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January 3, 2017

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RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources ("**DWR**") that the city of Patterson ("**City**") has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("**GSA**") pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8, and its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management for those portions of the Northern Delta-Mendota Subbasin ("**Basin**") that lie within the boundaries of the City. A map and shapefile showing the Basin and the City's limits, which is also the boundary of the proposed GSA, are attached as **Exhibits A and A-1**, respectively.

The City is in discussions with other agencies overlying the Basin and is interested in working cooperatively with them. To the best of the City's knowledge, the other entities that have already formed a GSA or are considering formation of a GSA within the Basin's boundaries currently include:

1. Patterson Irrigation District
2. West Stanislaus Irrigation District
3. San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority
4. Del Puerto Water District
5. Stanislaus County

The City recently collaborated with Patterson Irrigation District, an agency already recognized as an exclusive GSA for the area it defined as its GSA boundaries, on a boundary adjustment for the eastern portion of the City's GSA area. This boundary adjustment is reflected in the attached GSA boundary map and will be included in a revised submittal on behalf of Patterson Irrigation District.

The City is also currently working with Del Puerto Water District (“DPWD”) for the detachment of parcels that are within both the city limits and DPWD’s service area. The attached GSA boundary map reflects these changes.

A copy of the resolution electing to become a GSA for the Subbasin is attached in **Exhibit B**.

The City did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinance, or new authorities to elect to become a GSA.

Prior to the election to become a GSA, a public hearing was held on December 6, 2016 pursuant to Water Code section 10723(b). The proof of publication is included as **Exhibit C**.

As required by Water Code section 10723.8(a)(4), the City developed a list of interested parties, and this list will continue to be amended as necessary during the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) development process. As required by the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”), the City will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater within the Basin, as well as those responsible for developing GSPs. The City will solicit feedback and participate in discussions with interested parties during GSP development. These interests include, but are not limited to the following:

- ***Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:*** 1) *Agriculture users.* There are a limited number of agricultural users within the City. The City will engage directly with those users. 2) *Domestic well owners.* There are a limited number of domestic well owners within the City. The City will consider the interest of these owners and conduct outreach when and where appropriate in developing a GSP and governing the GSA.
- ***Municipal well operators.*** The City operates nine municipal wells within the City’s GSA area. There are no other municipal well operators within the City’s GSA area.
- ***Public water systems.*** The City operates and maintains Public Water System No. 5010017. The City will work with Stanislaus County and the Division of Drinking Water to identify any other public water system within the City’s GSA service area.
- ***Local land use planning agencies.*** The City is the local land use and planning agency within the City’s GSA area. Outside the City limits, the City will continue to work with Stanislaus County and the Stanislaus Local Agency Formation Commission (“LAFCO”) regarding SGMA implementation for the unincorporated areas within Stanislaus County and within the Basin.
- ***Environmental users of groundwater.*** The City will work with any agencies proposing environmental uses of the groundwater within the GSA.
- ***Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater flows.*** The City does not currently use surface water resources.

However, the City will continue to collaborate with surface water users and providers within the Basin in consideration of GSP development.

- ***The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.*** The City will continue to work with federal government agencies as it pertains to SGMA.
- ***California Native American Tribes.*** There are no known California Native American Tribes within the boundaries of the City GSA.
- ***Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.*** The City will work with agencies within the Basin to collaborate with and consider the disadvantaged communities in the Basin during the GSP development.
- ***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 a GSA.*** The City will coordinate with Stanislaus County and the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority to continue to collect data during GSP development.

The City intends to work cooperatively with other agencies, water providers, and other interested stakeholders regarding the sustainable management of groundwater within the Basin. The City intends to use its existing City Council to govern the GSA.

With this notification, the City has provided DWR with all the applicable information required to become a GSA as detailed in Water Code section 10723.8(a). If further information is required, please contact me at (209) 895-8010 or email kirwin@ci.patterson.ca.us.

