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December 2, 2015

Mr. Mark Nordberg
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California Department of Water Resources
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Sacramento, CA 9423

Re: **NOTICE OF INTENT BY THE CITY OF STOCKTON TO BECOME A
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY IN COMBINATION WITH
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY**

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

In accordance with sections 10723.6 and 10723.8 of the Water Code, the City of Stockton ("City"), in combination with California Water Service Company ("Cal Water"), hereby notifies the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") of its decision to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), and its future intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 5.22-01) within the boundaries of the Urban Service Area. A map showing the Urban Service Area is enclosed herein as "Exhibit A".

The City and Cal Water have not entered into a joint powers agreement or memorandum of agreement at this time. However, the City and Cal Water intend to work together and collaborate with other agencies to pursue such an agreement. Should one be executed in the future, the City will notify the DWR accordingly. The City and Cal Water intend to work cooperatively with other agencies overlying the basin. The other agencies that may proceed with becoming a GSA within the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin boundaries may include in part:

Stockton East Water District
San Joaquin County
North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District

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Woodbridge Irrigation District
South San Joaquin Irrigation District
Calaveras County Water District
Stanislaus County
Calaveras County

No other GSA is currently operating within the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin; however, Stockton East Water District submitted a GSA Notice of Intent and this information was posted on the DWR website on October 22, 2015.

In compliance with section 10723(b) of the Water Code, the City published notice as required by section 6066 of the Government Code, and on December 8, 2015, held a public hearing. At this hearing the City Council adopted [Resolution #], enclosed herein as Exhibit "B", approving the decision and intent to become a GSA in combination with Cal Water.

The City did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities with the passage of the Resolution.

Pursuant to section 10723.2 of the Water Code, the City has created and will maintain a list of the interests of beneficial users, users of groundwater and those responsible for implementing a GSA. This list is enclosed herein as Exhibit "C" and will be revised as necessary during the Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") development process. These parties will also be considered in future discussions by the Director for the Municipal Utilities Department to ensure that all of the beneficial users are considered in the GSP process.

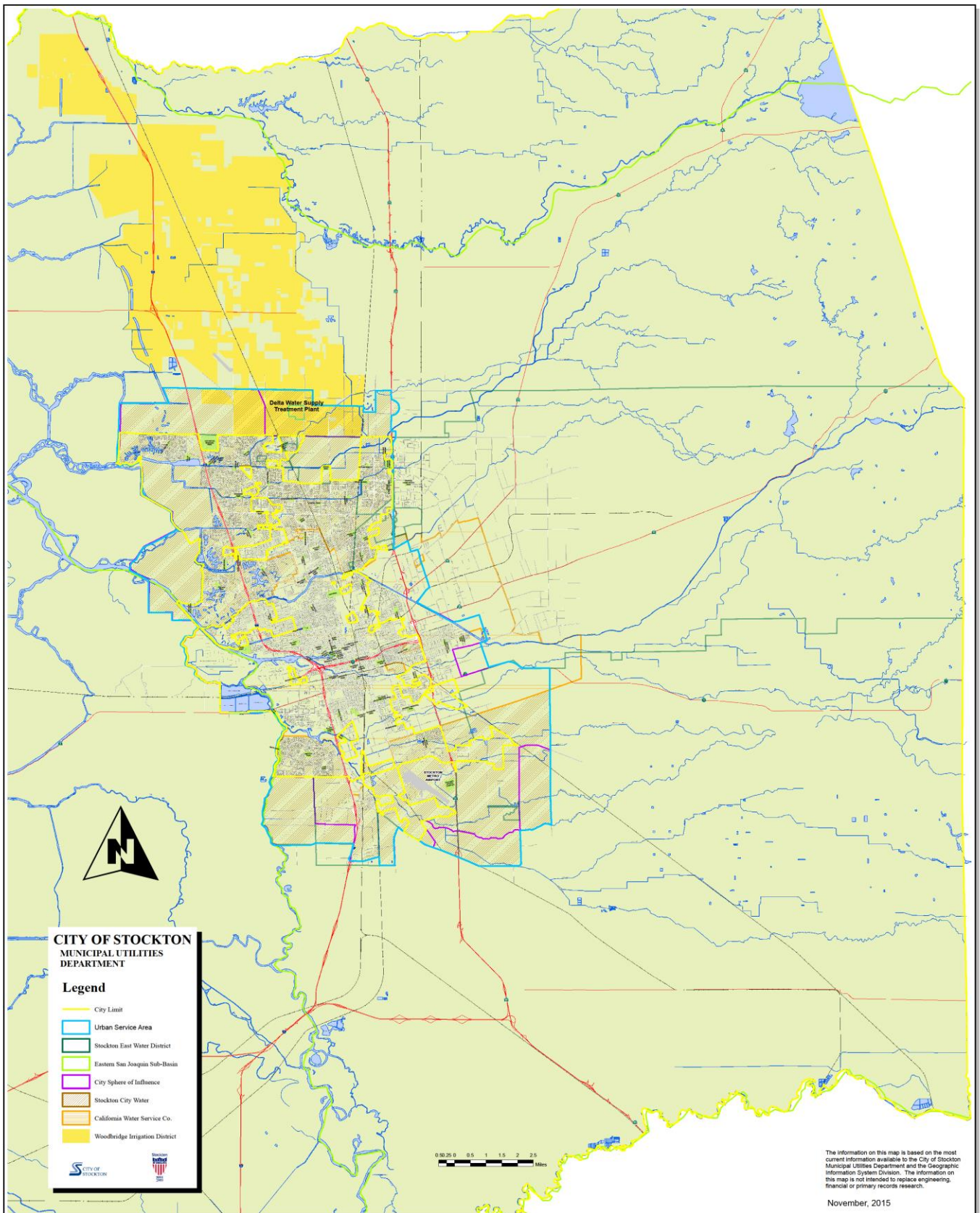
If you require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

