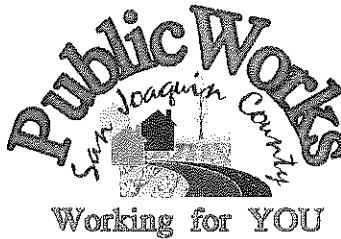




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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN SUBBASIN WITHIN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10723.8, the County of San Joaquin (County), a political subdivision of the State of California, gives notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of its decision to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and to undertake sustainable groundwater management in the portion of the Eastern San Joaquin subbasin (5-22.01), within the boundary of San Joaquin County. The County overlies a portion of the identified subbasin and a map of the proposed management area is enclosed (Exhibit A).

On December 15, 2015, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing in accordance with Water Code Section 10723(b), prior to its decision to become the GSA. The public hearing was noticed in accordance with Government Code Section 6066 (Exhibit B).

After holding the public hearing, the County Board of Supervisors adopted the enclosed resolution (Exhibit C) electing to become a GSA in those portions of the underlying groundwater subbasins within County boundaries. No new bylaws, ordinances, or authorities were adopted by the County at that time.

The Stockton East Water District (SEWD) and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) have also elected to become GSAs and manage groundwater in the portion of the Eastern San Joaquin subbasin within County boundary. The County is committed to active discussions with SEWD, SSJID, and any other local agency which elects to become a GSA within County boundaries to resolve boundary overlaps and to develop a coordination agreement that recognizes the authority of electing GSAs to implement and enforce a GSP within their respective boundaries.

The County has actively conducted outreach to agencies, water providers, and other interested stakeholders with an interest in groundwater management. The County will

continue to work cooperatively with interested stakeholders within San Joaquin County, the surrounding areas, and the State of California concerning sustainable groundwater management.

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2, San Joaquin County has developed a list of interested parties and will continue to amend the list as necessary during the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development process (Exhibit D). The County has considered, and will continue to consider, the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs. The County will solicit feedback and engage in discussions with other interested parties during GSP development. The interested parties include, but are not limited to, the following:

a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

1. Agricultural users.

The County meets regularly with agricultural irrigation districts within the basin and with the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Federation. Most of these meetings are publically noticed. The County will consider the interests of agricultural users as holders of overlying groundwater rights during GSP development.

2. Domestic well owners.

There are thousands of domestic well owners in San Joaquin County. Most, if not all, will be considered de minimis extractors. The County will consider the interests of domestic well owners as holders of overlying groundwater rights, and conduct outreach efforts directly, through media, or by other methods, when and where appropriate.

b) Municipal well operators.

Cities of Stockton, Lodi, Lathrop, Manteca, Ripon, and Escalon. The County will collaborate and work in close coordination with cities within the County to recognize existing authorities and ensure reliable urban water supplies.

c) Public Water Systems.

California Water Service Company, Lockeford Community Services District, Linden County Water Agency, and the Farmington Water Company. The County will collaborate and work in close coordination with public water systems within the County to recognize existing authorities and ensure reliable water supplies in those service areas.

d) Local land use planning agencies.

Cities of Stockton, Lodi, Lathrop, Manteca, Ripon, and Escalon. The County will continue to recognize and consider the various land use planning authorities in the County during GSP development.

e) Environmental users of groundwater.

The County has pursued ongoing dialogue with environmental interests, particularly through its participation in the MokeWISE Program which included environmental stakeholders in the Mokelumne Watershed assisting in the evaluation of potential inter-regional conjunctive use projects. The County will continue to collaborate and work in close coordination with environmental users of groundwater.

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

Cities of Stockton, Lodi, Lathrop, Manteca, Ripon, and Escalon, California Water Service Company, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, Oakdale Irrigation District, Stockton East Water District, Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, Woodbridge Irrigation

District, and agricultural water users in South Delta Water Agency and Central Delta Water Agency. *The County is cognizant of the complexity and importance of understanding the impacts associated with hydrologically connected surface and groundwater bodies. The County actively collaborates with surface water users within the County. The County will also continue to collaborate with surface water users in areas adjacent to the County and to work to identify impacts to the interests of surface water users for consideration during GSP development.*

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

The County will consider and collaborate as appropriate with federal agencies, including the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, on issues within the County.

h) California Native American tribes.

There are no native tribes currently residing within the County boundaries.

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

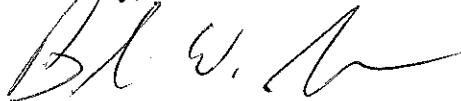
Large portions of the County have been identified as disadvantaged communities and the County regularly works to address issues in these areas. The County will continue to collaborate with and consider the disadvantaged communities within the County during GSP development.

j) Entities listed in Water Code Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or part of a groundwater subbasin managed by the GSA.

