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August 27, 2018

VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mr. Mark Nordberg, GSA Project Manager
Sustainable Groundwater Management Program
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Re: **NOTICE OF THE WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT'S INTENT TO BECOME
A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

Per Section 10723.8(a) of the California Water Code, the West Kern Water District ("West Kern") gives notice of its decision to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") for the portion of its jurisdictional boundaries that overlie the Kern County Subbasin (Basin Number 5-22.14, DWR Bulletin 118) within the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin.

West Kern's jurisdictional boundaries are depicted in **Exhibit A**.

On June 28, 2016, the West Kern Board of Directors held a public hearing to consider the decision to serve as a GSA. In accordance with Section 10723(b) of the California Water Code, and Section 6066 of the California Government Code, a notice of public hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation. Proof of publication is shown as **Exhibit B**.

Following the public hearing, West Kern's Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 16-03, enclosed as **Exhibit C**, electing to become a GSA to the extent of the

boundaries depicted in Exhibit A. West Kern is not proposing any new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities associated with this GSA formation.

Other agencies that are managing or proposing to manage groundwater within the Kern County Subbasin include: the Kern Groundwater Authority, Buena Vista Water Storage District, Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency, the County of Kern, and the Greenfield County Water District.

As required by Water Code section 10723.8(a)(4), West Kern established and is maintaining a list of interested parties that West Kern will amend as necessary during the GSA formation process and Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development process. As required by SGMA, West Kern will consider all classes of beneficial users and users of groundwater within the Basin, as well as those responsible for developing GSPs. An initial list of stakeholders and interested party classes includes:

(a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights

(1) Agricultural users

- None known at this time.

(2) Domestic well operators

- Aera Energy, LLC
- California Resources Corporation

(b) Municipal well operators

- City of Taft
- City of Maricopa

(c) Public Water Systems

- West Kern Water District
- Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

(d) Local land use planning agencies

- County of Kern

(e) Environmental users of groundwater

- None known at this time.

(f) Surface water users

- None known at this time

(g) Federal Government agencies

- Federal Bureau of Prisons (Taft Federal Correctional Institution)

(h) California Native American Tribes

- None known at this time

(i) Disadvantaged communities

- Ford City
- South Taft
- Tupman
- Valley Acres
- Dustin Acres
- Derby Acres
- Maricopa
- McKittrick

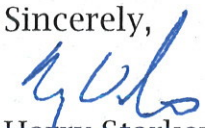
(j) Entities monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of the groundwater basin

- 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

West Kern is committed to working with all interested parties, across the basin, to develop a GSP that achieves sustainable groundwater management.

By this notice, West Kern has provided DWR with all applicable information required by Water Code section 10723.8(a). If any further information is required, please contact West Kern's general manager, Harry Starkey, at harry@wkwd.org.

