

Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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**RE: NOTICE OF THE CENTRAL KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY'S ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY FOR A PORTION OF THE KINGS SUBBASIN**

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10723.8 of the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency") provides this notice to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") of its election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") and to undertake sustainable groundwater management in the portion of the Kings Subbasin (DWR Bulletin 118 Subbasin 5-22.08) underlying the Agency's boundary as indicated on the map attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**. The Agency is comprised of a number of local agencies that plan to have memoranda of understanding with Consolidated Irrigation District. Copies of the memoranda of understanding will be forwarded to you upon full execution. The local agencies that will comprise the Agency include: Consolidated Irrigation District, the County of Fresno, the County of Kings and the County of Tulare.

On February 8, 2017, the Consolidated Irrigation District, acting as the Agency, opened a noticed public hearing in accordance with California Water Code Section 10723(b). The public hearing was closed on March 8, 2017. Proof of publication of notice of the public hearing, in accordance with Government Code Section 6066, is attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"**.

After holding the public hearing, the Consolidated Irrigation District's Board of Directors, acting as the Agency, adopted Resolution No. 2017-03-01, attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"**, electing to become a GSA pursuant to SGMA for the portion of the Kings Subbasin within the boundaries of the Agency. The Agency intends to work collaboratively with other formed GSA's in the Kings Subbasin to jointly manage groundwater and to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"). The Agency is planning to negotiate a memorandum of understanding, cooperative

agreements, or other forms of agreements with other formed GSA's within the Kings Subbasin for the purpose of implementing cooperative, coordinate structure for the management of groundwater and the development of a GSP.

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10723.2, the Agency shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing a GSP. An initial list of stakeholders and interested parties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:
 - 1) Agricultural users –
Approximately 90% of the Agency's area is composed of agricultural users. Representatives of the agricultural community are currently involved in Agency committees and subcommittees. Agricultural users are also represented on the Board of Directors. In addition, additional agricultural users could seek representation through public meetings and a technical advisory committee
 - 2) Domestic well owners –
Domestic well owners are represented on the Board of Directors. In addition, domestic well owners could seek representation a technical advisory committee. However, because SGMA excludes "de minimis extractors", it is anticipated that the GSP will exclude domestic wells from such requirements.
- b) Municipal well operators – Several incorporated cities and other municipal well operators exist within the Agency's boundary and they have been invited to participate through memoranda of understanding and through committee activities. These include the City of Selma, City of Sanger, City of Parlier, City of Kingsburg, City of Fowler, Del Rey Community Services District, and Caruthers Community Services District. Cal Water is also a manager of water through at least one of the cities.
- c) Public Water Systems – Public water system operators within the Agency not included in the municipal well operator category above include the County of Fresno, County of Tulare, County of Kings and Consolidated Irrigation District. The Counties are each entering into a memorandum of understanding with Consolidated Irrigation District.
- d) Local land use planning agencies – The County of Fresno, the County of Tulare, the County of Kings, the City of Selma, the City of Sanger, the City of Parlier, the City of Kingsburg and the City of Fowler are planning on participating through memoranda of understanding and through committee activities.
- e) Environmental users of groundwater – At this time, the Agency is not aware of any environmental users of groundwater within the Agency's boundaries.

- f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies – It is unknown at this time if such users exist in the Kings Subbasin. The Agency will consider and evaluate whether such users do exist.
- g) The Federal Government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands – There are no other known lands owned or operated by the Federal Government within the Agency's boundaries.
- h) California Native American tribes – The Agency submitted a Sacred Lands File & Native American Contacts List Request to the Native American Heritage Commission on February 21, 2017. A representative from local tribes could seek representation as an interested party on a committee of the Agency or through public participation.
- i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems – Much of the area within the Agency's boundaries is categorized as Disadvantaged Communities (DACs). The smaller DACs include the communities of Del Rey and Caruthers.
- j) 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 the groundwater sustainability agency – The Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) is the California Statewide Groundwater Monitoring Program (CASGEM) monitoring entity for the Kings Subbasin. KRCD compiles groundwater measurement data from local agencies and inputs the collected data to CASGEM.

The Agency intends to work cooperatively with stakeholders to develop and implement a GSP by collaborating with other qualified GSA's in the Kings Subbasin. The Agency shall maintain a list of interested parties to be included in the formation of a GSP. Interested parties will have opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input to the Agency throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA and GSP. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to, public comment during the Agency's regular and special meetings and committee meetings, and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8(a). By this notification, the Agency has provided DWR with all applicable information in California Water Code section 10723.8(a).