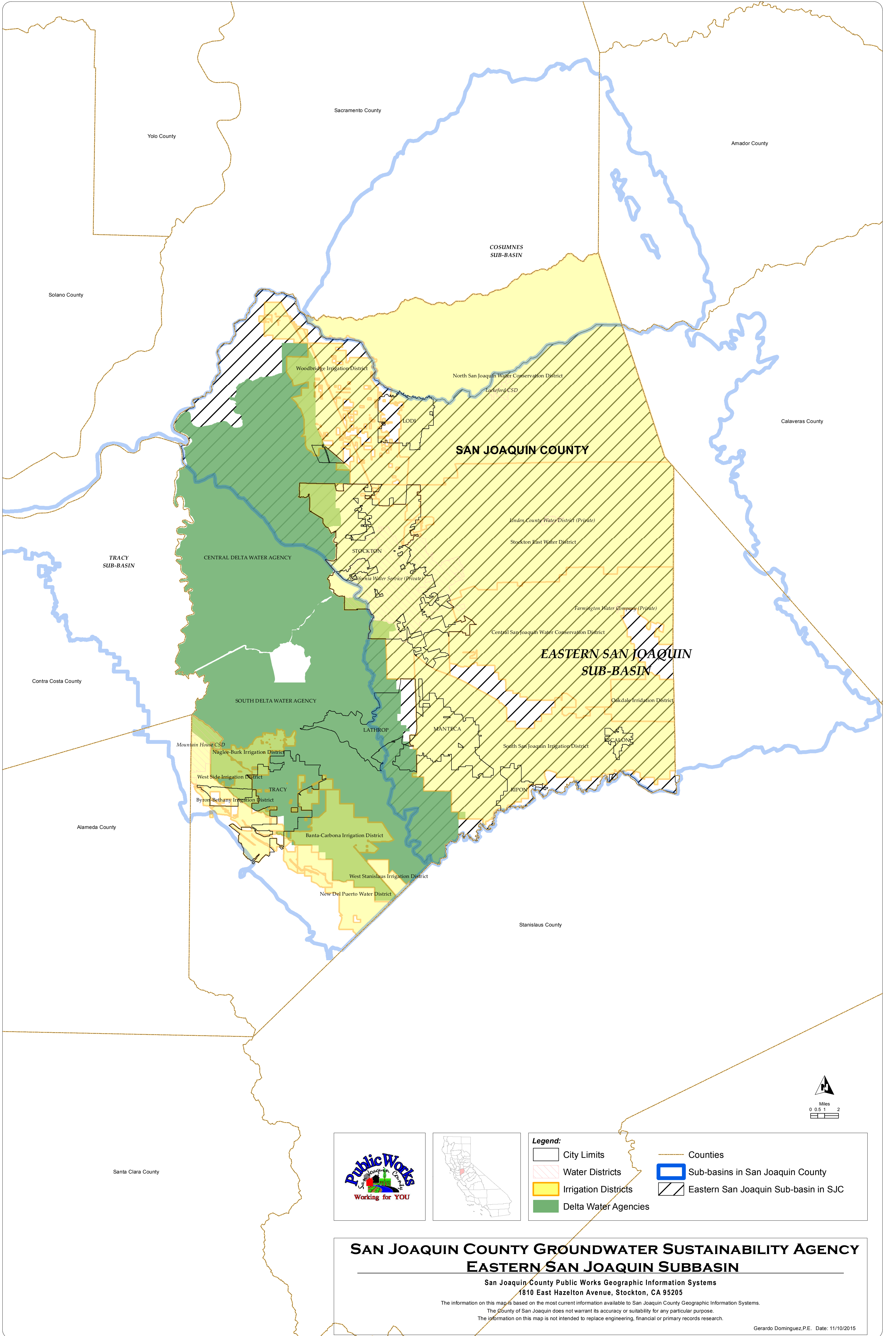
Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Authority (GBA), and East Bay Municipal Utility District. The County performs groundwater monitoring in the Eastern San Joaquin subbasin and actively participates in the GBA. The County has and will continue to collaborate with EBMUD with respect to monitoring and data collection during GSP development.

The County intends to work cooperatively with other interests to resolve any existing governance issues and to work collaboratively to develop and implement GSPs within the subbasins. By this notification, the County has provided DWR with all applicable information in Water Code Section 10723.8(a). If you or DWR have any questions or require further information, please contact me at (209) 468-3089 or bnakagawa@sjgov.org.

Sincerely,



BRANDON W. NAKAGAWA
Water Resources Coordinator



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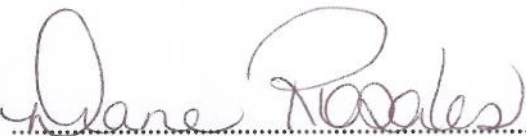
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid: I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Lodi News-Sentinel, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily except Sundays, Mondays and holidays, in the City of Lodi, California, County of San Joaquin and which newspaper had been adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court, Department 3, of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, under the date of May 26th, 1953. Case Number 65990; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than non-pareil) has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereto on the following dates to-wit:

November 27th, December 4th,

all in the years 2015

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Lodi, California, United States of America this 4th day of December 2015.