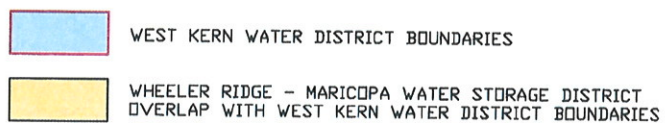
Sincerely,



Harry Starkey
General Manager

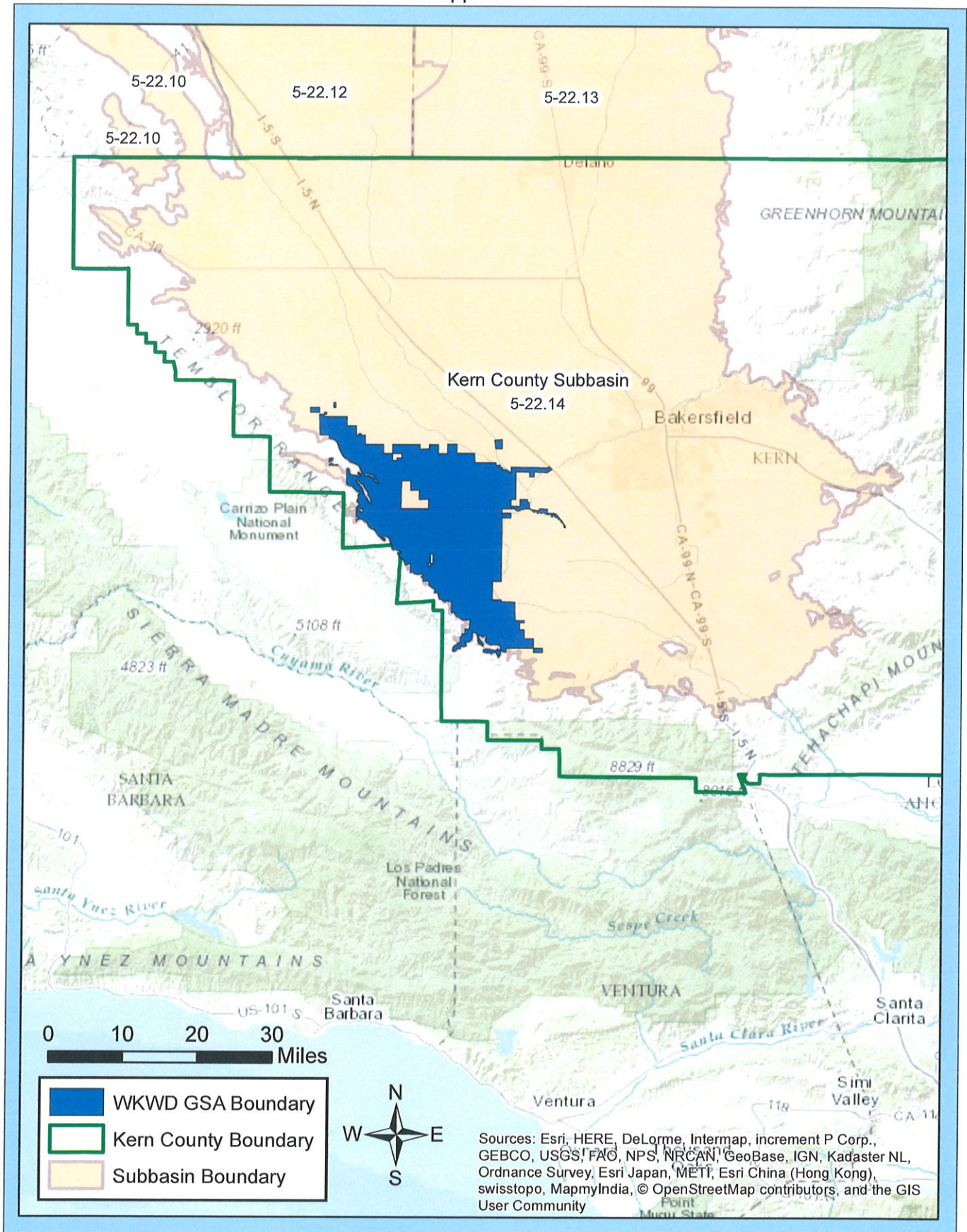
cc: Mike McKenzie, South Central Region Contact

EXHIBIT A

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WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT

Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
Application



Author: Doug Jameson - West Kern Water Engineering

EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT C

RESOLUTION NO. 16-03

**RESOLUTION ELECTING TO ESTABLISH
THE WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT AS
A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR
THOSE PORTIONS OF THE KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN OF
THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code § 10720 et seq.) pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; 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 Kern County Groundwater Sub-basin has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin and in critical groundwater overdraft; and,

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

WHEREAS, the West Kern Water District (the "District") 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 District 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 June 14, 2016 and June 21, 2016 in the Taft Daily Midway Driller; and,

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on June 28, 2016, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Directors of the West Kern Water District hereby elects to become a GSA for those portions of Kern County subbasin shown in the map attached hereto as Exhibit A; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District authorizes the General Manager 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 the District directs the General Manager to begin preliminary negotiations concerning the resolution of potential overlapping GSA boundaries, and to report back about the potential options to resolve any overlapping boundaries.

All the foregoing being upon the motion of Director Morris, seconded by Director Niblett and carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Barry M. Jameson
 Vice President David A. Wells
 Director Gary J. Morris
 Director Scott Niblett
 Director Roger Miller

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED, SIGNED, AND APPROVED this 28th day of June 2016.



Barry M. Jameson,
President of the Board of Directors of
WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT

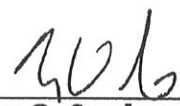
SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, **Harry O. Starkey**, being the appointed secretary of the **West Kern Water District**, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing **Resolution No. 16-03** was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a legally convened meeting of said Board held on the **28th day of June 2016**, that the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of **Resolution No. 16-03**, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

ATTEST:



(SEAL)



Harry O. Starkey,
Secretary of the Board of Directors of
WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT

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From: [Doug Jameson](#)
To: [Nordberg, Mark@DWR](#)
Cc: [Harry Starkey](#); [JD Bramlet](#); [Taylor Miller](#); [Ravi Patel](#); [Wendy Adams-Rosenberger](#); [Gooding, Benjamin@DWR](#); [McKenzie, Charles@DWR](#)
Subject: West Kern Water District GSA Application - map modification/revision
Date: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 4:00:18 PM
Attachments: [WKWD-GSA rev.11092016.pdf](#)
[WKWD-GSA rev.11092016.zip](#)

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 4:00pm

Mr. Mark Nordberg,

West Kern Water District wishes to modify our desired GSA area in order to allow another local agency to potentially be formed and to adjust for the subbasin revisions recently made available to us.

