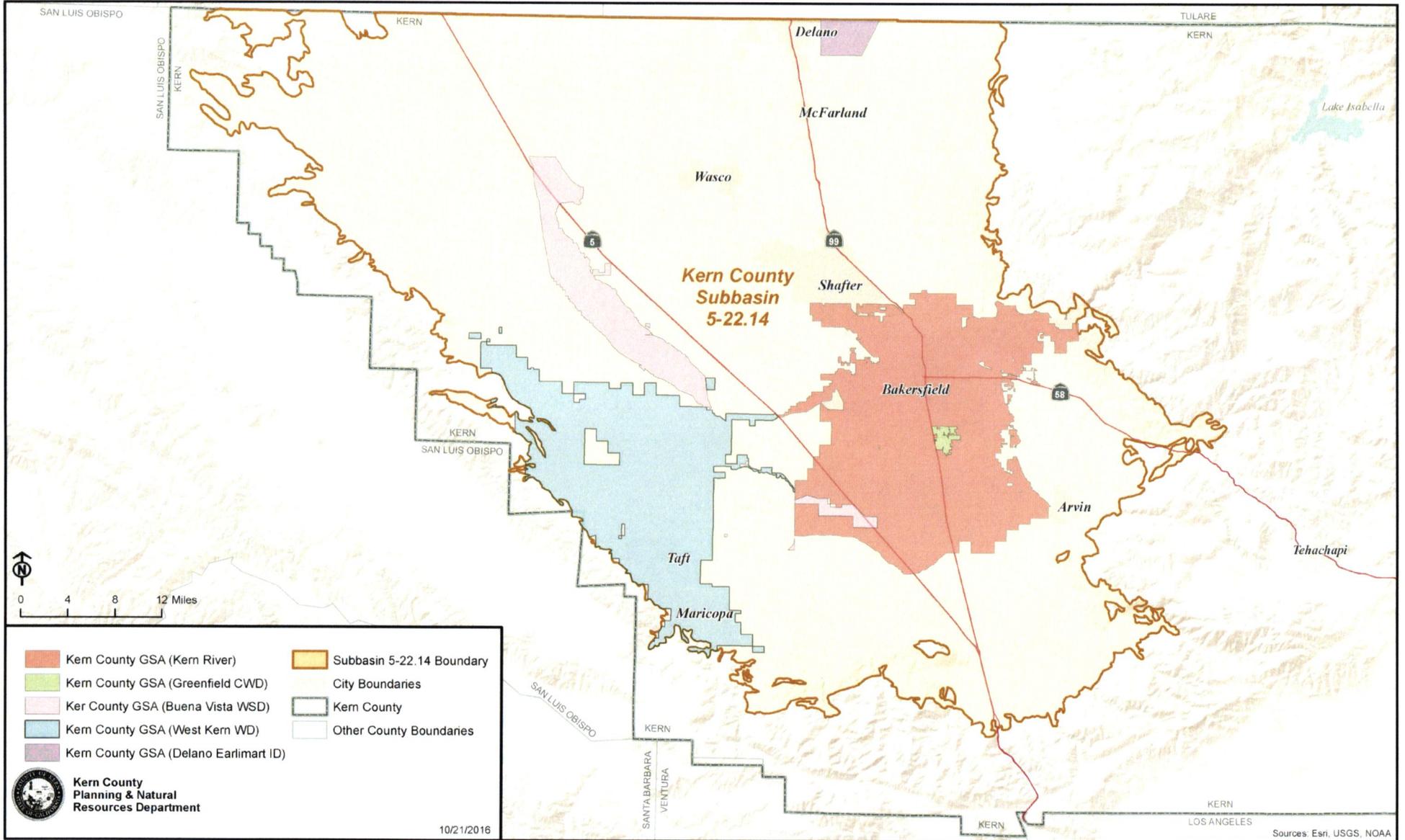


EXHIBIT B

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EXHIBIT B

FILE KERN COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERVISORS
THE **BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN**
BY **P.O. BOX 440**
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93302

