



January 3, 2017

Mr. Mark Nordberg, GSA Project Manager
Senior Engineering Geologist
California Department of Water Resources
901 P Street, Room 213A
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Sacramento, CA 94236

Subject: Notice of Intent to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Portion of the San Jacinto Groundwater Basin within the Sphere of Influence of Eastern Municipal Water District Located in Western Riverside County

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8, the Eastern Municipal Water District (District), hereby notifies the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of its intent to become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the western portion of the San Jacinto Groundwater Basin, DWR Sub-Basin No. 8-005 as identified and defined in Bulletin 118, within the sphere of influence of the District located in western Riverside County (See Exhibit A). All applicable information required by Water Code Section 10723.8(a) is provided in this notification.

The District is a municipal water district formed in 1950 and operated under the provisions of Section 3 of the Municipal Water District Act of 1911, and has the authority to exercise powers related to groundwater management. The District is located in western Riverside County, and depends on the unadjudicated portion of the groundwater basin underlying the District's service area to help meet the water needs of its customers.

The District has been actively managing groundwater in this area for the last 21 years. As part of a voluntary Assembly Bill 3030 (AB3030) effort passed in 1992, and in accordance with Water Code Sections 10750-10756, the District adopted the West San Jacinto Groundwater Basin

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Groundwater Management Plan (Plan) in 1995. This Plan has been supported extensively throughout the management area and will serve as the foundation for the development and implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

In accordance with Water Code Section 10723.2, the District conducted an extensive public outreach effort to ensure that the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater would be considered in the formation of the GSA and development and implementation of the GSP. A list of all potential stakeholders was developed and used to conduct several one-on-one meetings with integral entities within the proposed GSA area to inform and build consensus for the District's intent to form a GSA for the western portion of the San Jacinto Groundwater Basin. In addition, the District held a public workshop concerning the formation of the GSA on September 27, 2016. Courtesy notices of this public workshop were mailed to:

- Box Springs Mutual Water Company
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Department of Water Resources
- City of Canyon Lake
- City of Menifee
- City of Moreno Valley
- City of Perris
- County of Riverside
- Edgemont Community Services District
- Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
- Highland Fairview Properties
- Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority
- March Air Reserve Base, Department of Defense
- March Joint Powers Commission
- Mead Valley Municipal Advisory Council
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Motte Mutual Water Company
- Nuevo Water Company
- Private Groundwater Producers
- Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region
- Riverside County Flood Control and Conservation District
- San Jacinto River Watershed Council
- Santa Ana River Watermaster
- Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
- Santa Margarita River Watermaster
- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- Valley Wide Recreation and Park District
- West San Jacinto Advisory Committee
- Western Municipal Water District
- Western Riverside County Agricultural Coalition

As part of the public workshop, the District provided an overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014 to all of the workshop participants, which included information on the District's intent to become the GSA for the western portion of the San Jacinto Groundwater Basin. As part of this process, the District developed and distributed

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a proposed governance structure to the stakeholders for the GSA (See Exhibit B). To ensure it is actively collaborating with the communities and interested parties it serves, the District will form an Advisory Community that will make recommendations to the District's publicly-elected Board of Directors, acting as the GSA. The Advisory Committee will include all interested stakeholders within the defined GSA area. The District has also received Letters of Support for its effort to be the GSA from stakeholders within the area (See Exhibit C).

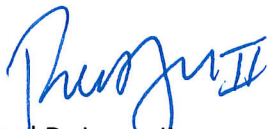
The District caused notice of its election to serve as a GSA to be published in the Press-Enterprise newspaper on October 30, 2016, and November 20, 2016 (See Exhibit D), in accordance with Water Code Section 10723(b) and Government Code Section 6066. The Press-Enterprise is a newspaper widely circulated throughout the proposed GSA management area.

On December 7, 2016, the District's Board of Directors held a public hearing concerning the formation of the GSA and unanimously approved Resolution No. 2016-135 (See Exhibit E), which directed District Staff to complete and submit this Notice of Intent to DWR. Additionally, no new bylaws, ordinances, or other authorities were adopted in conjunction with the establishment of the GSA.

