

Merced Subbasin GSA Interested Parties List

Interested parties within the proposed Merced Subbasin GSA management area in the Merced Subbasin, determined pursuant to Water Code section 10723.2, include:

a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

1. Agricultural Users

The majority of the water use in the proposed Merced Subbasin GSA is for agricultural use. Many individual landowners rely on groundwater to support agriculture production. The Merced Subbasin GSA members will continue to collaborate and communicate with these agricultural interests in the development of the GSP.

2. Domestic Well Owners

There are domestic well owners that rely on groundwater to support their domestic supply in the proposed GSA service area. The Merced Subbasin GSA will collaborate and communicate with domestic well owners during the development of the GSP.

b) Municipal well operators

The Merced Subbasin GSA Members will work together to identify any municipal well operators and work with these entities as the GSP is developed.

c) Public water systems

The Merced Subbasin GSA Members will work together to identify any public water system within the GSA service area that relies on groundwater supplies.

d) Local land use planning agencies

Merced County and Mariposa County are the local land use planning agencies in the proposed service area of the Merced Subbasin GSA.

e) Environmental users of groundwater

In the proposed GSA service area environmental users of groundwater include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Merced Subbasin GSA members have existing working relationships with environmental organizations like the East Merced Resource Conservation District and will continue this approach and collaboration with environmental users of groundwater.

f) Surface water users

In the proposed GSA service area the Stevinson Water District and Merquin County Water District are surface water users. In the Subbasin the Merced Irrigation District is the largest agency with surface water rights.

g) Federal Government

In the proposed GSA management area the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages the Merced Wildlife Refuge. The Merced Subbasin GSA will continue to collaborate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the development of groundwater management in the proposed GSA area.

h) California Native American Tribes

There are no Native American tribes within the proposed management area of the GSA.

i) Disadvantaged Communities

There are many disadvantaged communities located in the Merced Subbasin and in the areas surrounding the proposed GSA service area, including Le Grand, Planada, and El Nido. The Merced Subbasin GSA anticipates incorporating input from these communities and developing collaboration with these stakeholders.

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 GSA

The Merced Area Groundwater Pool Interests (MAGPI) monitors and reports groundwater elevations in the Merced Subbasin. Many of the agencies in the Merced Subbasin GSA participate in MAGPI and the monitoring efforts.