



May 30, 2017

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Mr. Mark Nordberg
California Department of Water Resources
901 P Street, Room 213A
Post Office Box 942-836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Re: Notification to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency
City of Dos Palos

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) that the City of Dos Palos (City) has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code Section 10723(a). Information in this letter is intended to comply with the requirements for notification under Section 10723.8(a).

Applicable Bulletin 118 Subbasin and Resolution to become a GSA

The City of Dos Palos intends to undertake sustainable groundwater management for that portion of the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin (Bulletin 118 No. 5-22.04) that lies within its service area. A map showing the Delta-Mendota Subbasin and the City of Dos Palos service area is attached as Exhibit 1. A copy of the Resolution of the city electing to become a GSA for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin is attached as Exhibit 2. The Resolution was adopted on March 28, 2017.

Intention to Engage and Manage Groundwater Sustainably under SGMA

The City of Dos Palos has engaged and is seeking to work cooperatively with other local agencies overlying the Delta-Mendota Subbasin to meet the requirements of the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) including preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in accordance with Section 10727. The City of Dos Palos acknowledges that SGMA requires groundwater management to be conducted on a basin-wide scale according to a 50-year planning and implementation horizon.

Other local agencies to form a GSA within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin include, but are not limited to, Merced County, the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority and Central California Irrigation District. There are no local agencies with the service areas overlapping those of the City of Dos Palos other than Merced County.

The City of Dos Palos' service area lies wholly within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin.

The City of Dos Palos anticipates the need to enter into intra- and inter-basin agreements to ensure that GSPs are coordinated and satisfy applicable regulation developed under SGMA.

GSA Notification Requirements

In accordance with the GSA Formation Notification Guidelines for Local Agencies, the City of Dos Palos submits the following information:

Information Submitted within 30 Days

The City of Dos Palos conducted a public hearing on March 28, 2017, pursuant to Water Code Section 10723(b), to elect to become a GSA.

Map and Description of Service Area Boundaries

The City of Dos Palos' service area is shown on Exhibit 1.

There are no other local agencies with overlapping service area boundaries other than Merced County.

Resolution

A copy of the Resolution electing to become a GSA for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin is attached in Exhibit 2 and includes the Government Code 6066 notification and evidence of a public hearing regarding the City of Dos Palos' intent to become a GSA.

New Bylaws, Ordinances, or New Authorities

The City of Dos Palos did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities in electing to become a GAS.

Interested Parties

The City of Dos Palos has identified the following interested parties as defined in Water Code Section 10723.2. It is anticipated that the list may be modified and amended during GSP development. The City of Dos Palos will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, as well as others responsible for developing GSPs within the Subbasin and, as appropriate, within adjacent subbasins that are hydro-geologically connected. The City of Dos Palos will solicit

feedback and engage with interested parties during GSP development. Interest parties include, but are not limited to the following:

(a) *Holders of overlying groundwater rights*

Domestic Users – there are none within the City.

Agricultural Users – there are none within the City.

(b) *Municipal well operators*

There are none within the City.

(c) *Public water systems*

The City operates and maintains Public Water System No. 2410002. The City will work with Merced County and the State Water Board to identify any other public water system within the GSA service area.

(d) *Local land use planning agencies*

The City of Dos Palos is the local planning agency with the authority covering the City of Dos Palos service area.

(e) *Environmental users of groundwater*

There are no environmental users of groundwater with the City of Dos Palos' service area, nor does the City of Dos Palos provide groundwater for environmental purposes outside of its service area.

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

There are several surface water features adjacent to the City of Dos Palos' service area: The City will continue to collaborate with surface water users and providers within the Basin in consideration of GSP development.

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

The City will continue to work with federal government agencies as it pertains to SGMA.

(h) *California Native American Tribes*

There are no California Native American Tribes with the City of Dos Palos' service area.

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

The City will work with agencies within the Basin to collaborate with and consider the disadvantaged communities in the Basin during the GSP development.

(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 will coordinate with Merced County and the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority to continue to collect data during GSP development.

This GSA formation notification along with GIS shape files is being sent electronically to Mark.Norgerg@water.ca.gov.

All Applicable Information Submitted in this Notification

The City intends to work cooperatively with other agencies, water providers and other interested stakeholders regarding the sustainable management of groundwater within the Basin. The City intends to use its existing City Council to govern the GSA.

With this notification, the City has provided DWR with all the applicable information required to become a GSA as detailed in Water Code section 10723.8(a). If further information is required, please contact me at (209) 723-2066 or email garth.pecchenino@qkinc.com

Sincerely,



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City Engineer

cc: Mr. Ron Rowe
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Merced, CA 95340

Dane Mathis
Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
South Central Region Office
3374 E. Shields Office
Fresno, CA 93726

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Map/GIS shape file of the city of Dos Palos and the Northern Delta Mendota Subbasin

Exhibit B – Copy of Resolution of election to become a GSA

Exhibit C – Proof of Publication for public hearing

EXHIBIT B

RESOLUTION 2017 – 04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOS PALOS OF INTENTION TO FORM A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Dos Palos is a local agency which may elect to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency under the California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dos Palos wishes to proceed with the steps necessary for the formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); and

WHEREAS, in order to become a GSA, as outlined in the California Water Code, a public hearing must take place after which the City of Dos Palos can adopt a Resolution of Intention to form a GSA; and

WHEREAS, the City has published a Notice pursuant to the requirements of California Government Code Section 6066 and has held a public hearing regarding the adoption of a Resolution of Intention to form a GSA,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Dos Palos hereby adopts a Resolution which elects to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency as outlined in the California Water Code, Park 2.74, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Section 10723, and further authorizes its City Manager submit a Notice of the City's intent to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency to the California Department of Water Resources.

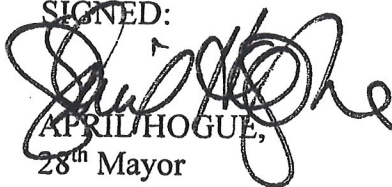
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of March 2017 by the following votes:

AYES: Hogue, Thompson, Lerner, and McGlynn.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Pigg.

SIGNED:


APRIL HOGUE,
28th Mayor

ATTEST:



DARRELL FONSECA,
Acting City Clerk

Ad Order Information

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Run Dates
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03/18/2017, 03/24/2017, 03/25/2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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