

1. Provide a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2 and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of the GSP.

As required by Water Code §10723.2, the Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability will consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans. These interests include, but are not limited to, all of the following interests and users. If additional interested parties are discovered, they too will be included in the development and operation of the groundwater sustainability agency and the development and implementation of the agency's sustainability plan.

§ 10723.2. (a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

(1) Agricultural users. Much of the lands located within the GSA boundaries are used for agricultural purposes. The Cawelo Water District, maintains a landowner list of such users, with contact information, and will provide such information to the Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

(2) Domestic well owners. There are a number of individually owned wells used for domestic purposes within the GSA boundaries, the owners of which will be included as interested parties.

(b) Municipal well operators. There may be a small number of municipal well operators within the proposed GSA boundaries, the operators of which are believed to include all or some of the following: Cawelo Water District, County of Kern, and North of the River Municipal Water District.

(c) Public water systems. There may be a small number of public water systems located partially or fully within the GSA boundaries. These system(s) are believed to include the following: Lerdo Detention Facility (County of Kern) and Oildale Mutual Water Company.

(d) Local land use planning agencies. Local land use planning agencies within the GSA boundaries include the County of Kern and a small portion of the City of Shafter.

(e) Environmental users of groundwater. There are no known environmental users of groundwater within the GSA boundaries.

(f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies. The Cawelo Water District is a conjunctive use district and owns and or manages certain surface water rights and supplies.

(g) The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands. There are no known lands owned by the federal government within the GSA boundaries.

(h) California Native American tribes. There are no known lands belonging to California Native American Tribes within the GSA boundaries.

(i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems. There are no known Disadvantaged communities believed to be within the GSA boundary except for a very small portion of the City of Shafter.

(j) Entities listed in §10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency. There are a number of entities that monitor and report groundwater levels within the basin, including the Cawelo Water District itself,

Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, Deer Creek & Tule River Authority, Kern County Water Agency Improvement District 4, Kern-Tulare Water District, Kern Water Bank Authority, North Kern Water Storage District, Semitropic Water Storage District, Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District, and the Kern River Fan Group (which is a coalition consisting of Kern Delta Water District, Buena Vista Water Storage District, Henry Miller Water District, and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District).

The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency will consider the interests of the foregoing beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans. In this effort, the Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency will (1) continue to meet with the Kern Groundwater Authority and its members, (2) meet with other local GSAs that may be formed and endeavor to coordinate with such agencies pursuant to §§ 10727 and 10727.6, (3) have open and public meetings of the Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors, and (4) solicit feedback in the adoption of its groundwater sustainability plan and any subsequent amendments.

In addition to the foregoing, and pursuant to Water Code §10727.8, prior to initiating the development of a groundwater sustainability plan, the Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency will make available to the public and the Department a written statement describing the manner in which interested parties may participate in the development and implementation of the groundwater sustainability plan. The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency will provide the written statement to the legislative body of any city, county, or city and county located within the geographic area to be covered by the plan. The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency may appoint and consult with an advisory committee consisting of interested parties for the purposes of developing and implementing a groundwater sustainability plan. The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency will encourage the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within that portion of the groundwater basin to be managed prior to and during the development and implementation of its groundwater sustainability plan. For these purposes, interested parties will include entities listed in Water Code §10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of the groundwater basin that is managed by the Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Furthermore, and pursuant to Water Code §10728.4, the Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency will adopt or amend its groundwater sustainability plan only after a public hearing, held at least 90 days after providing notice to any city or county within the area of the proposed plan or amendment. The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency will review and consider comments from any city or county that receives notice pursuant to the above-referenced Water Code section and will consult with a city or county that requests consultation within 30 days of receipt of the notice.