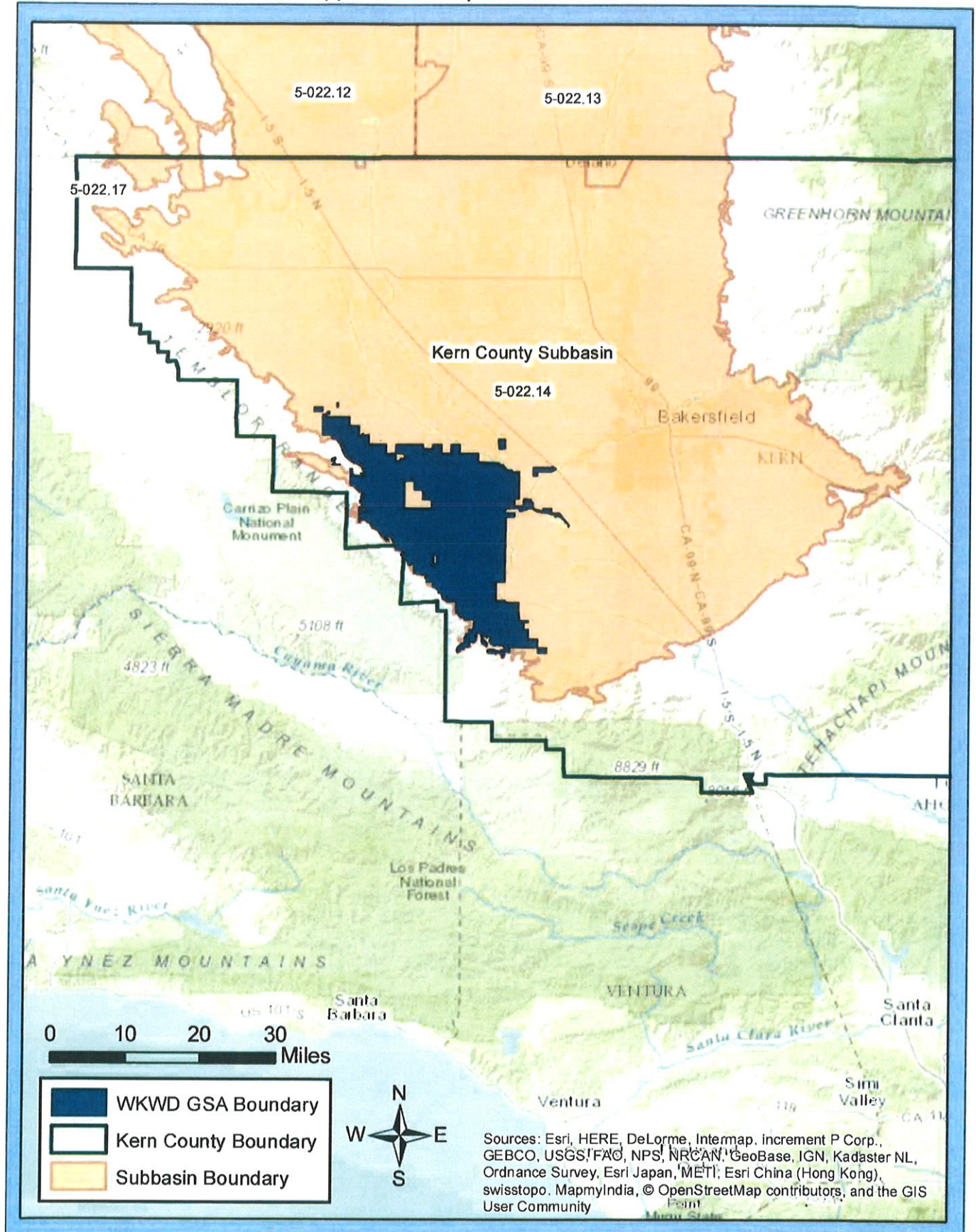
Attached, please find a .pdf map outlining the requested revision. I have also included an ESRI shape file of the revised WKWD-GSA desired area for your use.

