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January 21, 2016

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RE: Woodbridge Irrigation District filing as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID or District) has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8, and its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management for that portion of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater subbasin (DWR Basin No. 5.22-01) (Basin) that lies solely within the boundaries of the District, with the exception of any parts of the District overlain by other agencies. A map showing the Basin and the District's service area (except segments overlain by any other agency), which is also the proposed boundary of the GSA is attached in "Exhibit A."

The District is engaged in regular discussion with other agencies overlying the Basin, and is committed to working cooperatively with these agencies.

A copy of the Resolution electing to become a GSA for the Basin is attached in "Exhibit B."

The District did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities to elect to become a GSA.

Prior to the election to become a GSA, a public hearing was held on January 14, 2016 pursuant to Water Code section 10723(b).

As required by Water Code section 10723.2, Woodbridge Irrigation District developed a list of interested parties, and this list will continue to be amended as necessary during the development process for the local Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). As required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), Woodbridge Irrigation District will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as

well as those entities responsible for developing GSPs. These interests include, but are not limited to the following:

(a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

(1) Agricultural users. Woodbridge Irrigation District is predominately a rural district, made up of agricultural and rural residential properties. Each of the five (5) members of the Woodbridge Irrigation District is a grower in some capacity, therefore the residents within the District boundaries are well represented.

(2) Domestic Well owners. There are domestic wells within the GSA, however based on the existing groundwater conditions and levels in the area that current exist, or are anticipated to exist in the future, the GSA expects the GSP to exclude domestic wells.

(b) Municipal well operators. Currently, there are no municipal well operators within the WID GSA.

(c) Public water systems. Currently, there are no public water systems within the WID GSA.

(d) Local land use planning agencies. San Joaquin County is a planning agency, within which boundaries WID operates; WID has a long history of cooperation and close coordination with San Joaquin County and will continue in that capacity.

(e) Environmental users of groundwater. WID will consider the positions of any such users.

(f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies. WID has contractual obligations with and provides surface water to growers within the GSA boundaries as well as the cities of Lodi and Stockton for municipal use. The cities of Lodi and Stockton are located just outside the WID GSA boundaries.

(g) The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands. WID has a working relationship with the USGS, NMFS, and USF&W, and will continue coordination with such agencies.

(h) California Native American Tribes. N/A

(i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems. WID has identified disadvantaged communities within the basin from DWR data, and will cooperate with San Joaquin County to work with any disadvantaged communities within the GSA that may be relying on groundwater.

(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. San Joaquin County collects groundwater data, as part of the CASGEM monitoring program. WID will coordinate closely with the County in regards to this data.

Woodbridge Irrigation District, as an active GSA, intends to proactively and openly consult with other agencies, municipalities, San Joaquin County, and the State of California, regarding the management of

the groundwater within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. Woodbridge Irrigation District intends to use its existing Board of Directors for the purposes of governing the GSA.

If the Department of Water Resources requires additional information, please contact: Anders Christensen, General Manager at (209) 625-8438.

Very Truly Yours:

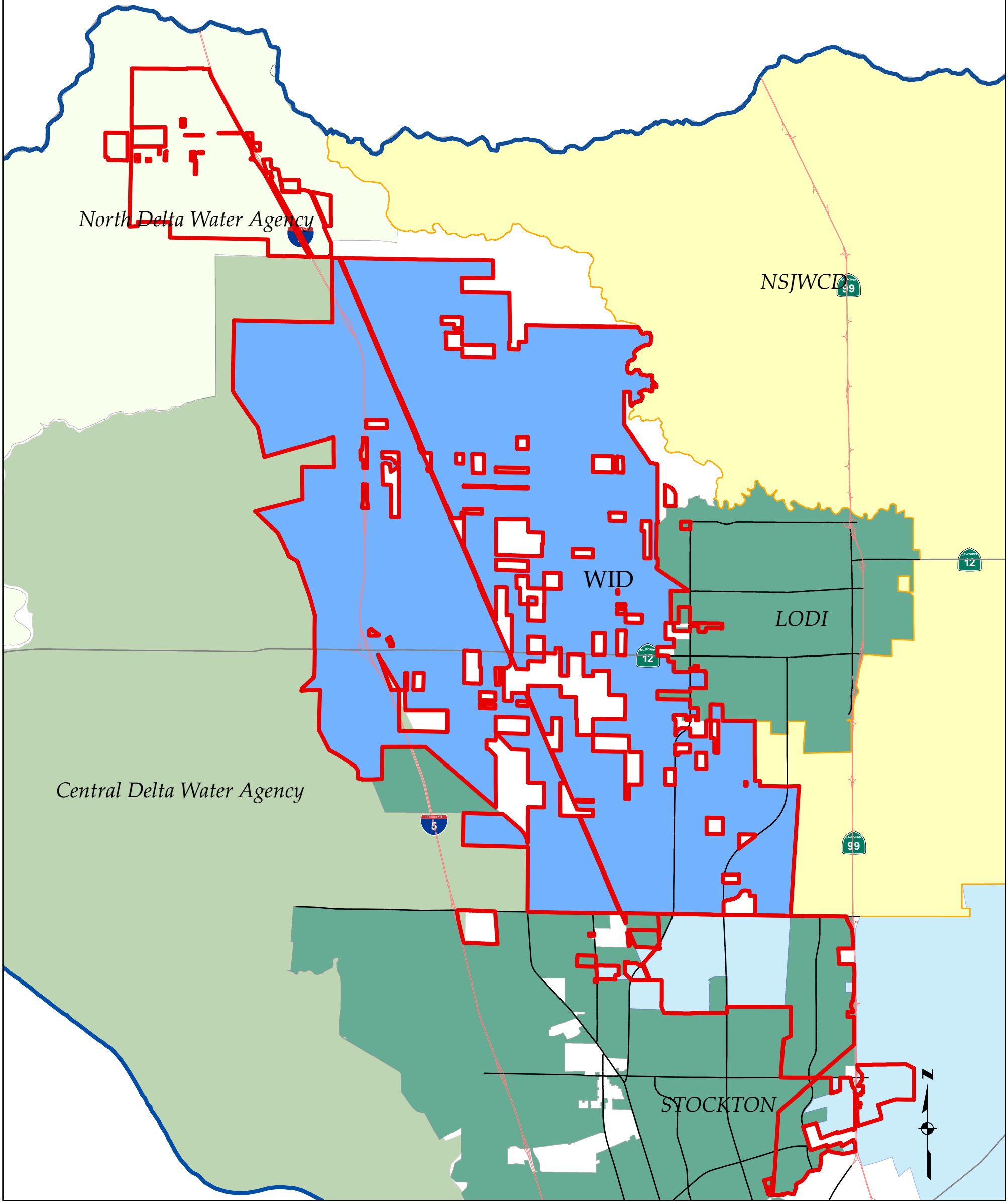
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Anders Christensen, Manager

