

EXHIBIT 6

LIST OF INTERESTED PARTIES

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2: a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs). The list of interested parties presented below was developed during the current GSA formation process. Many of the agencies identified below have already been contacted by the City of Bakersfield, Kern Delta Water District, or the Kern County Water Agency Improvement District No. 4 or to coordinate the GSA planning process. The interests of the agencies, organizations, and individuals identified below shall be considered during the development of the GSP for the GSA.

(a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

(1) Agricultural users.

- Rosedale Ranch Improvement District
- Various landowners

A significant portion of the land located within the Kern River GSA boundary is used for agricultural purposes. Kern District Water District maintains a landowner list and contact information for such users within its service area boundaries. The GSA will maintain a landowner list of all other such users, with contact information.

(2) Domestic well owners.

- Bear Mountain Truck Stop
- Cal Mat (Panama Lane Facility)
- Cemex Construction Materials Pacific LLC
- Countryside Market & Restaurants
- Delta Trading Water System
- Donovan Bros. Golf
- Derrel's Mini Storage #66
- Farmer John Egg Ranch #2
- Golden Empire Concrete Company
- Grace Community Church Water System
- Harvest Steakhouse
- J.G. Boswell Company Water System
- Kern County Cemetery Association
- Kern Oil and Refining Company
- Kidz Kountry Preschool

- Lakeside School
- Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association
- Seven Oaks Country Club
- Stockdale Country Club
- Various private entities

There may be additional domestic well owners located within the GSA boundary. The GSA will maintain a list of such owners, with contact information.

(b) Municipal well operators.

- Ashe Water Company
- City of Bakersfield
- California Water Service Company
- East Niles Community Services District
- Greenfield County Water District
- Kern County Water Agency, Improvement District No.4
- North of the River Mutual Water District

It is believed that this is the extent of the municipal well operators located partially or fully within the GSA boundary. However, there may be other municipal well owners located partially or fully within the GSA boundary. The GSA will maintain a list of municipal well operators with contact information.

(c) Public water systems.

- Ashe Water Company
- Athal Mutual Water System
- Bear Mountain RV Park Water System
- California Water Service Company
- Casa Loma Water Company
- East Niles Community Services District
- East Wilson Road Water Company
- El Adobe POA, Inc.
- Fuller Acres Mutual Water Company
- Gosford Road Water Company
- Greenfield County Water District
- North of the River Mutual Water District
- Oasis Property Owners Association
- Oildale Mutual Water Company
- Old River Mutual Water Company
- Panama Road Property Owners Association
- Ski West Village Water System

- South Kern Mutual Water Company
- Stockdale Annex Mutual Water Company
- Stockdale Mutual Water Company
- Vaughn Water Company
- Wini Mutual Water Company

It is believed that this is the extent of the public water systems located partially or fully within the GSA boundary. However, there may be other public water systems located partially or fully within the GSA boundary. The GSA will maintain a list of public water systems with contact information.

(d) Local land use planning agencies.

- County of Kern
- Kern County Planning and Community Development Department

The City of Bakersfield is also a local land use planning agency within the GSA boundary. The City Manager's office, City Attorney, Community Development Department, and Water Resources Department have been, and will continue to be, engaged in a coordinated effort in the formation of this GSA, development of the subsequent GSP, and ongoing coordination with other GSAs in the Kern River Subbasin with the goal of ensuring sustainability within the Subbasin.

(e) Environmental users of groundwater.

- Panorama Vista Preserve
- Kern River Parkway Foundation
- City of Bakersfield

The City has developed the Kern River Flow and Municipal Water Program to restore streamflow and increase groundwater recharge along the Kern River. The Program will implement City-adopted plans and policies to enhance and protect the natural resources of the Kern River through increasing river flows. Increased river flows provide benefits of increased groundwater recharge, recreation, and habitat enhancement. The Program would allow surplus water to flow down the Kern River channel seasonally and percolate to the groundwater basin below. The City draws off of the recharged basin to support its municipal water supply needs. The Kern River Flow and Municipal Water Program will be considered in development of the GSP.

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

- Buena Vista Water Storage District
- Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

The City and Kern-Delta Water District own long-standing historic surface water rights and supplies, and typically use such water supplies for deliveries to constituents (surface deliveries and conjunctive use deliveries) within the their boundaries.

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

- There are no known lands owned or operated by the federal government within the GSA. If in the future such interests are discovered, they will be included as an interested party.

(h) California Native American Tribes.

- *There are no known lands owned or operated by California Native American Tribes within the GSA. If in the future such interests are discovered, they will be included as an interested party.*

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

- Calder's Corner
- Edison
- Greenfield
- Kern City
- Magunden

Exhibit 7 provides a list and map of the census tracts within the GSA boundary that meet the definition of "disadvantaged community."¹ The GIS data of the disadvantaged community census tracts shown in the attached map were obtained from the CalEPA website.²

(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.³

¹As defined in *Designation of Disadvantaged Communities Pursuant to Senate Bill 535 (De Leon)*.