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a)(4) the District will consider the interests of all beneficial users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSP's. The Advisory Committee, as described above and the District has committed to promptly establish, was carefully designed with stakeholder input to ensure that those parties listed in Water Code Section 10723.2 have an active, long-term role in development and operation of the GSA as well as implementation of the GSP. In addition, the District has communicated with all parties interested in the sustainable management of groundwater in the groundwater basin, and will continue to solicit feedback from those parties as the GSP is developed (See Exhibit F).

The District's, and other interested stakeholder's, roles and responsibilities will be further defined in the GSP. The District welcomes feedback during this process from the state and any of the agencies or organizations listed herein. If DWR requires anything further prior to the acceptance of this notification of the District's election to serve as the GSA for the western portion of the San Jacinto Groundwater Basin, please contact Mike Nusser, Water Resources Planning Manager, at (951) 928-3777 x4514, or nusserm@emwd.org.

Sincerely,



Paul D. Jones II
General Manager

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Attachments:

Exhibit A – Map of GSA Area

Exhibit B – GSA Governance Structure

Exhibit C – Letters of Support from Stakeholders

Exhibit D – Notices of Public Hearing

Exhibit E – Resolution

Exhibit F – List of Uses and Users of Groundwater

c: Joe Mouawad, EMWD
Kelley Gage, EMWD
Michael Nusser, EMWD

EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the West San Jacinto Basin

Exhibit A

San Jacinto Basin

Political Entities in the
Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin 8-5 (San Jacinto)

Legend

- Eastern Municipal Water District Boundary
- Adjudicated Groundwater Basins
- March Air Reserve Base
- Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians
- Water Agency
- Incorporated City
- Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin 8-05 (San Jacinto)
- West San Jacinto Groundwater Sustainability Agency Management Area



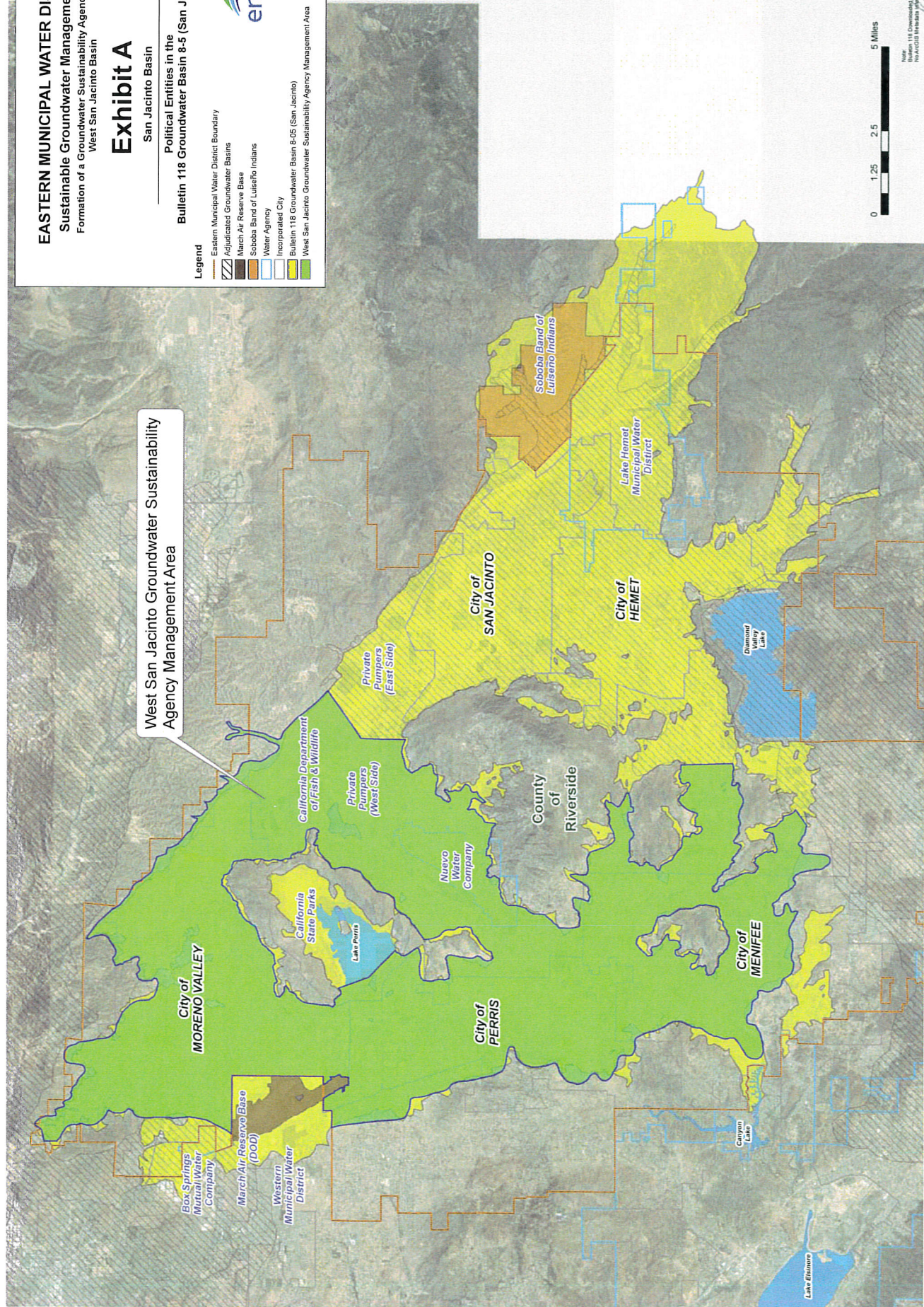
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Print Date: July 2014