Sincerely,

City of Patterson



Ken Irwin
City Manager

Cc: Mike Willett, Public Works Director
Fernando Ulloa, Engineering Director
Doug White, City Attorney

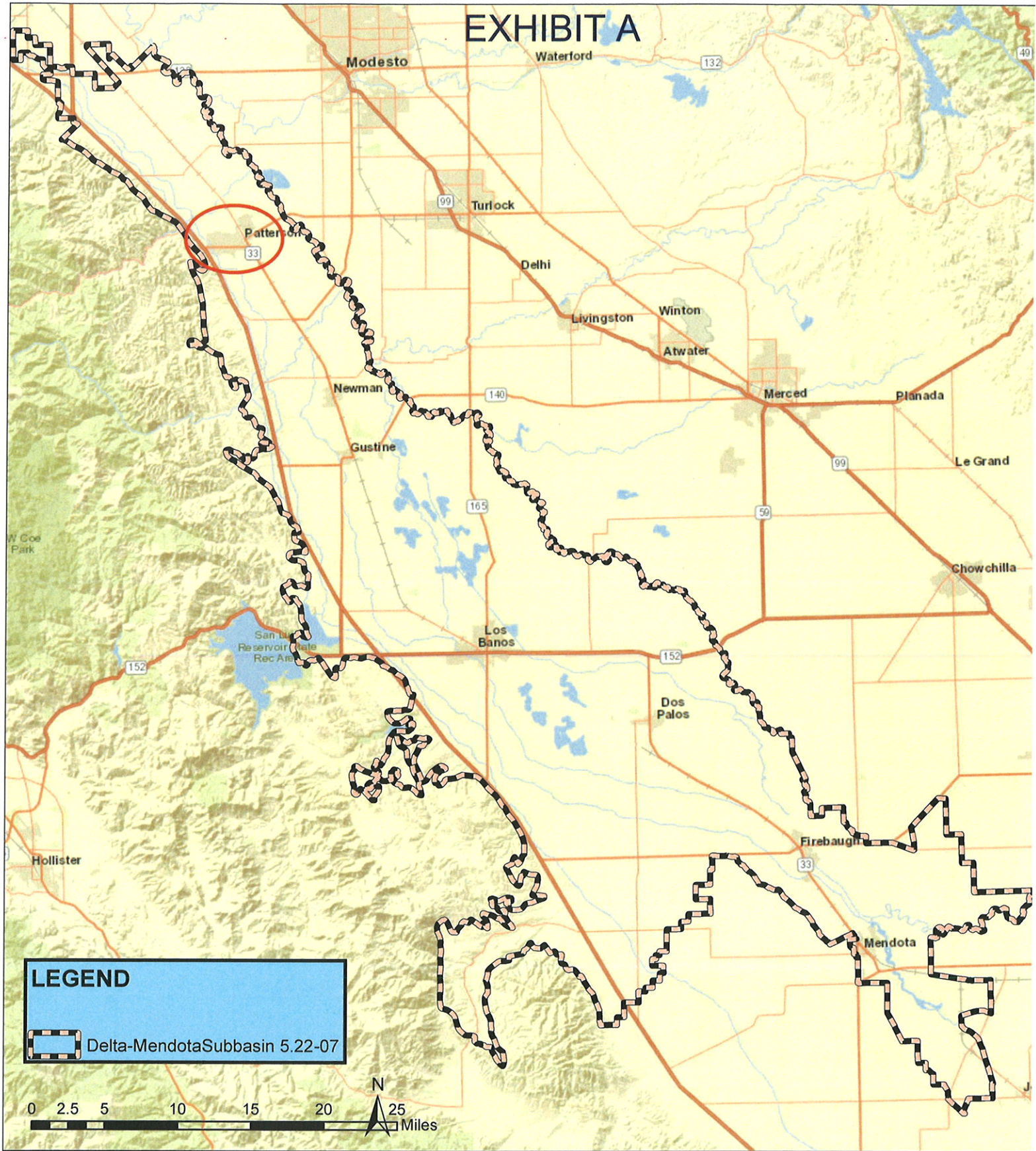
Attachments:

Exhibit A – Map/GIS shape file of the city of Patterson and the Northern Delta-Mendota Subbasin

Exhibit B – Copy of resolution of election to become a GSA

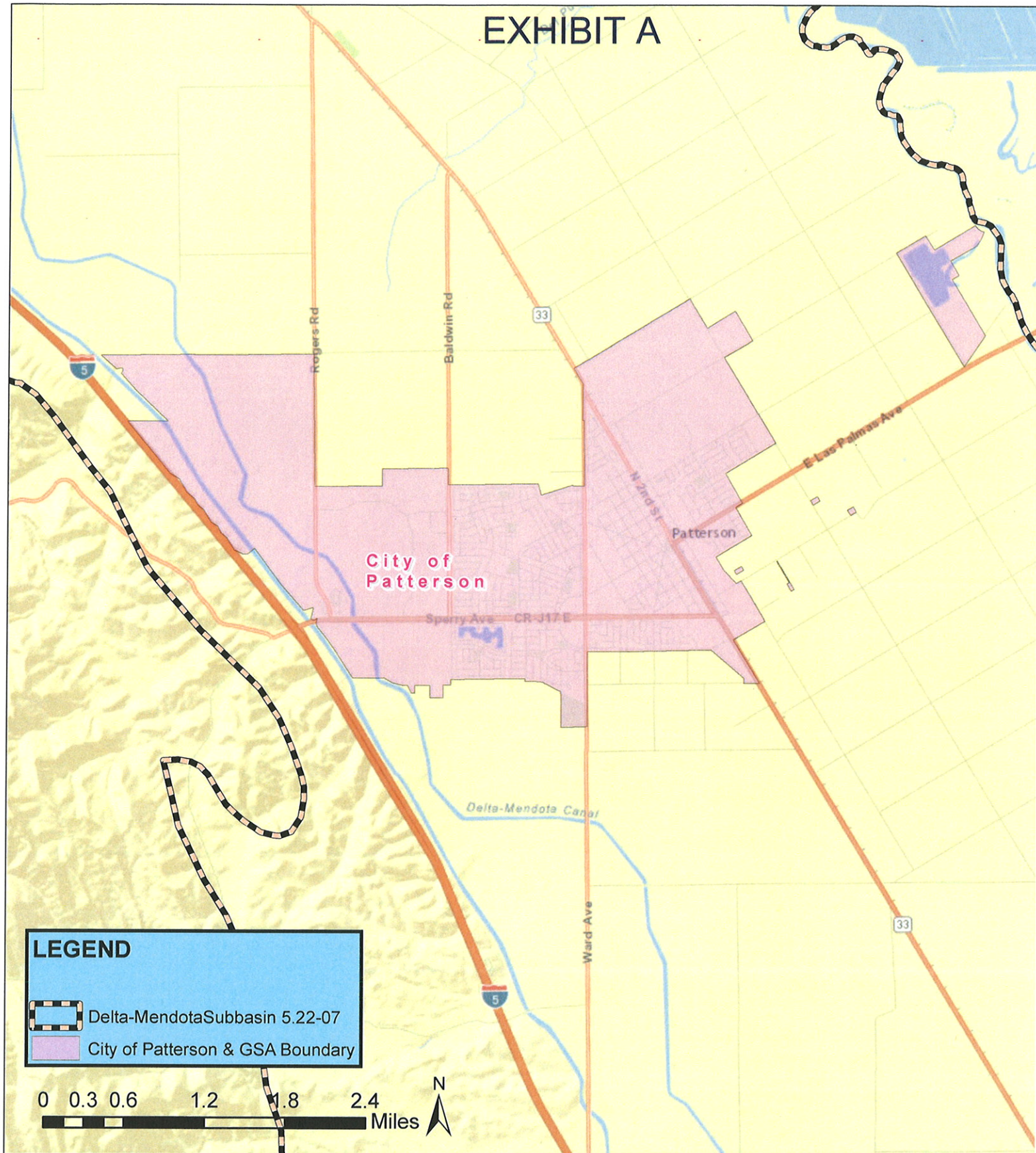
Exhibit C – Proof of publication for public hearing

