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March 1, 2017

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**Re: South Delta Water Agency Notice of Election to Act as a
Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of
the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin**

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that the South Delta Water Agency (SDWA or Agency) 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 that portion of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 5.22-01) (Basin) that lies solely within the boundaries of the Agency, with the exception of any parts of the Agency overlain by other agencies. A map showing the Basin and the Agency area (except segments overlain by any other agency), which is also the proposed boundary of the GSA is attached as Exhibit "A".

The Agency is engaged in regular discussion with other agencies overlying the Basin, and is committed to working cooperatively with these agencies.

A copy of the Resolution electing to become a GSA for the Basin is attached as Exhibit "B".

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

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Prior to the election to become a GSA, a public hearing was held on March 1, 2017, pursuant to Water Code section 10723(b).

As required by Water Code section 10723.2, the South Delta Water Agency developed a list of interest parties, and this list will continue to be amended as necessary during the development process for the local Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). As required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the South Delta Water Agency will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those entities responsible for developing GSPs. These interests include, but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:
 - (1) Agricultural users. The proposed GSA is predominately rural and made up of agricultural and rural residential properties with a limited number of marinas which include some limited residential use. There are few, if any agricultural wells.
 - (2) Domestic Well owners. There are domestic wells within the GSA, however based on the existing groundwater conditions and levels in the area that currently exist, or are anticipated to exist in the future, the GSA expects the GSP to exclude such domestic wells.
- (b) Municipal well operators. Currently, there are no municipal well operators within the GSA.
- (c) Public water systems. Currently, there are a limited number of marina related public water systems within the GSA.
- (d) Local land use planning agencies. San Joaquin County is a planning agency, within which boundaries the GSA is located. The Agency has a long history of cooperation and close coordination with San Joaquin County and will continue in that capacity.
- (e) Environmental users of groundwater. No such users have been identified.
- (f) Surface water users. There appears to be a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies in the proposed GSA.
- (g) The federal government including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands. The Agency will coordinate with such agencies, but is not aware of their water use within the proposed GSA.

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- (h) California Native American Tribes. The Agency will coordinate with any such users.
- (i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems. The Agency will cooperate with San Joaquin County to work with any disadvantaged communities within the GSA that may be relying on groundwater.
- (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. San Joaquin County collects groundwater data, as part of the CASGEM monitoring program. The Agency will coordinate closely with the County in regards to this data.

The Agency, as an active GSA, intends to proactively and openly consult with other agencies, municipalities, San Joaquin County, and the State of California, regarding the management of the groundwater within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. The Agency Board of Directors will govern the GSA.