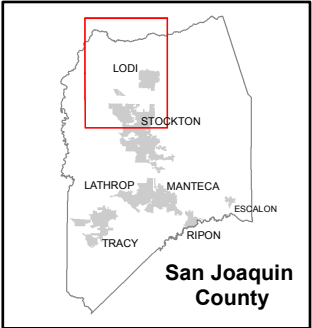
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Exhibit A: Map of Woodbridge Irrigation District's proposed GSA Boundary

Exhibit B: Woodbridge Irrigation District's Resolution to file as a GSA

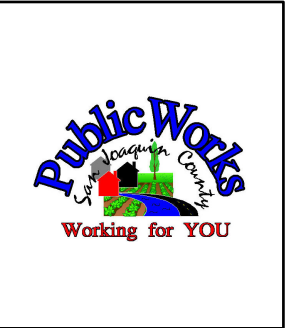


 WID Boundary  WID GSA  Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin 1" = 7,880'



Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin
(Groundwater Sustainability Agencies)
-- VICINITY MAP --

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
Department of Public Works, 1810 E. Hazelton Ave., Stockton, CA 95205
The County of San Joaquin does not warrant the accuracy, completeness, or suitability for any particular purpose.
The Information on this map is not intended to replace engineering, financial or primary records research.



RESOLUTION NO. 01-14-16-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOODBRIDGE IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTING TO
BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT ACT WITHIN THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SUB-BASIN**

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 Legislature adopted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, that went into effect on January 1, 2015, which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; 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); and

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin (Basin) has been designated by DWR as a high priority Basin; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA authorizes any local agency, or combination of local agencies overlying the Basin, to elect to become a GSA; and

WHEREAS, where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, the SGMA calls on local agencies to cooperate to manage the Basin in a sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, Woodbridge Irrigation District (District) is a local agency as defined under the SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; 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 (GSP); and

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

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the District to work cooperatively with other water agencies, the cities of Lodi and Stockton, and the County of San Joaquin, as may be appropriate, to manage the Basin in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the District has provided informal notice of its interest in serving as the GSA for its boundaries by means of communications with neighboring water agencies, cities and the County of San Joaquin; and

WHEREAS, the District provided public notice on (date) and (date), pursuant to Government Code section 6066, of its intention to hold a hearing concerning its establishment of a GSA; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on (date) to consider whether it should become the GSA for the portion of the Basin underlying its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Woodbridge Irrigation District, hereby elects to become a GSA for the Eastern San Joaquin subbasin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the boundaries of the GSA for which Woodbridge Irrigation District intends to manage is for that area within the District's current boundaries as indicated in the map that is attached as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that District staff are hereby directed to provide notice of this election to the DWR in the manner required by law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that District staff are hereby directed to coordinate with neighboring GSAs that may be established in order to begin the process of developing a GSP for the Basin, as indicated by the SGMA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Woodbridge Irrigation District at a regular meeting on (date), by the following vote of the members thereof:

Ayes: *BUSSMAN, LUCCHESI, SHINN, STOKES, VAN EXEL*

Nays: *NONE*

Absent: *NONE*

Abstain: *NONE*



Bill Stokes, President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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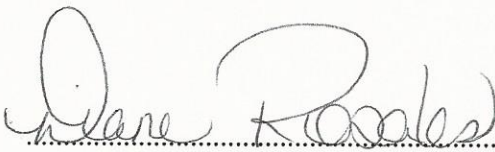
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid: I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Lodi News-Sentinel, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily 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:

December 30th, January 6th,

all in the years 2015-2016

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

Dated at Lodi, California, United Sates of America this 6th day of January 2016.



Signature

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Notice of Public Hearing



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