Exhibit A



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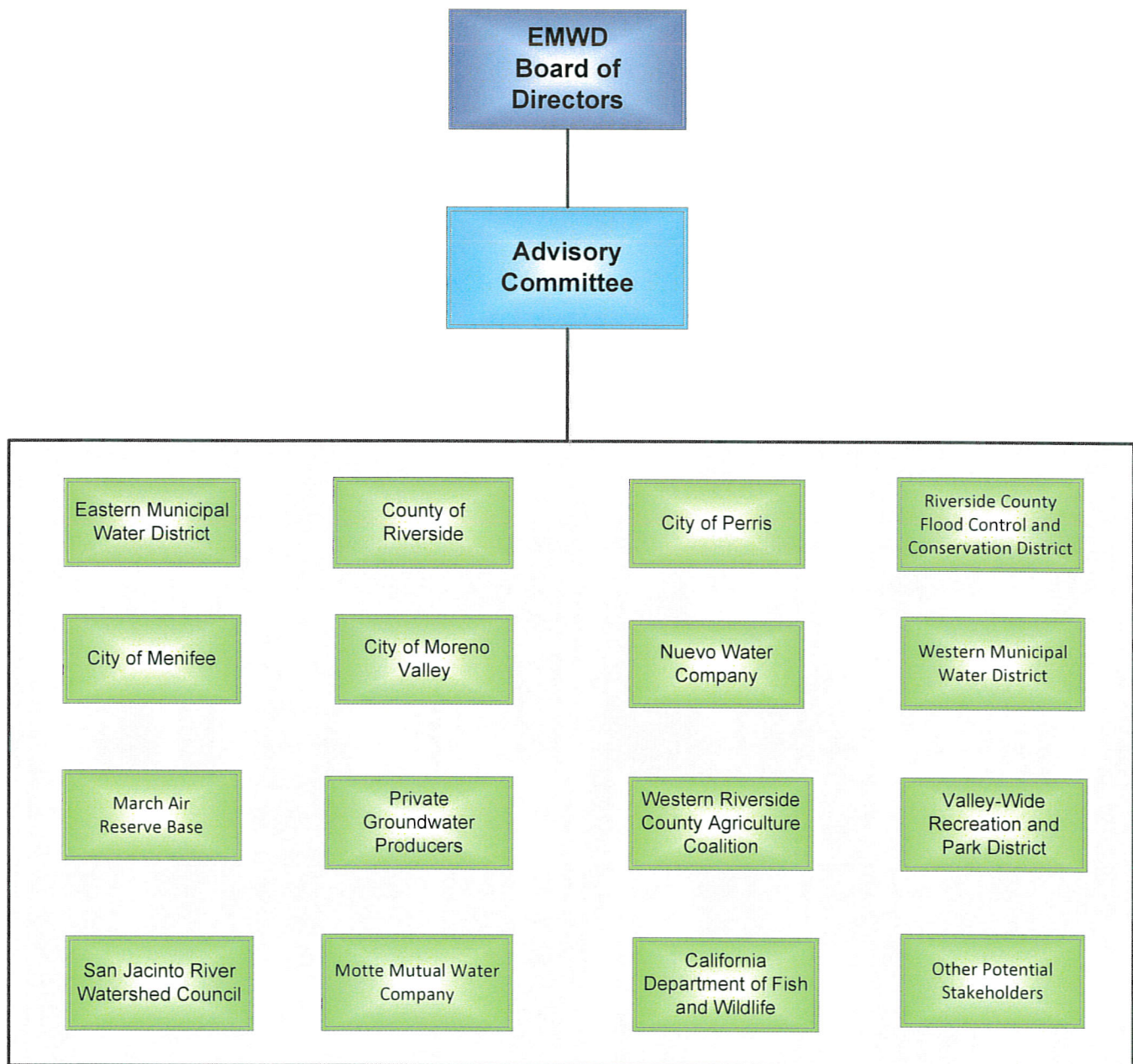
North Arrow: 118 Groundwater Basin 8-05 (San Jacinto)
Revised: 11-02-2018