EXHIBIT A



Delta-Mendota Subbasin

EXHIBIT A



City of Patterson GSA Boundary

Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

EXHIBIT B

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-90

RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

WHEREAS, SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Basin (Basin) has been designated by DWR as a critically overdraft high priority basin; and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes any local agency overlying the Basin to elect to become a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the city of Patterson (City) is a local agency as defined under SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.2 of SGMA requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.8 of SGMA requires that a local agency electing to be a GSA to notify DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a basin; and

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on December 6, 2016 after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code Section 6066 to consider the adoption of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City hereby elects to become a groundwater sustainability agency for those portions of the Basin lying within its boundaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will develop an outreach program to include all stakeholders to ensure that all beneficial uses and users of groundwater are considered.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City are authorized
2 to submit to DWR on behalf of the City a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater
3 management in accordance with SGMA (Part 2.74 of the Water Code).

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5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such notification shall include the boundaries of
6 the Sub-basin that the City intends to manage, which shall include the lands within the City
7 limits, a copy of this resolution, a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section
8 10723.2 of the SGMA, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the
9 development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of the GSA's
10 groundwater sustainability plan.

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12 The foregoing resolution was passed by the City Council of the City of Patterson at a regular
13 meeting held on the 6th day of December 2016, by Mayor Pro Tem Novelli, who moved its
14 adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember McCord, and the resolution
15 adopted by the following vote:

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17 YES: Councilmembers McCord, Novelli, La Torre and Mayor Molina

18 NOES: None

19 EXCUSED: Councilmember Farinha
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22 APPROVED:

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26 Luis I. Molina, Mayor of the City of Patterson
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29 ATTEST:

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34 Maricela L. Vela, City Clerk of the City of Patterson
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1 I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, correct and true copy of a resolution passed by
2 the City Council of the City of Patterson, a Municipal Corporation of the County of Stanislaus,
3 State of California, at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of December 2016, and I further
4 certify that said resolution is in full force and effect and has never been rescinded or modified.

5 **DATED:** December 15, 2016
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8 **City Clerk of the City of Patterson**

Maricela L. Vela

Tracy Press

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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(2015.5 C.C.P.)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA County of San Joaquin

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 part to or interested in the above entitled matter; I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Tracy Press, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published one time a week on Friday in the City of Tracy, California, County of San Joaquin, and which of newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court, Department 4, of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, under the date of June 30, 1952, Case Number 53686; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit;

November 18, 25, December 2

all in the year, 2016

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

Dated at Tracy, California, this 14
day of December 2016



Signature

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Public Notice #0612

City of Patterson

Notice of Public Hearing:

December 6, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE

#0612

CITY OF PATTERSON
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("GSA") UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2014 FOR THE DELTA-MENDOTA SUBBASIN

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FURTHER INFORMATION on the above may be obtained at the city of Patterson City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor or by calling (209) 895-8014 or email cityclerk@ci.patterson.ca.us

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATTERSON.

Tracy Press: November 18, 25 & December 2, 2016

EXHIBIT C

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Stanislaus

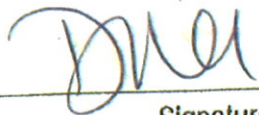
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Patterson Irrigator, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published once a week on Thursdays, in the city of Patterson, California, County of Stanislaus, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court, of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, under the date of June 23, 1952, Case Number 47304; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

11/24, 12/1

all in the year 2016

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

Dated at Patterson, California, this 1
day of December, 2016



Signature

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Proof of Publication of

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DATES ADVERTISED: November 23, 2016 & December 1, 2016

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