

NEW STONE WATER DISTRICT

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RE: Notice of the New Stone Water District's Intent to Serve as Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a Portion of the Madera Subbasin

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that the New Stone Water District (NSWD) has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a) and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for a portion of the Madera Subbasin, as proposed, of the San Joaquin Valley Basin (Basin) located within the boundary identified in **Exhibit A**. At this time, no other entity has elected to become or has provided notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of their formation of, or intent to form a GSA to manage aforementioned portions of the Madera Subbasin.

A public hearing was advertised (**Exhibit B**) and then held in the County of the District on December 13th, in which the New Stone Water District Board of Directors allowed public comment and approved a resolution electing to serve as a GSA (**Exhibit C**) for a portion of the Madera Subbasin. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as GSA.

The New Stone Water District lies within the Madera Subbasin. The northerly boundary of the NSWD abuts the Chowchilla Subbasin southerly boundary. NSWD anticipates the need to enter

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into intra- and inter-basin agreements to ensure that Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) are coordinated and satisfy applicable regulations developed under SGMA.

For a detailed list of interested parties and stakeholders, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and development and implementation of the GSP, see **Exhibit D** attached hereto.

Should you have any questions or require additional information with regard to this notice, please contact the District's representative, Roger Skinner at (559) 834-6677.

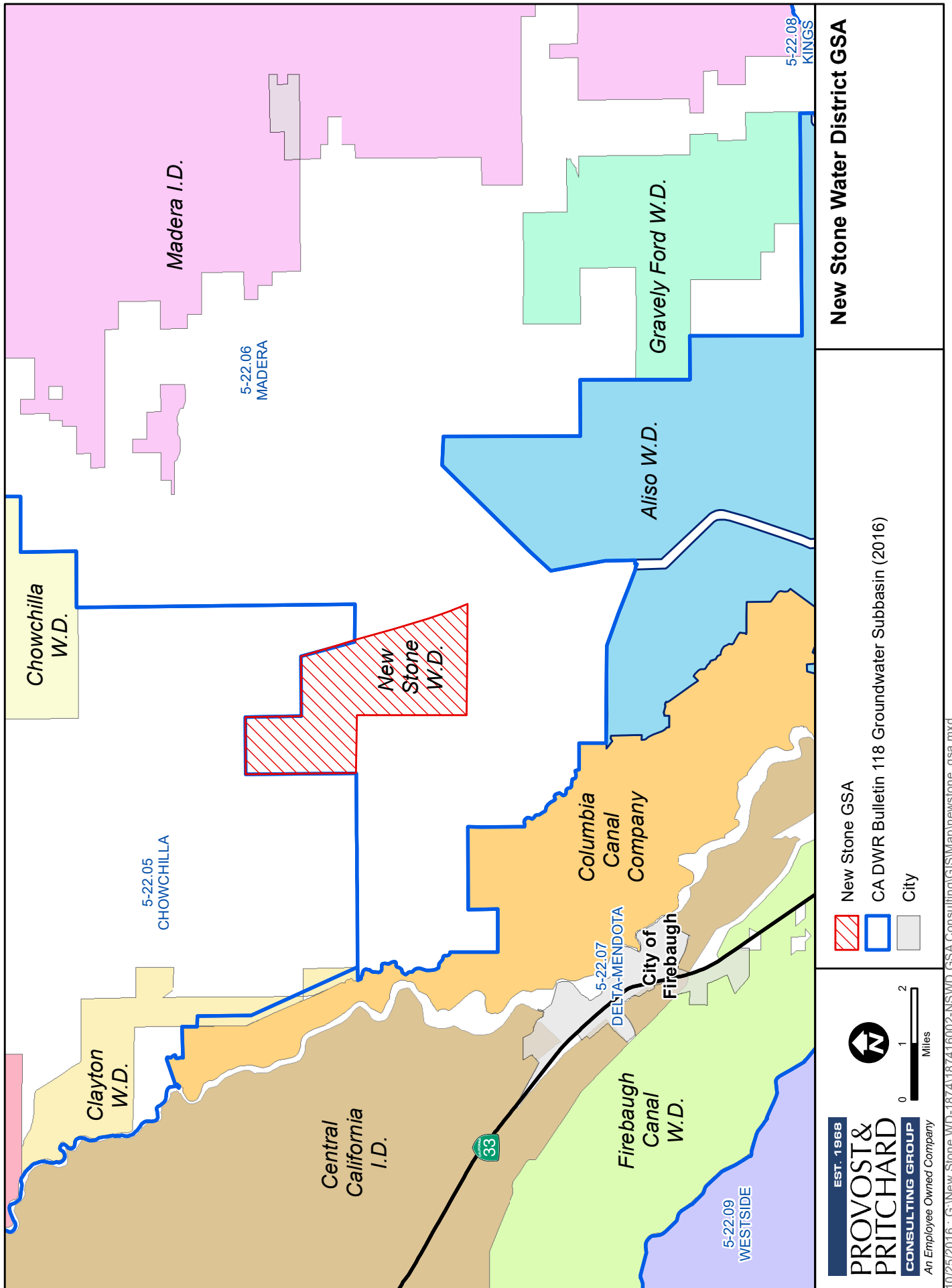
Regards,



Jeff Lion
Board President

Attachments

- Exhibit A: Map of GSA Boundaries (GIS shape file to follow)
- Exhibit B: Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to Water Code 10723(b)
- Exhibit C: Resolution
- Exhibit D: List of Interested Parties per Water Code 10728.8(a)



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the New Stone Water District will hold a public hearing during its board meeting on December 13, 2016, at 3:00pm at the New Stone Ranch Shop Facility, 12555 Road 9, Madera, CA 93637.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to accept public testimony regarding the proposal that the New Stone Water District act as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency under Water Code Section 10723 for the portion of the Madera Groundwater Sub-basin within the New Stone Water District, prior to the board adopting a resolution.

The hearing is open to the public and any person present will have the opportunity to be heard. For further information regarding this matter, please contact the District representative, Roger Skinner, at (559) 834-6677.

No. 4270 - Nov 23, 30, Dec. 7, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF NEW STONE WATER DISTRICT**

**REGARDING THE NEW STONE WATER DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO
BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR A PORTION OF THE MADERA SUBBASIN OF
THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), signed into law on September 16, 2014, requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") or multiple GSPs; and

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