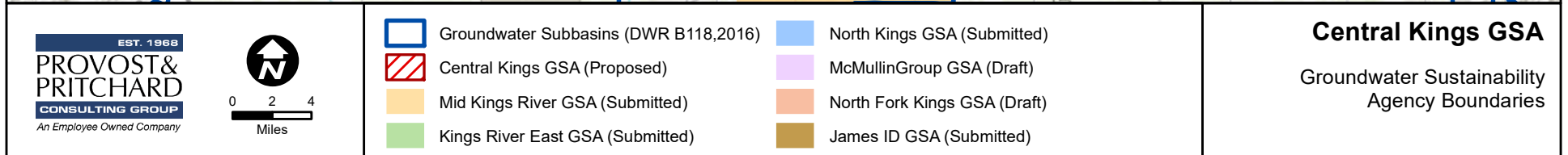
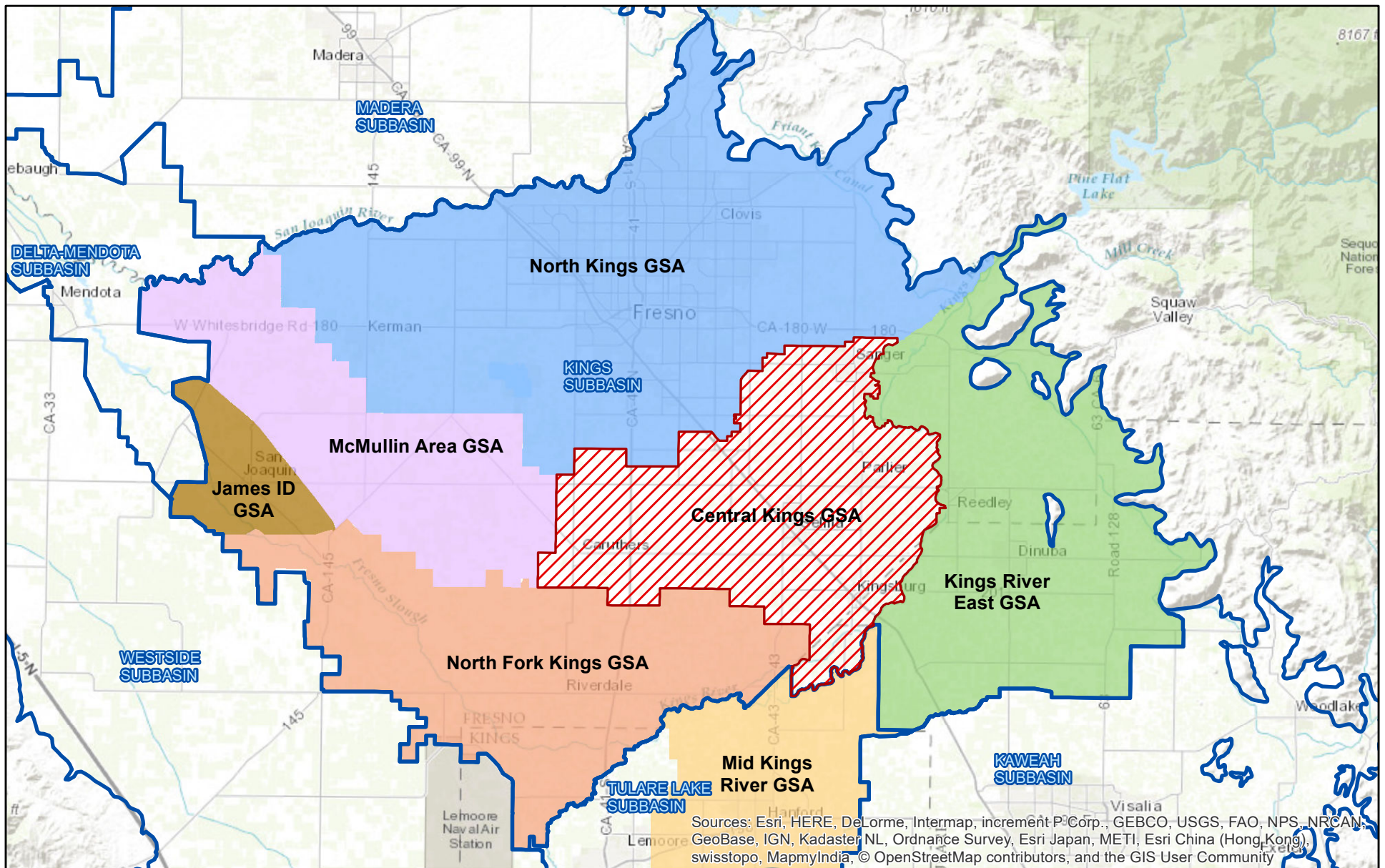
Sincerely,



Phil Desatoff
General Manager
Consolidated Irrigation District

Exhibits:

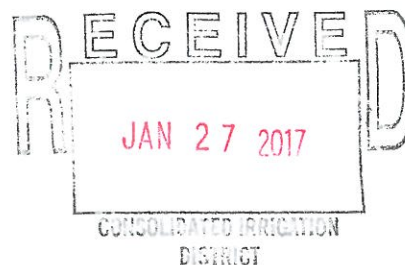
- Exhibit "A": GSA Map
- Exhibit "B": Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing
- Exhibit "C": Resolution 2017-03-01



*** Proof of Publication ***

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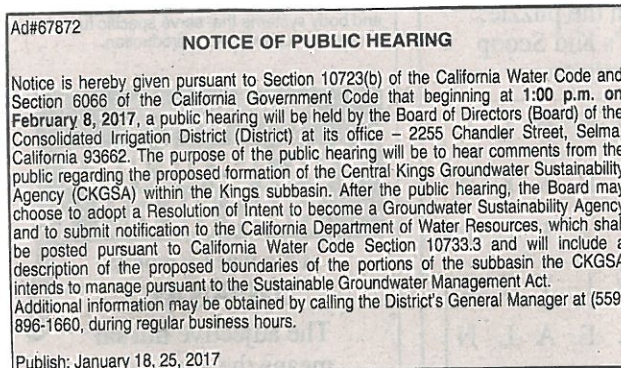
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I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county forsaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a part to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of The Selma Enterprise Kingsburg Recorder, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily in the city of Selma and Kingsburg, County of Fresno, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the superior court of the County of Fresno, State of California, under the date of July 8, 1952, case number 86769(Selma), and September 20, 1953, case number 84716 (Kingsburg).

That I know from my own personal knowledge 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:

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

Dated at Fresno County, California

This Day 25 of January, 2017.

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

EXHIBIT "C"

CENTRAL KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT ACTING AS THE
CENTRAL KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT
ACT FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE KINGS SUBBASIN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES
OF THE AGENCY**

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 Groundwater Sustainability Agencies ("GSAs"); and

WHEREAS, the Kings Subbasin has been designated by DWR as a high priority basin; and

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

WHEREAS, the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency is a group of multiple "local agencies" that have entered into memoranda of understanding with Consolidated Irrigation District that allows Consolidated Irrigation District's Board of Directors to take actions on behalf of the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and

WHEREAS, SGMA states that a combination of local agencies may form a groundwater sustainability agency by using a "memorandum of agreement or other legal agreement" and the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency is, therefore, eligible to serve as a GSA within the Kings Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10723.2 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 ("GSPs"); and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Consolidated Irrigation District, acting as the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, opened a public hearing on February 8, 2017, and closed the public hearing on March 8 2017, after publication of notice thereof pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066, to consider the adoption of this Resolution and its election to be a GSA in the Kings Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency desires to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by SGMA, as defined in the California Water Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Consolidated Irrigation District, acting as the Board of Directors of the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, does hereby resolve, declare and order as follows:

1. The Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby elects to become a GSA and undertake sustainable groundwater management in the portion of the Kings Subbasin (Subbasin 5-22.08 of the San Joaquin Valley Basin as defined by DWR Bulletin 118) underlying the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's boundaries.

2. The Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency shall develop an outreach program to include all stakeholders to ensure all beneficial uses and users of groundwater are considered.

3. The Consolidated Irrigation District Board of Directors, acting as the Board of Directors of the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, intends to negotiate a memorandum of understanding, participation agreement, and other necessary cooperative agreements or other forms of agreement with other agencies or entities utilizing groundwater in the Kings Subbasin, for the purpose of implementing a cooperative, coordinated structure for the management of groundwater resources in the Kings Subbasin pursuant to SGMA.

4. The Board of Directors of the Consolidated Irrigation District is authorized to submit to DWR on behalf of the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with SGMA (Part 2.74 of the California Water Code).

5. The General Manager of the District is directed to send to DWR the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's notification of its election to be a GSA and such notification shall include: (i) the boundaries of the portion of the Subbasin that the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency intends to manage, which shall include lands within the Consolidated Irrigation District and portions of Tulare, Fresno and Kings Counties, collectively identified as the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's boundaries as set forth in the map attached hereto as Exhibit "1", (ii) a copy of this Resolution, (iii) a list of the interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 of SGMA, and (iv) an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of the GSA's GSP.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of March, 2017, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Cruff, Benzler, Hudson, Lewis, Moles