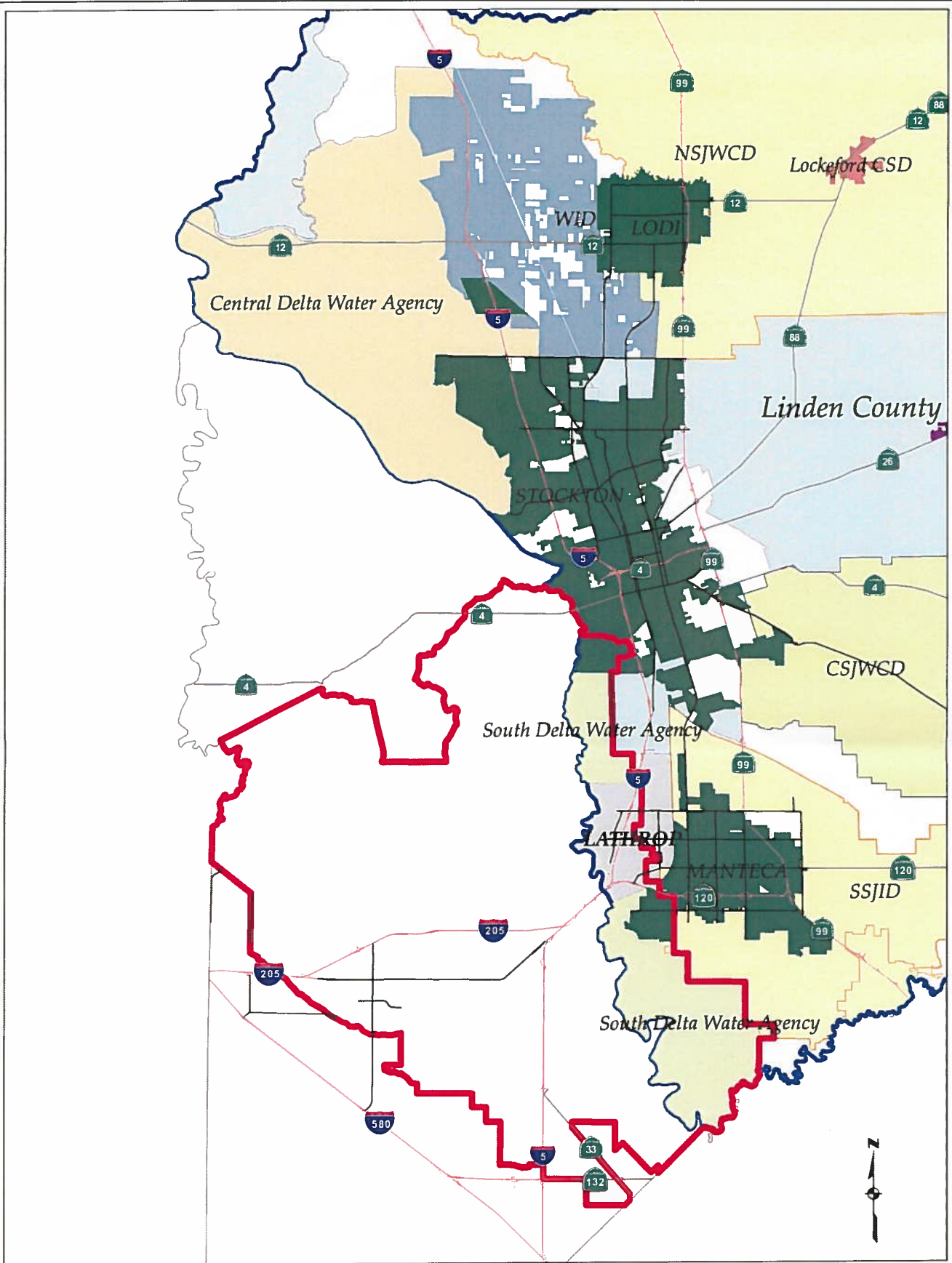
If the Department of Water Resources requires additional information, please contact John Herrick, Esq., Manager and Counsel at (209) 956-0150.

Very Truly Yours,


John Herrick, Esq.
Manager and Co-Counsel

Attachments:

- Exhibit A: Map of South Delta Water Agency proposed GSA Boundary
- Exhibit B: South Delta Water Agency Resolution to file as a GSA



1" = 16,771'

SDWA Eastern San Joaquin SDWA GSA Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin

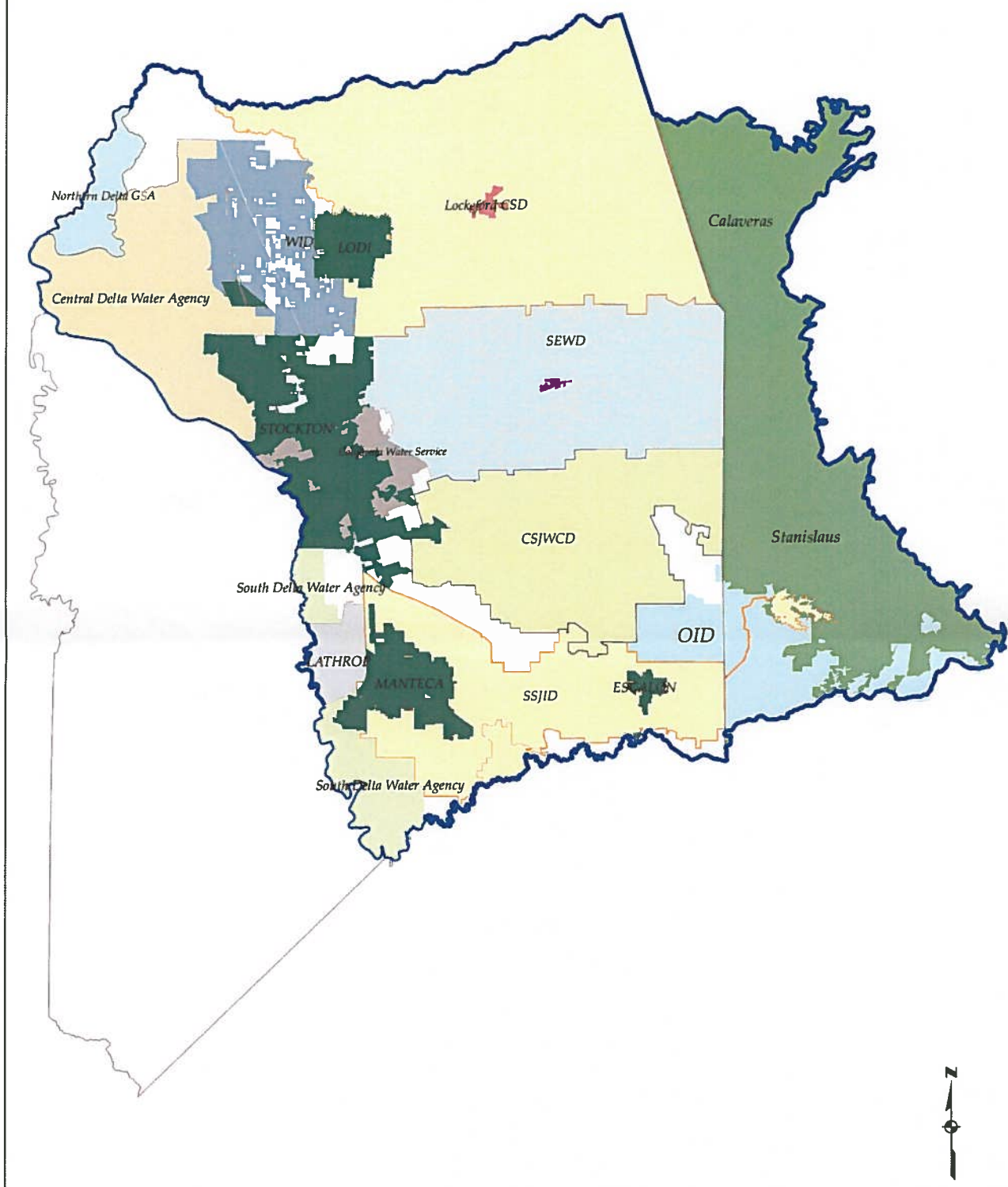


Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin
(Groundwater Sustainability Agencies)
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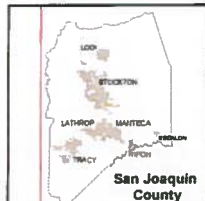
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RESOLUTION NO. 1599

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH DELTA WATER
AGENCY ELECTING TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT
WITHIN THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SUB-BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature and 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, the Legislature adopted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, that went into effect on January 1, 2015, which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the 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 Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin (Basin) has been designated by DWR as a high priority Basin; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA authorizes any local agency, or combination of local agencies overlying the Basin, to elect to become a GSA; and

WHEREAS, where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, the SGMA calls on local agencies to cooperate to manage the Basin in a sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, the South Delta Water Agency (Agency) is a local agency as defined under the SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.2 of the 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 (GSP); and

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

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Agency to work cooperatively with the Stockton East Water District, the cities of Lodi and Stockton, the Woodbridge Irrigation District, the California Water Service, the County of San Joaquin, and other involved water agencies or interests as may be appropriate, to manage the Basin in a sustainable fashion; and

EXHIBIT "B"

WHEREAS, the Agency has provided informal notice of its interest in serving as the GSA for its boundaries by means of communications with neighboring water agencies, cities and the County of San Joaquin; and

WHEREAS, the District provided public notice, pursuant to Government Code section 6066, of its intention to hold a hearing concerning its establishment of a GSA; and

WHEREAS, the Agency held a public hearing on March 1, 2017, to consider whether it should become the GSA for the portion of the Basin underlying a portion of its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Agency wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the South Delta Water Agency elects that the South Delta Water Agency become a GSA for the portion of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin shown on Exhibit "A"; and

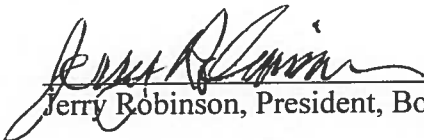
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the boundaries of the GSA for which the South Delta Water Agency intends to manage is for that area within the Agency's current boundaries as indicated in the map that is attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Agency staff are hereby directed to provide notice of this election to the DWR in the manner required by law, and

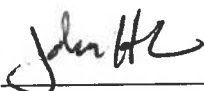
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Agency staff are hereby directed to coordinate with neighboring GSAs that may be established in order to begin the process of developing a GSP for the Basin, as indicated by the SGMA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the South Delta Water Agency at a regular meeting on March 1, 2017, by the following vote of the members thereof:

Ayes:	Jerry Robinson, Nat Bacchetti, Mary Hildebrand, Jack Alvarez
Noes:	None
Absent:	Robert Ferguson
Abstain:	None


Jerry Robinson, President, Board of Directors

Attest:



John Herrick, Esq.
Manager and Co-Counsel