

***Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Notification to DWR
Response to Section E(1)
List of Interested Parties***

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a)(4), the Authority has developed and will maintain a list of interested persons pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2. The Authority will consider all interests of beneficial users and users of groundwater in developing and operating its GSA and developing and implementing its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

The Authority's joint powers agreement mandates that three standing committees must be formed within 120 days of the Authority's formation: a Rural Communities Committee, a Stakeholder Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee. The Rural Communities Committee shall include representatives of public water systems as defined in California Health & Safety Code Section 116275, included but not limited to, cities, public utility districts, and community service districts located within the boundaries of the Authority. The Rural Communities Committee shall have one representative serve on the Authority's Board of Directors. The Stakeholder Committee shall be comprised of representatives falling within the categories of interested persons or representatives of interested entities as described in Water Code Section 10723.2. The Stakeholder Committee shall have one representative serve on the Authority's Board of Directors. Finally, each Board of Director shall be entitled to appoint one person to the Technical Advisory Committee, which said committee shall not have a seat on the Board of Directors. The Authority may at a future date form further committees should the need arise to ensure representation of all interests of beneficial users and users of groundwater.

The following list identifies interested parties pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2 and how their interests will be considered as described above:

(a)(1) Agricultural users – Holders of overlying groundwater rights

Agricultural users are represented on the Board of Directors through many of the member agencies. In addition, agricultural users could seek representation on the Stakeholder Committee.

(a)(2) Domestic well owners – Holders of overlying groundwater rights

Domestic well owners are represented on the Board of Directors through the County of Tulare. In addition, domestic well owners could seek representation on the Stakeholder Committee.

(b) Public water systems

Public water systems are provided their own committee, the Rural Communities Committee, and could seek representation on the Stakeholder Committee. In addition, a specific seat is reserved on the Board of Directors for Cal Water, a water corporation owning and operating a public water system in the Kaweah Subbasin.

(c) Municipal well operators

Municipal well operators are provided representation in the Rural Communities Committee, and could seek representation on the Stakeholder Committee.

(d) Local land use planning agencies

Local land use planning agencies, including counties and cities, are represented on the Board of Directors, in the Rural Communities Committee and could seek representation on the Stakeholder Committee.

(e) Environmental users of groundwater

The Authority has attempted to determine what, if any, environmental users of groundwater there may be in the Kaweah Subbasin. At this time, it is unknown whether such use exists. Nonetheless, environmental groups could seek representation on the Stakeholder Committee. The Authority will continue to consider and evaluate whether such use does exist.

(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 Kaweah Subbasin. However, the Authority will continue to consider and evaluate whether such use does exist. If it is determined such use exists within the boundaries of the Authority, such users could seek representation on the Stakeholder Committee.

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

The Authority has attempted to determine what, if any, federal lands and/or federal areas are in need of representation in the Kaweah Subbasin. At this time, it does not appear such need exists. However, the Authority will continue to consider and evaluate whether such representation is needed. If so, representation could be included in the Stakeholder Committee.

(h) California Native American Tribes

The Authority will reach out to local tribes. A representative from local tribes could seek representation on the Stakeholder Committee.

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

Disadvantaged communities are represented in the Rural Communities Committee as well as through various member agencies on the Board of Directors, and could seek representation on the Stakeholder Committee.

(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 groundwater sustainability agency.

Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District is an entity listed in Section 10927, which has two seats on the Authority's Board of Directors. The Authority will continue to evaluate and consider any other entities which might fall within Section 10927.