Signature

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Notice of Public Hearing San Joaquin County Regarding Election to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
REGARDING ELECTION TO
BE A GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County and as governing body of the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, San Joaquin County Administration Building, 44 N. San Joaquin Street, 6th Floor, Stockton, CA to consider public testimony on whether San Joaquin County should elect to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in those portions of the Cosumnes, Eastern San Joaquin and Tracy Sub-basins within San Joaquin County. All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and may provide comments on the matter. The Public Hearing is being held pursuant to Section 10723(b) of the Water Code.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors may take action to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency immediately following the Public Hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENTS may also be submitted to the Clerk of the Board at 44 North San Joaquin Street, Sixth Floor, Suite 627, Stockton, CA 95202. November 27, December 4, 2015 - 155736

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WRK/WATER RESOURCE
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of the said County, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid, I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Manteca Bulletin, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published Daily in the City of Manteca, California, County of San Joaquin, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court, Department 4, of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, under the date of May 12th 1952, Case Number 52904; that the notice, of which the annexed is printed copy (set in type not smaller than non-pareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

NOV. 27, & DEC. 4,

All in the Year **2015**

I certify (or Declare), under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Manteca, California, this day of:

December 4, 2015

Date

Liz Mora

Signature

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THE UNDERSIGNED SAYS:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of San Joaquin County; I am over the age of 18 years and not a part to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of THE RECORD, a newspaper of general publication, printed and published daily in the City of Stockton, County of San Joaquin by the Superior Court of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, under the date of February 26, 1952, File No. 52857, San Joaquin County Records; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates,
To wit, November 27 2015,
December 08 2015

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on December 8, 2015 in Stockton California



Carlette Schnell,
The Record

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA County of San Joaquin

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a part to or interested in the above entitled matter; I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Tracy Press, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published two times a week on Wednesday and Saturday in the City of Tracy, California, County of San Joaquin, and which of newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court, Department 4, of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, under the date of June 30, 1952, Case Number 53686; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit;

November 27, December 4

all in the year, 2015

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Tracy, California, this 17th
day of December 2015



Signature

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SJ County Public Works

Notice of Public Hearing

PUBLIC NOTICE

#0584

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY REGARDING ELECTION TO BE A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

R E S O L U T I O N

R-15-185

RESOLUTION ELECTING TO ESTABLISH THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN
AS A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THOSE PORTIONS OF
THE COSUMNES, EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN AND TRACY SUB-BASINS WITHIN
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the California Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and,

WHEREAS, the SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the SGMA requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSAs; and,

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sub-basin has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin and in critical groundwater overdraft; and,

WHEREAS, the Cosumnes and Tracy Sub-basins have been designated by DWR as medium-priority basins; and,

WHEREAS, the SGMA authorizes a local public agency overlying groundwater sub-basin to elect to become a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, the County of San Joaquin (County) is a local public agency as defined under the SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10723.2 of the SGMA requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10723.8 of the SGMA requires that a local public agency electing to be a GSA to notify the DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a sub-basin; and,

WHEREAS, the County is committed to sustainable management of its groundwater resources; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 6066, notices of a public hearing regarding whether to adopt a Resolution to elect to become a GSA were published on November 27, 2015 and December 4, 2015 in the Manteca Bulletin, Lodi

News Sentinel, Tracy Press, and on November 27, 2015 and December 8, 2015 in The Record; and,

WHEREAS, the County held a public hearing on December 15, 2015, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County hereby elects to become a GSA for those portions of San Joaquin County within the Cosumnes, Eastern San Joaquin, and Tracy Sub-basin as defined in DWR Bulletin 118, a copy of a map of the proposed management area is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of Public Works or his designee to, within 30 days from the date of this Resolution, provide notification of this election to the DWR, including a copy of this Resolution and additional information required by Water Code Section 10723.8, in the manner required by law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such notification shall include the boundaries of the areas that the County intends to manage, which shall include the lands within the County boundaries, a copy of this Resolution, a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 of the SGMA, 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 GSA's groundwater sustainability plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors supports resolving boundary overlaps among electing GSAs and also supports exploring the establishment of a coordination agreement to organize electing GSAs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors directs staff to enter into discussions with agencies electing to be GSAs to resolve boundary overlaps and to develop a coordination agreement that recognizes the authority of electing GSAs to implement and enforce a GSP within their respective boundaries.

PASSED AND ADOPTED 12/15/2015, by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors, to wit:

AYES: **Winn, Elliott, Villapudua, Miller**

NOES: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None**

ATTEST:

MIMI DUZENSKI
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Of the County of San Joaquin,
State of California


KATHERINE M. MILLER
Chair of the Board
of Supervisors
State of California

By


Clerk



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