Eastern Municipal Water District

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Proposed Governance Structure West San Jacinto Groundwater Sustainability Agency



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Date: September 19, 2016

Note:

Private Groundwater Producers will elect a primary and an alternate representative to the Advisory Committee

MOTTE MUTUAL WATER

Motte Mutual Water
445 South D Street
Perris, CA 92570

November 3, 2016

Paul D. Jones II, P.E.
General Manager
Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, CA 92572

Dear Mr. Jones:

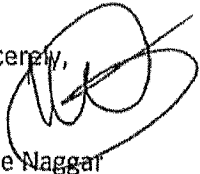
Motte Mutual Water had the pleasure of meeting with your agency on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). After hearing the presentation and getting the opportunity to have our questions answered, Motte Mutual Water is in support of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) forming and acting as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the West San Jacinto Groundwater Basin Management Area in full compliance with the requirements of SGMA.

Water Code Section 10723(a) requires that "Any local agency or combination of local agencies overlaying a groundwater basin may elect to be a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin." And that a GSA "shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans. These interests include [] all of the following: (a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights. [] (b) Municipal well operators. (c) Public water systems. (d) Local land use planning agencies. (e) Environmental users of groundwater. [] (g) The federal government []. []" (§ 10723.2)

The above statutory mandate makes it clear that Motte Mutual Water's interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA. We approve of the proposed governance structure of forming an Advisory Committee to the GSA Board. We understand that the proposed Advisory Committee will be comprised of the interested parties and stakeholders within the West San Jacinto Groundwater Basin Management Area and we look forward to participating on the committee. We also acknowledge that EMWD was instrumental in developing the Groundwater Management Plan in compliance with AB3030 and has been implementing the Plan since 1995. As such, EMWD is the most qualified agency to form and act as the GSA.

We appreciate your leadership in bringing the various organizations and parties together for this important effort.

Sincerely,



Mike Naggai
Manager, Motte Mutual Water



HIGHLAND FAIRVIEW
14225 Corporate Way
Moreno Valley, CA 92553
Tel: 951.867.5327

November 2, 2016

(Sent via email)

Paul D. Jones II, P.E.
General Manager
Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, CA 92572

Dear Mr. Jones:

After having the opportunity to hear your agency's presentation on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and answering the questions we had, Highland Fairview is in support of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) forming and acting as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the West San Jacinto Groundwater Basin Management Area in full compliance with the requirements of SGMA.

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Sincerely,

Brian R. Hixson, P.E.
Vice President of Land Development

John V. Rossi
General Manager

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Division 5



Securing Your Water Supply

November 10, 2016

Paul D. Jones II, P.E.
General Manager
Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, CA 92572

Dear Mr. Jones:

Paul,

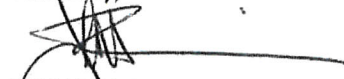
Upon hearing your agency's presentation on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and having our questions answered, Western Municipal Water District is in support of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) forming and acting as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the West San Jacinto Groundwater Basin Management Area in full compliance with the requirements of SGMA.

