

South Fork Kings GSA

Interested Persons

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a)(1), the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SFKGSA) has developed and will maintain a list of interested persons pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2. The SFKGSA has considered all interests of beneficial uses and users of groundwater in developing and operating its GSA and will consider these interests in developing and implementing its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). An initial list of stakeholders and interested parties is described below and will be expanded in the event that additional parties are identified:

a) **Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including agriculture and domestic well owners.**

All water supply, water management and land use agencies within the service area were contacted and offered the opportunity to be included within the governance structure of the SFKGSA so that they may directly represent their respective constituencies. Nearly all, including the County of Kings, are now listed as board members within the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Agreement. Roughly 80% of the SFKGSA is overlaid by agricultural users with a spattering of domestic well users. The service area also includes the City of Lemoore, the unincorporated community of Stratford and the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi-Yokut Tribe. Most individuals and entities exercising groundwater rights within the jurisdiction of the SFKGSA have a county well permit. SFKGSA is working closely with the County of Kings to correctly locate and inventory these users in order to conduct target customer outreach and communication. In the meantime, using county parcel, zoning and land use information, the SFKGSA has developed blanket target market mailing lists which were used to notice landowner outreach events. These lists, as well as email lists, will continue to be expanded and maintained leading into the development of a GSP to insure overlying users stay informed and have a reasonable opportunity to participate in the process.

b) **Municipal well operators.**

The service area includes only one incorporated city, the City of Lemoore. The Stratford Public Utility District is an unincorporated municipal well operator within the SFKGSA service area. Both agencies are represented on the Board of the SFKGSA.

c) **Public water systems.**

The only known public water system operator not included in the category above is the County of Kings. The County does not currently operate a system within the SFKGSA service area.

d) **Local land use planning agencies.**

County of Kings and City of Lemoore are the two overlying land use planning agencies. Both agencies are members of the Board of the SFKGSA.

e) **Environmental users of groundwater.**

At the time of this notice the SFKGSA is not aware of any environmental users of groundwater within its jurisdiction.

f) **Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies.**

As with the above, at this time the SFKGSA is unaware of such users located within its jurisdiction but will engage as appropriate any that are identified.

g) **The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.**

No federally owned land is known to exist within the SFKGSA boundary.

h) **California Native American tribes.**

The Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi-Yokut Tribe reservation is located within the GSA. The SFKGSA (under a different name at the time) sent a letter to the Tribal Chairman inviting their participation. A Sacred Lands File & Native American Contacts List Request was also sent to the Native American Heritage Commission.

i) **Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.**

The most recent Census tract data and Disadvantaged Community (DAC) pilot studies conducted by the Kings Basin Water Authority and County of Tulare indicate that the majority of the service area meets the California Water Code definition of DAC. As was mentioned in the response to a previous category, the SFKGSA includes the community of Stratford on its Board and will continue to work towards identifying and addressing the interests of private domestic well owners.

j) **Entities listed in Water Code section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency.**

The Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) is the designated “Monitoring Entity” for the Kings and Tulare Lake Subbasins under the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program. SFKGSA will coordinate its SGMA monitoring efforts with the CASGEM monitoring effort lead by KRCD.