WHEREAS, the New Stone Water District (District) is a local agency as defined under SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, prior to GSA formation, as outlined in the California Water Code, a public hearing must take place after which the District can adopt a Resolution to form a GSA; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on December 13, 2016 at 3:00 PM after publication of Notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider the adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

1. The New Stone Water District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portion of the Madera Subbasin within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District.
2. Within 30 days of this Resolution, the Board President is directed to submit a notice of intent to the California Department of Water Resources, pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8(a)

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 2016.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned hereby certifies that I am the Secretary of New Stone Water District and that the foregoing Resolution was authorized by the Board of Directors of said District at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly held on December 13, 2016, at which meeting a quorum of the Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand this 13th day of December, 2016.

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SEAL)



Bruce Lion, Secretary

New Stone Water District

Interested Parties

New Stone Water District (NSWD) has identified the following interested parties as defined in Water Code Section 10723.2. It is anticipated that the list may be modified and amended during GSP development. NSWD will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater within the Madera Subbasin, as well as others responsible for developing GSPs within the Subbasin and, as appropriate, within adjacent subbasins that are hydrogeologically connected. NSWD will solicit feedback and engage with interested parties during GSP development. Interested parties include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

1. Agriculture users

NSWD is comprised of several agriculture landowners that rely on groundwater for irrigation and therefore relationships already exist.

2. Domestic users

There are domestic wells within NSWD's service area located at residences of landowners and landowner employees.

B. Municipal well operators

There are no municipal well operators within NSWD's service area.

C. Public water systems

There are no public water systems within NSWD's service area.

D. Local land use planning agencies

Madera County is the local planning agency with authority covering NSWD's service area.

E. Environmental users of groundwater

There are no environmental users of groundwater within NSWD's service area.

F. Surface water users

There is no hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater flows.

There is one significant surface water feature adjacent to NSWD's service area: the Chowchilla Bypass runs along the easterly boundary of the NSWD GSA service area.

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

There are no Federal Lands within NSW D's service area.

H. California Native American Tribes

There are no California Native American Tribes within NSW D's service area.

I. Disadvantaged communities

There are no disadvantaged communities within NSW D's service area.

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 GSA.

The Madera-Chowchilla CASGEM Group currently covers the NSW D service area.