Water Code Section 10723(a) requires that, "Any local agency or combination of local agencies overlaying a groundwater basin may elect to be a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin." And that a GSA, "shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans. These interests include all of the following: (a) holders of overlying groundwater rights; (b) municipal well operators; (c) public water systems; (d) local land use planning agencies; (e) environmental users of groundwater; and (g) the federal government." (Refer to § 10723.2.)

The above statutory mandate makes it clear that Western Municipal Water District's interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA. We approve of the proposed governance structure of forming an Advisory Committee to the GSA Board. We understand that the proposed Advisory Committee will be comprised of the interested parties and stakeholders within the West San Jacinto Groundwater Basin Management Area and we look forward to participating on the committee. We also acknowledge that EMWD was instrumental in developing the Groundwater Management Plan (the Plan) in compliance with AB3030 and has implemented the Plan since 1995. As such, EMWD is the most qualified agency to form and act as the GSA.

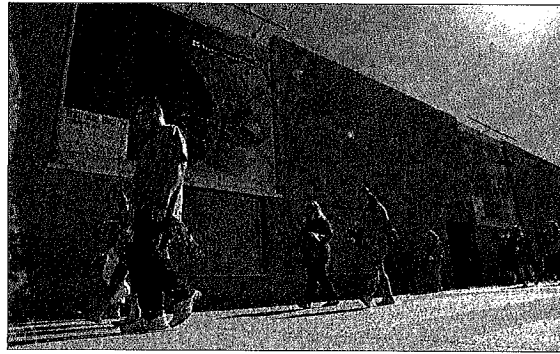
We appreciate your leadership in bringing the various organizations and parties together for this important effort.

Sincerely,


JOHN V. ROSSI
General Manager

FROM PAGE 1

"I just want authentic experiences and reviews," said Leslie McLellan, who organized the event.



Bloggers and their tour of Hemet's Western Science Center, one of many locales they visited

Bringing in travel writers is nothing new for communities like Temecula and Riverside, which ac-

the field. The impetus for these trips started when Lake Arrowhead-based McLellan met Thompson at a conference.

Thompson said she touts the valley's weather and affordability.

"The cost of visiting this region of Southern Califor-

And there's another plus, bloggers say.

She said there is anecdotal evidence that people have visited the community after reading travel blogs as the city has increased its

"There was about \$65,000 worth of publicity the last time."

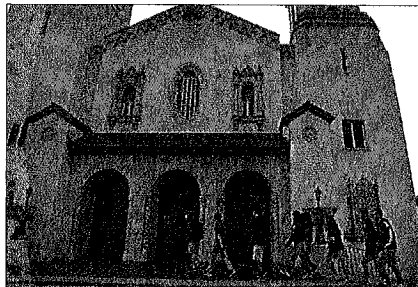
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FROM PAGE 11

'SENSE OF RESPECT'

It became a co-ed campus in 1972.



KURT MILLER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Notre Dame High School students make their way to Mass at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, across the street from campus in Riverside.

In 2013, Notre Dame became what Luttringer calls "an iPad school." Apple ta-

Notre Dame has class sizes of 18 students per teacher, making it easier

INTRODUCED

This year, the school began offering four academies: medical sciences; arts and innovation; global

Biology students recently took a trip to the UC Riverside genetics lab, where they learned about DNA sequencing, Beatty said.

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COURTESY OF BANK OF AMERICA

A student at Highgrove Elementary School in the Riverside area receives a bag of healthy treats.

STAFF REPORT

The farmers market-style event at the Riverside-area school - put on by Feeding America - provided healthy produce to

For every dollar donated to the program, the bank will donate \$2.