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COUNTY OF KERN

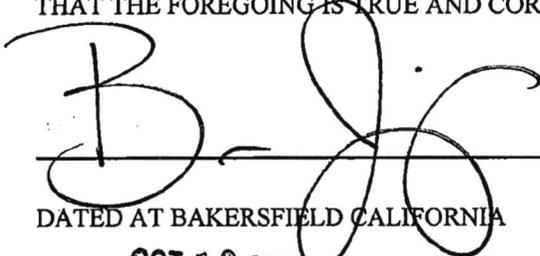
I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY AFORESAID: I AM OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS, AND NOT A PARTY TO OR INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER. I AM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER OF THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, PRINTED 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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ALL IN YEAR 2016

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



DATED AT BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY C

Ad Number 14239295

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 October 25, 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 West Kern 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: October 9, 2016

KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Kern, State of California
By /s/ Theresa M Derouchie, Deputy Clerk

October 11, 18, 2016
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County of Kern)ss)

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 principal clerk of the DAILY MIDWAY DRILLER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published bi-weekly in the City of Taft, 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 the date of February 11, 1952, Book 90, Page 286, Case Number 57657; that the notice of which the annexed is printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonparel), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

October 14

all in the year 2016

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

Date at Taft, California, this 14th

day of October, 2016

COOPIN MATMARD SIGNATURE

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Dated: October 9, 2016 KATHLEEN KRAUSE

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

County of Kern, State of California

By /s/ Theresa M Douchie, Deputy Clerk

PUB: October 14, 2016 PUB: MIDWAY DRILLER

EXHIBIT C

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2016-266

RESOLUTION ELECTING TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE PORTION OF THE KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO GSA NOTICES FILED BY THE WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT.

I, KATHLEEN KRAUSE, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, do certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor Couch, seconded by Supervisor Maggard, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors at an official meeting this 25th day of Oct, 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

Cheryl M. Davis
Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) The comprehensive groundwater legislation collectively 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); and

(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 local water purveyor were expressly set forth, and limited by, the purveyor's enabling act; and

(h) 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

(i) 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

(j) 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

(k) 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

(l) 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. A courtesy publication was also done in the Taft Midway Driller; and

(m) The Board of Supervisors properly held the noticed public hearing required by Water Code section 10723(b) at 2:00 p.m. on October 25th, 2016 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 August 3, 2016, filing by West Kern, the County of Kern hereby elects to form a GSA for the entire portion of the Basin subject to the West Kern Water District. The subject area is depicted in the attached Exhibit "A."
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 November 1, 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.

