

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-01  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
GREATER KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY JOINT  
POWERS AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (“SGMA”), which authorized local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion. SGMA requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”), to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”). The Kaweah Subbasin (5-22.11) has been characterized by DWR as high-priority and critically overdrafted basin;

WHEREAS, in order to exercise the authority granted in SGMA, a local agency or combination of local agencies may elect to become a GSA and the Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“Authority”) is a joint powers authority duly organized pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act and consisting of five member agencies: County of Tulare, Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District, Kings County Water District, Lakeside Irrigation Water District, and St. Johns Water District;

WHEREAS, the Authority’s combined jurisdictional boundaries overlies a portion of the Kaweah Subbasin;

WHEREAS, the Authority previously elected to become a GSA on October 3, 2016, and timely submitted notification to DWR pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8. Subsequently, another group of local agencies entitled the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency, also submitted a notice of intention to manage some of the same areas of the Kaweah Subbasin;

WHEREAS, the Authority now wishes to elect to become a GSA for a revised management area which does not conflict or overlap with the proposed East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency’s proposed revised management area;

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing to consider whether the Authority should become a GSA for a portion of the Kaweah Subbasin, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, was published in the Visalia Times Delta on April 14, 2017 and April 21, 2017, and the Tulare Advance Register on April 14, 2017 and April 21, 2017, and the Hanford Sentinel on April 14, 2017 and April 21, 2017, pursuant to Government Code Section 6066 and Water Code Section 10723(b);

WHEREAS, the Authority currently maintains a list of interested persons and such persons were provided written notice of the hearing date, time and location to their preferred electronic mail address;

WHEREAS, in addition to the above notice, the Authority provided separate written notice to the County of Kings;

WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the Authority's Board of Directors considered oral and written comments to the extent provided by the public; and

WHEREAS, being in the best interests of the Authority, the Authority wishes to elect to become a GSA and exercise all powers and authorities granted to GSAs through Water Code Sections 10720, *et seq.*

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Authority hereby elects to be a GSA for a portion of the Kaweah Subbasin that is shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Authority shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans, as required by Water Code Section 10723.2.
3. Within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the Secretary is directed to submit a notice of intent to the Department of Water Resources pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8.
4. The Secretary shall, after complying with Water Code Section 10723.8, begin the process of developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Subbasin in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations.
5. The Secretary shall create and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices concerning the Authority's SGMA process pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.4.

ALL OF THE FOREGOING being on motion of Director Shannon, seconded by Director Milleman, and authorized by the following vote:

AYES: Mills, Tantau, Boyer, milleman, Shannon, Taylor, + Cardoza

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vander Poel, Watte

## CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION

I, Mark Larsen, hereby certify as follows:

1. That I am the Secretary of the Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority; and
2. That the foregoing resolution, consisting of three pages, including this page, is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Authority passed at a special meeting of the Board of Directors on May 1, 2017, at the Authority's principal office, located at 2975 Farmersville Boulevard, Farmersville, California 93223.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this certificate this 1 day of May, 2017, at the Authority's principal office.

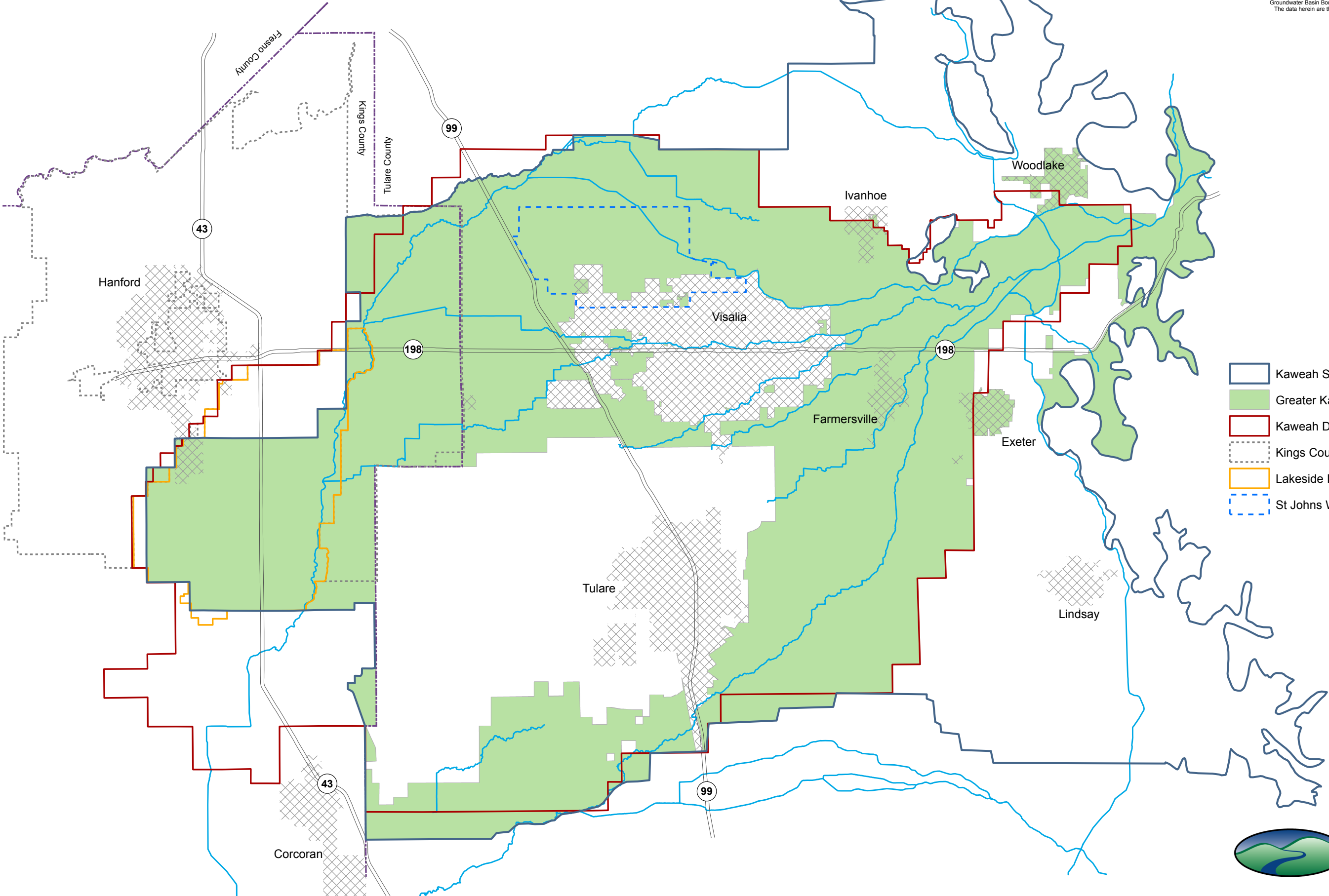
  
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Mark Larsen, Secretary

# Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## EXHIBIT A



The data from which this map is derived were multi-sourced, and vary in terms of quality and pedigree. The data contain spatial errors due to differences in data collection and management, coordinate conversions, retransformations, and temporal versioning. The prevailing data are the current California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 GSA and Groundwater Basin Boundaries described in the NAD83 (2011) California Teale Albers (m) projection. The data herein are therefore rendered accordingly. No guarantee of accuracy is given or implied. 27 Apr 2017 mj



- Kaweah Subbasin
- Greater Kaweah GSA
- Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District
- Kings County Water District
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- St Johns Water District



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