Information: **bankof**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-135

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EASTERN
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ELECTING TO BECOME THE
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR A WESTERN
PORTION OF THE SAN JACINTO BASIN WITHIN THE
BOUNDARIES AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR EASTERN
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, in September 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law, with an effective date of January 1, 2015, and codified at California Water Code, Section 10720 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to, among other goals, provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins and sub-basins defined by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide specified local agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723(a) authorizes a local agency with water supply, water management or local land use responsibilities, or a combination of local agencies, overlaying a groundwater basin to elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under SGMA; and

WHEREAS, groundwater management of high and medium priority basins as designated by DWR is now required; and

WHEREAS, the service area of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) overlies portions of the San Jacinto Basin (DWR Bulletin 118, Basin No. 8-005) which are unadjudicated and designated as a high priority basin by DWR; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10723.8 requires that a local agency electing to serve as a GSA notify DWR within 30 days of the local agency's election to become a GSA authorized to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a basin; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10723.8 mandates that 90 days following the posting by DWR of the local agency's notice of election to become a GSA, that entity shall presume to be the exclusive GSA for the area within the basin the agency is managing as described in the notice, provided that no other GSA formation notice covering the same area has been submitted to DWR; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Water Code Section 10723(b) and Government Code Section 6066, a notice of public hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation

regarding EMWD's intent to become a GSA for a portion of the San Jacinto Basin, as described in the notice; and

WHEREAS, becoming a GSA supports EMWD's ongoing efforts to conduct groundwater management within the region and to ensure groundwater and drinking water sustainability within the area served by EMWD;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. EMWD hereby elects to be the GSA for the geographical area depicted on the map attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, covering that portion of the unadjudicated San Jacinto Basin underlying (or within) the jurisdictional boundaries of EMWD.

2. EMWD staff is directed to submit to DWR, within 30 days of the approval of this Resolution, a map of the basin area EMWD intends to manage under SGMA, a copy of this Resolution, a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 of the Act with an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and implementation of the agency's groundwater sustainability plan, and any other supporting documentation required by SGMA to support EMWD's formation of a GSA.

3. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

DATED: December 7, 2016


Randy A. Record, President

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Municipal Water District at its meeting held on December 7, 2016.

ATTEST:


Sheila Zelaya, Board Secretary

(SEAL)

Western Portion of the San Jacinto Basin

Initial List of Uses and Users of Groundwater for the West San Jacinto Groundwater Sustainability Agency

As required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014, Eastern Municipal Water District (District) will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). An initial list of interested parties is provided in accordance with California Water Code section 10723.2 and 10723.8(a)(4). This list will continue to be updated during implementation of the District's GSP for the western portion of the San Jacinto Groundwater Basin.

- Holders of overlying groundwater rights:
 - Agricultural users: There are many agricultural wells within the GSA, most of whom have an existing relationship with the District. The District will communicate with landowners to assure that they understand their on-going opportunity to participate in the development of a GSP for the area.
 - Domestic well owners: There are some domestic wells within the GSA, however, the District anticipates that many will fall under SGMA's exclusions for de minimum extractors. As with agricultural users, the District will communicate with these landowners to assure that they understand their on-going opportunity to participate in development of a GSP for this area.
- Municipal Well Operators
 - Eastern Municipal Water District
 - Western Municipal Water District
- Public Water Systems
 - City of Perris
 - Motte Mutual Water Company
 - Nuevo Water Company
- Local Land Use Planning Agencies
 - Riverside County
 - Riverside County Flood Control and Conservation District
 - City of Moreno Valley
 - City of Perris
 - City of Menifee
 - Other Water and Irrigation Districts outside the GSA boundaries: The District provided courtesy notice of their intention to serve as the GSA to the City of Canyon Lake, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Santa Margarita River Watermaster, and Hemet-San Jacinto Watermaster, and will continue to communicate with and solicit feedback from these neighboring agencies as the GSP is developed.
- Environmental Users of Groundwater
 - California Department of Fish and Wildlife:

Exhibit F

- Surface Water Users, If there is a hydrological connection between surface and groundwater bodies:
 - N/A
- The Federal Government, including, but not limited to, the Military and Managers of Federal Lands:
 - March Air Reserve Base, Department of Defense
 - March Joint Powers Authority
- California Native American Tribes:
 - N/A
- Disadvantaged Communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems:
 - The District actively works with these communities through their Public and Governmental Affairs, and Grant and Loans, Departments. The District will continue to coordinate with all Disadvantaged Communities with the GSA Boundary.
- Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the GSA:
 - Eastern Municipal Water District participates in the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program for the entire San Jacinto Groundwater Basin.