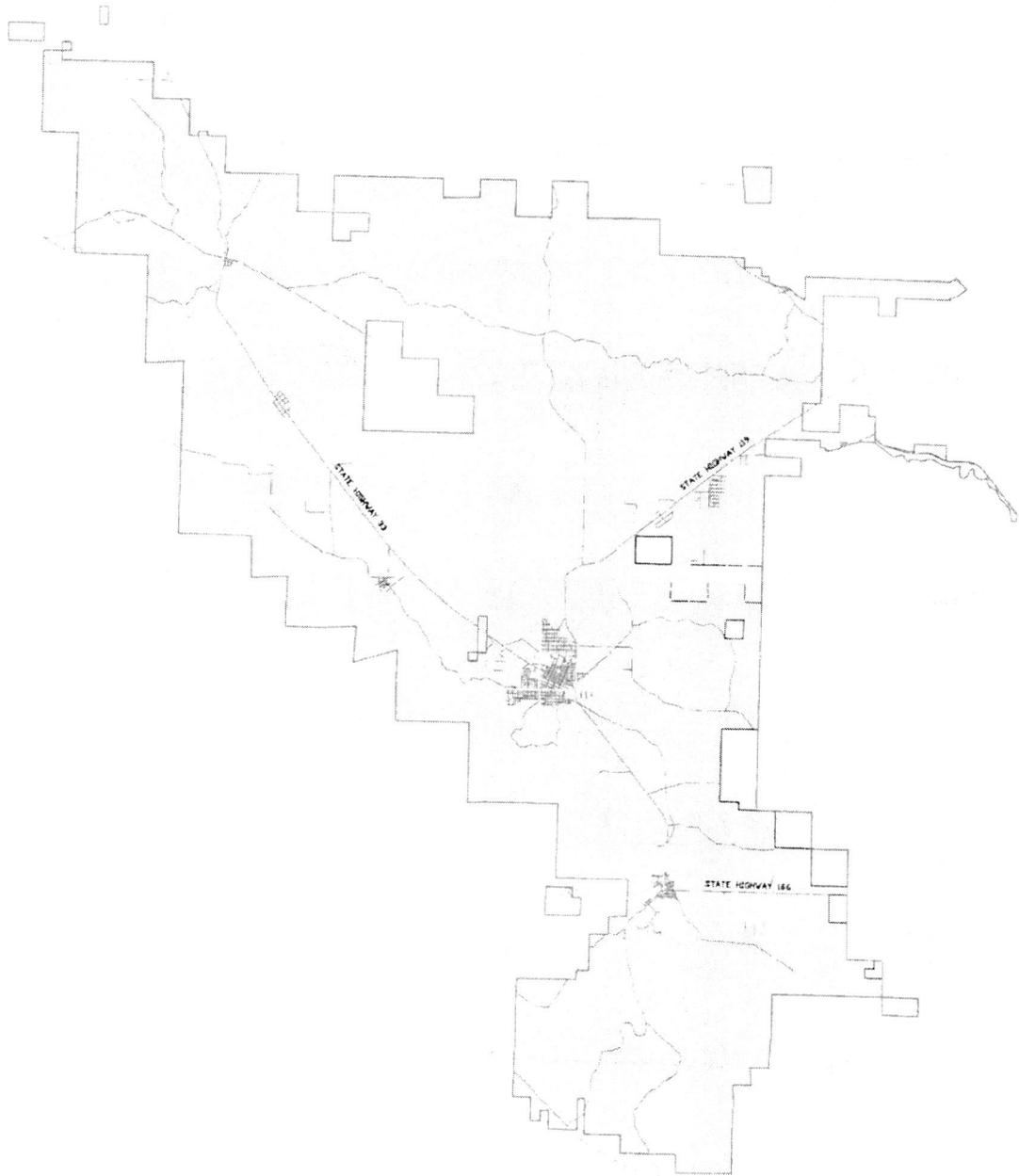
10. The Clerk of this Board shall cause a Notice of Exemption to be filed with the County Clerk.

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

Planning and Natural Resources
County Counsel

COPIES FURNISHED:
<i>All above</i>
<i>10/27/2016</i> <i>(TD)</i>

WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



-  WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
-  WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT OVERLAP WITH WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

EXHIBIT D

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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 E

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a. Holders of Overlying Groundwater Rights, including:

1. Agricultural Users.

- None Currently Known

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 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.

- Aera Energy, LLC
- California Resources Corporation
- 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.

- City of Taft
- City of Maricopa

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.

- West Kern Water District
- Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

d. Local Land Use Planning Agencies.

The County of Kern, the City of Taft, the City of Maricopa, and for a very small portion the County of San Luis Obispo 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.

It is currently believed that there are no identifiable environmental users in the Management Area. With that said, the County will develop, maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all environmental users of groundwater in the Management Area as they are identified.

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.

It is currently believed that there are no identifiable surface water users in the Management Area. With that said, the County will develop, maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all surface water users in the Management Area as they are identified.

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

- The Federal Bureau of Prisons, Taft Federal Correctional Institute

h. California Native American Tribes.

- Tejon Tribe

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.

- Buttonwillow – unincorporated disadvantaged community

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
- 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.