



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

November 10, 2016

Sent via U.S. Postal Service & Electronic Mail MarkNordberg@water.ca.gov

Mr. Mark Nordberg, GSA Project Manager
Senior Engineering Geologist
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901 P Street, Room 213A
Post Office Box 942836
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Subject: Notice of Election to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the San Pasqual Valley and the San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basins

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10723.8, the City of San Diego (City), a political subdivision of the State of California, gives notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of the City's decision to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and to undertake sustainable groundwater management in each of the San Pasqual Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Basin No. 9-10) and the San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Basin No. 9-15) (Basins). The City overlies the Basins as indicated on the Exhibit maps included with Enclosure 1, within the boundary of the City's jurisdiction.

On October 25, 2016, the San Diego City Council (Council) held a public hearing in accordance with California Water Code Section 10723 (b). The public hearing was noticed in the Daily Journal in accordance with Government Code Section 6066 (Enclosure 2).

After holding the public hearing, the Council adopted Resolution Number R- 310746 (Enclosure 1), electing to become a GSA over the portion of the San Pasqual and San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basins within the jurisdiction of the City. No new bylaws, ordinances, or authorities were adopted by the City at that time.

The City is coordinating with other local agencies that overlie these two medium-priority basins within the County of San Diego (County) and intends to work cooperatively with these agencies to jointly manage groundwater in each Basin.

The Council authorized the City's Public Utilities Department (PUD) Director, Halla Razak, to negotiate inter-agency agreements with local public agencies overlying each of the groundwater basins, as necessary, for the purpose of implementing a cooperative and coordinated governance structure to sustainably manage each Basin.

To date, the County has provided notice to DWR of its intent to form GSAs over the San Pasqual and the San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basins. Also, the City of Santee



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and the Lakeside Water District have provided notice to DWR of each agency's intent to form a GSA, within its jurisdiction, over the San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin. No other entities within the City's proposed GSA boundaries have provided notice to DWR to become a GSA.

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10723.2, the City will consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). An initial list of stakeholders and interested parties is described below.

- a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights - The majority of individuals and entities exercising overlying groundwater rights within the two groundwater basins have a County well permit and compliance with the County's Groundwater Ordinance. Those entities include agricultural users, domestic well owners, other overlying groundwater users, and public and private land owners.
- b) Municipal well operators/water districts - City of San Diego, Padre Dam Municipal Water District (MWD), Helix Water District, and Lakeside Water District.
- c) Public water systems - Padre Dam MWD, Helix Water District and Lakeside Water District.
- d) Local land use planning agencies - County, cities of San Diego and Santee.
- e) Environmental users of groundwater.
- f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies.
- g) California Native American tribes - none.
- h) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems or ratepayers and domestic well owners.
- i) 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 - The County and cities of San Diego and Santee; Padre Dam MWD, Helix Water District and Lakeside Water District have filed, contributed and/or maintain California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) monitoring data with the DWR.

The City intends to work cooperatively with stakeholders to develop and implement GSPs for the Basins and will maintain a list of interested parties to be included in the formation of the GSP.

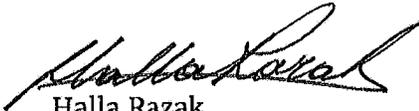
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Mr. Mark Nordberg, GSA Project Manager
November 10, 2016

The following information is included in this notice and transmittal pursuant to California Water Code Section 10723.8 (a):

1. City of San Diego Resolution No. R- 310746 (with Exhibit A and B – San Pasqual and San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin Maps, respectively)
2. Notice of Public Hearing Pursuant to Government Code Section 6066
3. City of San Diego GSA Boundary Shape Files

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact the City PUD Long-Range Planning & Water Resources Division Program Manager, George Adrian, at (619) 533-4680 or via email at GAdrian@sandiego.gov.

Sincerely,



Halla Razak
Director, Public Utilities Department

HR/slh

- Enclosures:
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 2. Notice of Public Hearing Pursuant to Government Code Section 6066
 3. City of San Diego GSA Boundary Shape File (electronic file only)

cc: Lee Ann Jones-Santos, Assistant Director, Public Utilities Department
Lan C. Wiborg, Deputy Director, Long-Range Planning & Water Resources Division
George Adrian, Program Manager, Long-Range Planning & Water Resources Division
Sandra Carlson, Associate Civil Engineer, Long-Range Planning & Water Resources Division

Enclosure 1

**City of San Diego Resolution No. R-310746 (with Exhibit A and B –
San Pasqual and San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin Maps,
respectively)**

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 310746

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE NOV 07 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO BECOME
A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR
THE SAN PASQUAL VALLEY AND SAN DIEGO RIVER
VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASINS.