Available:<<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/GHGInvest/Documents/SB535DesCom.pdf>>. Accessed: January 26, 2016.

²Available:<<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/GHGInvest/>>. Accessed: January 26, 2016.

³Water Code Section 10927. Any of the following entities may assume responsibility for monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a basin or subbasin in accordance with this part:

(a) A watermaster or water management engineer appointed by a court or pursuant to statute to administer a final judgment determining rights to groundwater.

(b) (1) A groundwater management agency with statutory authority to manage groundwater pursuant to its principal act that is monitoring groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin or subbasin on or before January 1, 2010.

(2) A water replenishment district established pursuant to Division 18 (commencing with Section 60000). This part does not expand or otherwise affect the authority of a water replenishment district relating to monitoring groundwater elevations.

(3) A groundwater sustainability agency with statutory authority to manage groundwater pursuant to Part 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720).

(c) A local agency that is managing all or part of a groundwater basin or subbasin pursuant to Part 2.75 (commencing with Section 10750) and that was monitoring groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin or subbasin on or before January 1, 2010, or a local agency or county that is managing all or part of a groundwater basin or subbasin pursuant to any other legally enforceable groundwater management plan with provisions that are substantively similar to those described in that part and that was monitoring groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin or subbasin on or before January 1, 2010.

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

The City and Kern-Delta Water District also monitor and report groundwater elevations. Cal Water, the City's operations and maintenance contractor, takes monthly groundwater elevation readings for the City's domestic water wells. City staff also measures groundwater levels in the City's Olcese Wells and in monitoring wells in the City's 2800 Acre Recharge Facility. Kern Delta staff takes certain weekly, monthly, and bi-annual groundwater elevation measurements throughout the District. Some of the bi-annual data is reported to the Kern County Water Agency and some to the State of California through the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program.

The following are other interested parties that do not fit the various categories outlined in Water Code §10723.2:

- Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority

All of the above interested parties will be considered in the operation of the GSA and the development of the GSP.

(d) A local agency that is managing all or part of a groundwater basin or subbasin pursuant to an integrated regional water management plan prepared pursuant to Part 2.2 (commencing with Section 10530) that includes a groundwater management component that complies with the requirements of Section 10753.7.

(e) A local agency that has been collecting and reporting groundwater elevations and that does not have an adopted groundwater management plan, if the local agency adopts a groundwater management plan in accordance with Part 2.75 (commencing with Section 10750) by January 1, 2014. The department may authorize the local agency to conduct the monitoring and reporting of groundwater elevations pursuant to this part on an interim basis, until the local agency adopts a groundwater management plan in accordance with Part 2.75 (commencing with Section 10750) or until January 1, 2014, whichever occurs first.

(f) A county that is not managing all or a part of a groundwater basin or subbasin pursuant to a legally enforceable groundwater management plan with provisions that are substantively similar to those described in Part 2.75 (commencing with Section 10750).

(g) A voluntary cooperative groundwater monitoring association formed pursuant to Section 10935.

Regional Coordination

Regional coordination is an important component of forming this GSA and the subsequent GSP. Currently, the Kern Groundwater Authority (KGA) has been engaging in public outreach, and both the City of Bakersfield (City), Kern-Delta Water District (KDWD), and the Kern County Water Agency Improvement District No. 4 (ID4) and have participated in this current outreach effort with the KGA. To date, the KGA, has organized a number of regular meetings since April 2014 at which the City, KDWD, and ID4 have participated. Prior to the KGA, the City also participated in regional coordination meetings with the Kern Groundwater Management Committee (KGMC) since January 2012. These meetings with the KGA and the KGMC included discussion of the SGMA and Kern County local compliance and coordination efforts.

Continued Public Outreach

This GSA will conduct public outreach efforts to engage the public and interested parties listed above in the ongoing effort to comply with SGMA and develop the GSP. It is the GSA's intent to hold additional educational workshops in the future to keep the public and interested parties informed of the ongoing GSP development efforts. We will plan workshops in the future before adoption of the GSP. Additional future public outreach efforts may include forming a committee to oversee public outreach and potentially developing a website to provide the public with current information regarding the GSA. The purpose of these efforts would be to ensure a clear communication path with the public and interested parties to keep them informed regarding the progress of the GSA and GSP.

The Kern River GSA will consider the interests of all of the foregoing beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs. In this effort, the District will (1) continue to meet with the KGA 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 Kern River GSA members' Board of Directors, and (4) solicit feedback in the adoption of its GSP and any subsequent amendments. In addition to the foregoing, and pursuant to Water Code §10727.8, prior to initiating the development of a GSP, the Kern River GSA will make available to the public and DWR a written statement describing the manner in which interested parties may participate in the development and implementation of the GSP. The Kern River GSA 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 by the Kern River GSA. 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 Kern River GSA.

Furthermore, and pursuant to Water Code §10728.4, the Kern River GSA will adopt or amend its GSP 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 Kern River GSA will also 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.