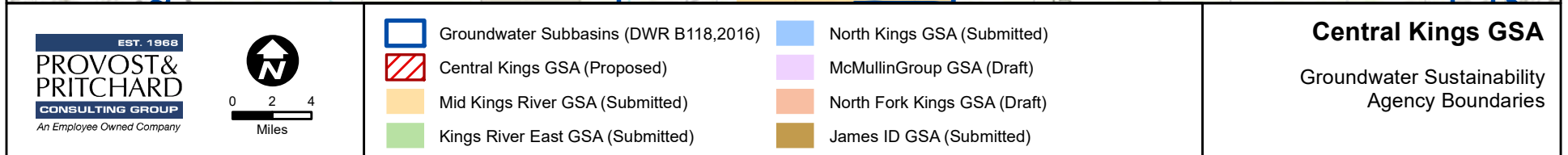
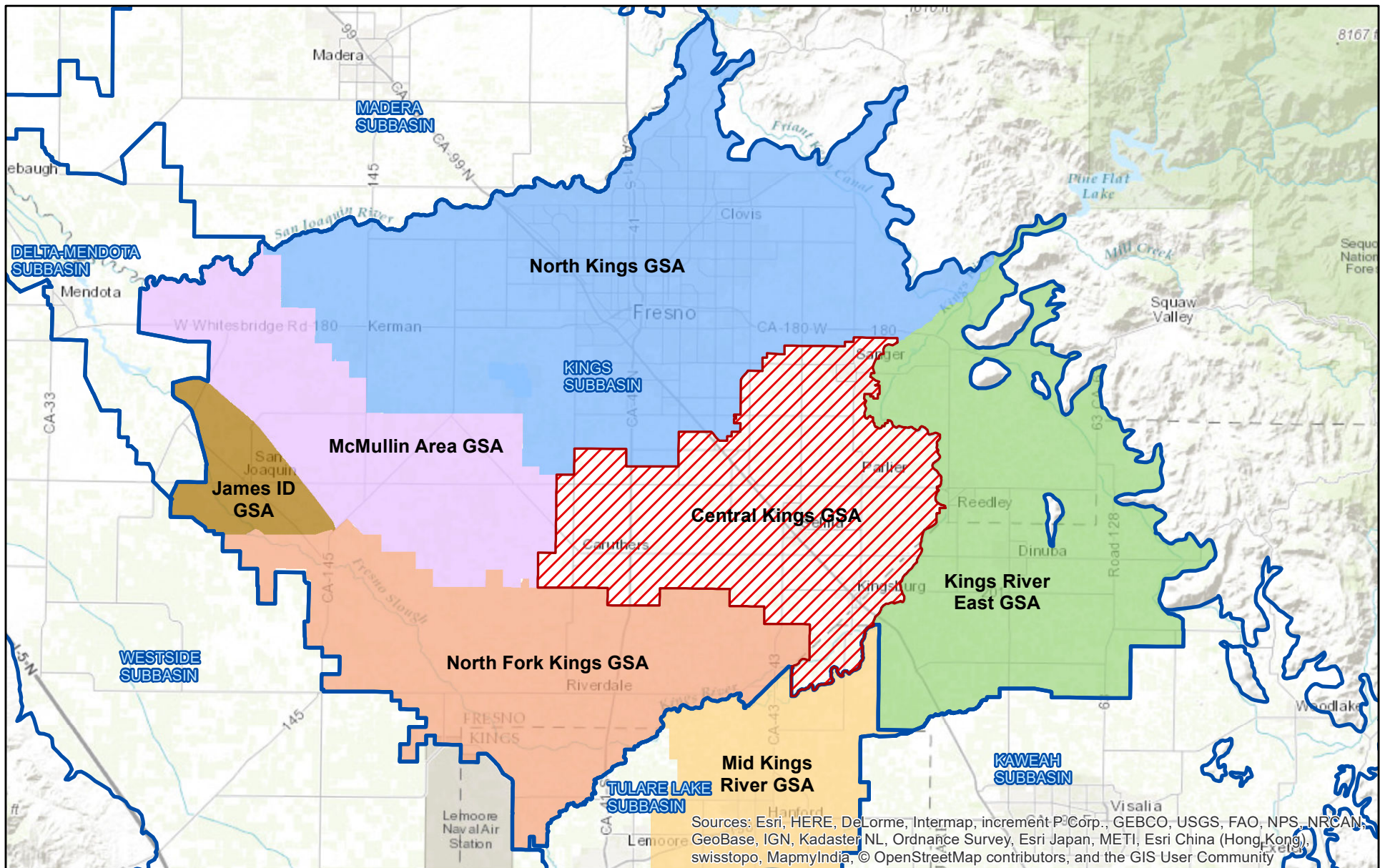
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

EXHIBIT 1

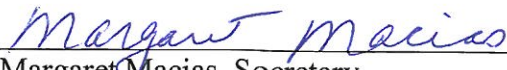
Map of the Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Boundaries



**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY
OF
CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

I, Margaret Macias, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized and appointed Secretary of the Consolidated Irrigation District, a California water district; that the following is a true and correct copy of that certain resolution duly and unanimously adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the Consolidated Irrigation District on the 8th day of March, 2017; and that said resolution has not been modified or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as the date hereof:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on this 8th day of
March, 2017.



Margaret Macias, Secretary
Consolidated Irrigation District