WHEREAS, in 2014, the California Legislature and the Governor passed into law the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for best management of groundwater resources in California through the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and through preparation and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs); and

WHEREAS, The City has two groundwater basins that need to be managed by forming a GSA and that are governed by SGMA legislation, the San Pasqual Valley Groundwater Basin and the San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin extending from Santee in the west to El Capitan Reservoir in the east, and a GSA must be formed for each basin by June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2016, the County of San Diego held a public hearing and approved a resolution to elect to become a GSA over the San Pasqual Valley and the San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basins starting a 90-day window within which the City must declare to become a GSA within any overlapping areas of the two groundwater basins; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department believes it is essential that the City is part of these GSAs, as SGMA provides GSAs with access to various powers and authorities to ensure sustainable management and will confirm the City's role as the local groundwater management agency, ensure access to SGMA authorities, and preserve access to grant funding or other opportunities that may be limited to GSAs; and

WHEREAS, under the San Diego Charter section 99, a two-thirds vote of the Council is required for passage of this ordinance. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

1. The Mayor or his designee is authorized to sign a resolution for the City of San Diego to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency over each of the San Pasqual Valley and San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basins.

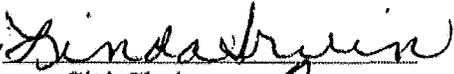
APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By 
 Raymond C. Palmucci
 Deputy City Attorney

RCP:mt
 October 7, 2016
 Or.Dept:Public Utilites
 Doc. No. 1372206

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of OCT 25 2016

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
 City Clerk

By 
 Deputy City Clerk


 KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Approved: 10/31/16
 (date)

Vetoed: _____
 (date)

 KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on OCT 25 2016, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Sherri Lightner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lorie Zapf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Gloria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Myrtle Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Kersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Sherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Alvarez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marti Emerald	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage NOV 07 2016.

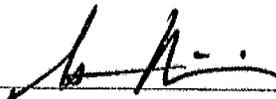
(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

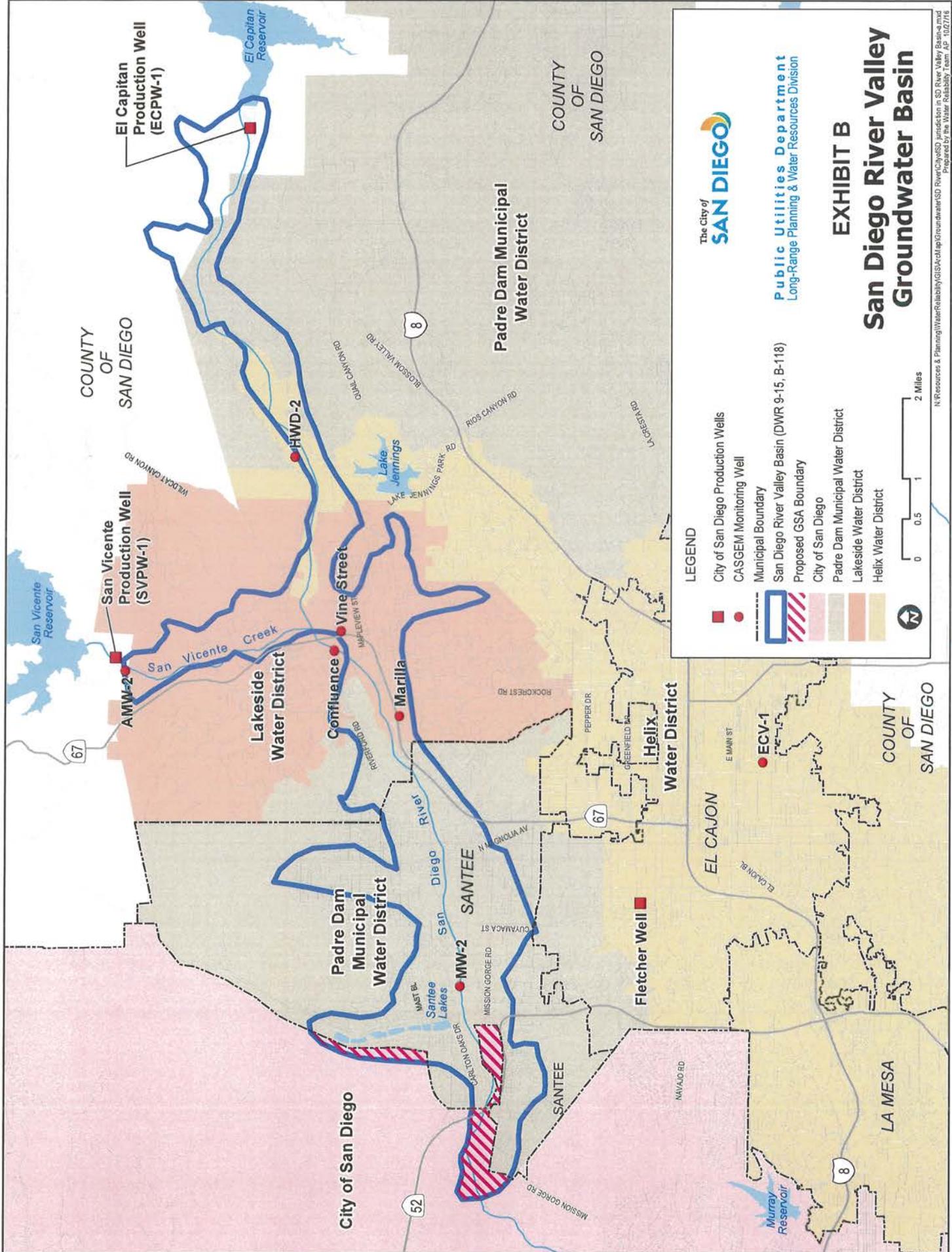
KEVIN L. FAULCONER
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

By , Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California
Resolution Number R- 310746



Public Utilities Department
Long-Range Planning & Water Resources Division

EXHIBIT B

San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin

LEGEND

- City of San Diego Production Wells
- CASSEM Monitoring Well
- Municipal Boundary
- San Diego River Valley Basin (DWR 9-15, B-118) Proposed GSA Boundary
- City of San Diego
- Padre Dam Municipal Water District
- Lakeside Water District
- Helix Water District



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Prepared by the Water Reliability Team AP. 10/27/16

Enclosure 2

Notice of Public Hearing Pursuant to Government Code Section
6066

THE DAILY TRANSCRIPT

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SAN DIEGO CITY CLERK (LEAD ACCT)
202 C STREET MS 2A
SAN DIEGO, CA - 92101

SD #: 2933928

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING

DATE OF MEETING: TUESDAY,
OCTOBER, 25, 2016

TIME OF MEETING: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING: COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 12TH FLOOR, CITY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 202 "C"
STREET, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,
92101

PROJECT NAME: RESOLUTION
REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZING THE
CITY TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY OVER
EACH OF THE SAN PASQUAL VALLEY
AND SAN DIEGO RIVER VALLEY
GROUNDWATER BASINS

APPLICANT: City of San Diego Public
Utilities

COMMUNITY
PLAN AREA: Citywide

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT CITY PROJECT
MANAGER/PHONE: Sandra Carlson at
(619) 533-4235 /
CarlsonS@sandiego.gov

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS A NOTICE
TO INFORM YOU, as a property owner,
tenant or interested citizen, that the
Council of the City of San Diego,
California will conduct a public
hearing, as part of a scheduled City
Council meeting, on the following
project:

Notice is hereby given that the Council of
the City of San Diego will consider
authorizing the City to become a
Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
over each of the San Pasqual Valley and
San Diego River Valley Groundwater
Basins, per California Water Code
Sections 10723 to 10727. In 2014, the
California Legislature and the Governor
passed into law the Sustainable
Groundwater Management Act (SGMA),
which provides a new framework for best
management of groundwater resources in
California. Implementation of SGMA is
achieved through the formation of GSAs
and through preparation and
implementation of Groundwater
Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The City has
two groundwater basins that are governed
by SGMA legislation, the San Pasqual
Valley Groundwater Basin and the San
Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin.
These two groundwater basins are
designated by the State as medium
priority basins and must comply with
SGMA requirements.

Once the GSA is formed, the City will then
be required to develop and implement a
GSP that provides a roadmap for
managing each basin on a sustainable
basis. The Public Utilities Department
believes it is essential for the City to be
part of these GSAs. SGMA provides
GSAs with access to various powers and
authorities to ensure sustainable

management. Becoming a GSA will
confirm the City's role as the local
groundwater management agency,
ensure access to SGMA authorities, and
preserve access to grant funding or other
opportunities that may be limited to GSAs.

The decision of the City Council is
final.

COMMUNICATIONS

This item may begin at any time after the
time specified. Any interested person may
address the City Council to express
support or opposition to this issue. Time
allotted to each speaker is determined
by the Chair and, in general, is limited
to three (3) minutes; moreover,
collective testimony by those in support or
opposition shall be limited to no more
than fifteen (15) minutes total per side.

Those unable to attend the hearing may
write a letter to the Mayor and City
Council, Attention: City Clerk, City
Administration Building, 202 "C" Street,
San Diego, CA 92101-3862, Mail Station
2A; OR you can reach us by E-mail at:
Hearings1@sandiego.gov or FAX:
(619) 533-4045. All communications will
be forwarded to the Mayor and Council.

If you wish to challenge the Council's
actions on the above proceedings in
court, you may be limited to raising only
those issues you or someone else raised
at the public hearing described in this
notice, or in written correspondence to the
City Council at or prior to the public
hearing. All correspondence should be
delivered to the City Clerk (at the above
address) to be included in the record of
the proceedings.

This material is available in alternative
formats upon request. To order
information in an alternative format, or
to arrange for a sign language or oral
interpreter for the meeting, please call
the City Clerk's office at least 5
working days prior to the meeting at
(619) 533-4000 (voice) or (619) 236-
7012 (TT).

ELIZABETH MALAND
SAN DIEGO CITY CLERK
10/11/16

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State of California)
County of SAN DIEGO) ss

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Ad Description:

RESOLUTION REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO
BECOME A GROUNDWA

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of California; 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 and publisher of THE
DAILY TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in the English language in the
city of SAN DIEGO, and adjudged a newspaper of general circulation as
defined by the laws of the State of California by the Superior Court of the
County of SAN DIEGO, State of California, under date of 05/13/2003, Case No.
GIC808715. 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:

10/10/2016

Executed on: 10/10/2016
At Los Angeles, California

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

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature



Email

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Enclosure 3

City of San Diego GSA Boundary Shape Files (included on CD-ROM)