KURT O. WILSON
CITY MANAGER

Enclosures:

Exhibit A – Map of Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin
Exhibit B – Stockton City Council Resolution No. _____
Exhibit C – List of Interested Parties



Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTENT OF CITY OF STOCKTON IN COMBINATION WITH CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY GROUNDWATER BASIN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUMBIT NOTICE OF THE INTENT TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on September 16, 2014; and

The City of Stockton (City) is a local agency, as defined under SGMA, and is authorized to serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); and

Where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, SGMA calls on local agencies to cooperate to manage the groundwater basin in a sustainable manner for the common good; and

The City overlies an adjudicated basin, the Eastern San Joaquin Sub-Basin (designated basin number 5-22.01 in the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 basin system) (Basin); and

SGMA requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins to be managed by a GSA and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) designated the Basin as “high priority”, therefore requiring a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP); and

Water Code section 10723.6 authorizes a combination of local agencies to form a GSA including a water corporation regulated by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC); and

California Water Service Company (Cal Water) is regulated by the PUC and has a general delegation of authority authorizing officers of the corporation to enter into agreements; and

The City intends to become and participate in the future formation of a GSA in combination with Cal Water for management of the Basin within the boundaries defined as the Urban Service Area until further action redefines those boundaries; and

The City in combination with Cal Water intends to work cooperatively with other water agencies and the County of San Joaquin (County), as may be appropriate, to manage the Basin in a sustainable fashion and to also explore the possibility of forming a GSA agreement; and

No other GSA is currently operating within the Basin; and

On October 22, 2015, DWR posted a Notice of Intent to Become a GSA for Stockton East Water District (Notice) and if no other Notice is filed by another agency within 90 days, Stockton East Water District will be presumed to be the exclusive GSA within the Basin; and

Pursuant to Government Code section 6066, notice of a public hearing on the City's intent to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Basin in combination with Cal Water has been published in the Stockton Record Newspaper as provided by law; and

Courtesy copies of the Notice were mailed to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, Cal Water, and Stockton East Water District; and

On this day, the Stockton City Council held a public hearing to consider the decision and intention of the City in combination with Cal Water to become a GSA for management of the Basin; and

It would be in the best interests of the City in combination with Cal Water, to become a GSA for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan in corroboration with other agencies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON,
AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council hereby approves the decision and intent of the City in combination with Cal Water to become and form a GSA and participate in the future management of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Sub-Basin

2. The City Council hereby authorizes within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the City Manager or his designee to provide notice of the intention, a copy of this Resolution, a map showing the Basin within the Urban Service Area and a list of beneficial users and users of groundwater, including those responsible for implementing a GSP to DWR in the manner required by SGMA.

3. The Director of Municipal Utilities (Director) is authorized to begin discussions with other local agencies to develop groundwater sustainability plans for the Basin and to ensure that all beneficial users and users of groundwater are included and considered.

4. The Director is also hereby authorized to develop a plan with other

groundwater sustainability agencies in which the City might join in coordination with other local agencies as contemplated by SGMA.

5. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute all required notices or agreements, and to submit such documents as may be required to provide for the sustainable management of the Basin.

6. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED December 8, 2015.

ANTHONY SILVA, Mayor
of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

BONNIE PAIGE, City
Clerk of the City of
Stockton



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Interested Parties

In accordance with section 10723.8(a)(4) of the Water Code, the City created a list of interests of beneficial users and will continue to amend this list as necessary during the Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") development process. Furthermore, as required by the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the City will work cooperatively with interested parties.

The interested parties include, but are not limited to the following:

(a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

(1) Agriculture users.

Anticipates that the plan will include ag users.

(2) Domestic well owners.

Anticipates that the plan will exclude domestic wells.

(b) Municipal well operators.

The City of Stockton Council is comprised of six Council members and a mayor, with each member representing a separate district within the City. Two districts are designated from the City service area portion of the City, one district is designated from the California Water Service Co. (Cal Water) service area of the City, and the third represents a district straddling the two service areas; the mayor represents the entire City and thus also represents the two service areas. Therefore, both the City service area and Cal Water service area are well represented on the City of Stockton governing board.

(c) Public water systems.

San Joaquin County

(d) Local land use planning agencies.

San Joaquin County

Stanislaus County

Calaveras County

(e) Environmental users of groundwater.

Friends of the Lower Calaveras River

Calaveras River Watershed Stewardship Group

Calaveras River Fish Group
Fishery Foundation

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

San Joaquin County
Calaveras County Water District
South San Joaquin Irrigation District
Oakdale Irrigation District
Woodbridge Irrigation District
North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District

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

Not Applicable

(h) California Native American tribes.

None

(i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems. The City of Stockton has identified disadvantaged communities within the Basin from DWR's web page, and will cooperate with San Joaquin County to work with any disadvantaged communities within the GSA relying on groundwater supplies.

(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 City of Stockton participates in the Eastern San Joaquin Basin Ground Water Basin Authority which has a groundwater management plan adopted under Water Code Section 10750, et seq. San Joaquin County collects groundwater data, as part of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin Authority, the CASGEM monitoring entity, and the GSA will continue to coordinate with the county regarding the plan.