Thank You.

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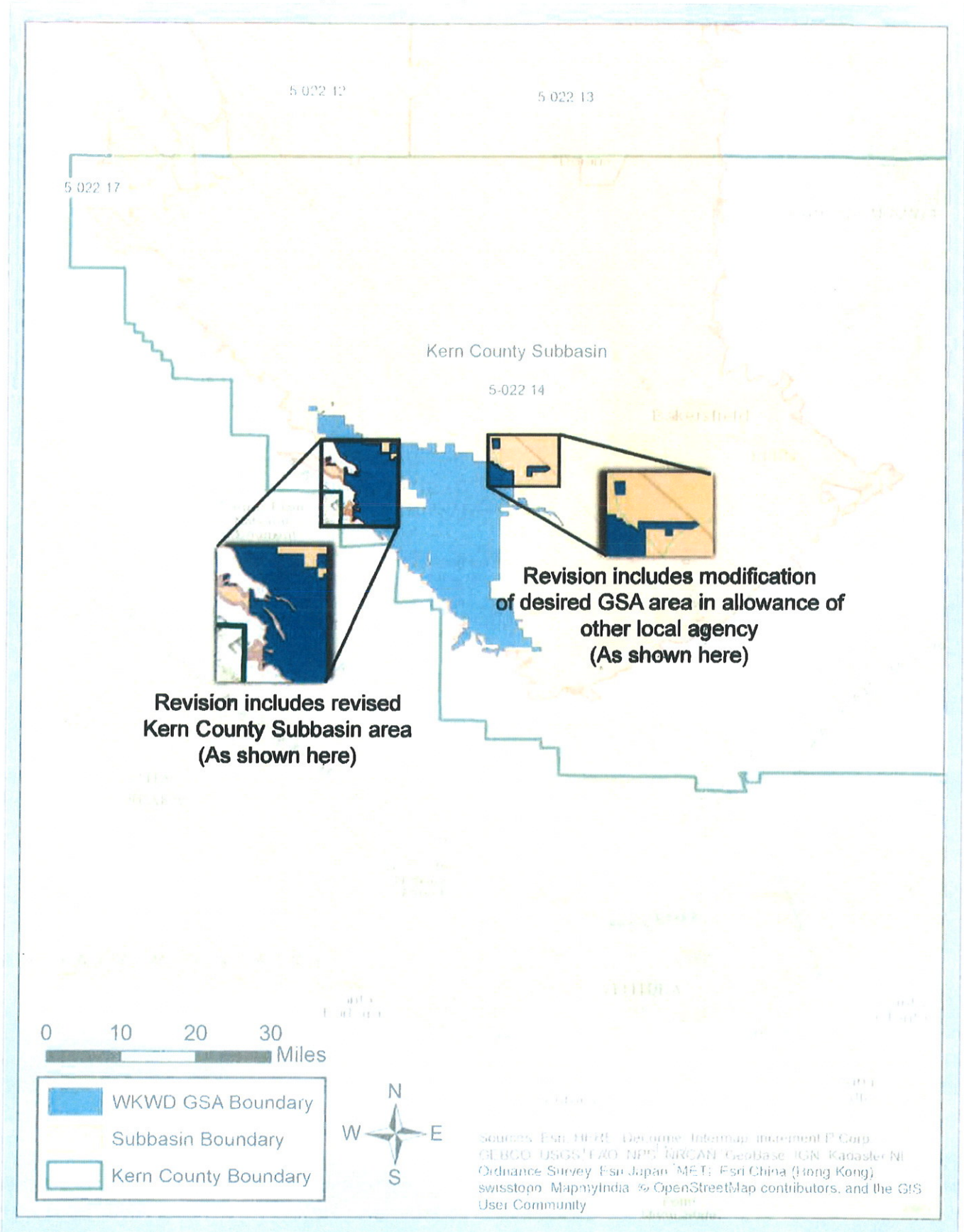
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Subject: West Kern Water District GSA Application - map modification/revision #2
Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016 1:02:03 PM
Attachments: [WKWD-GSA rev.12152016.pdf](#)
[WKWD-GSA rev.12152016.zip](#)

Thursday, December 15, 2016 1:00pm

Mr. Mark Nordberg,

West Kern Water District wishes to submit a second modification of our desired GSA area in order to allow another local agency to potentially be formed.

Attached, please find a .pdf map outlining the requested revision #2. I have also included an ESRI shape file of the revised WKWD-GSA desired area for your use.

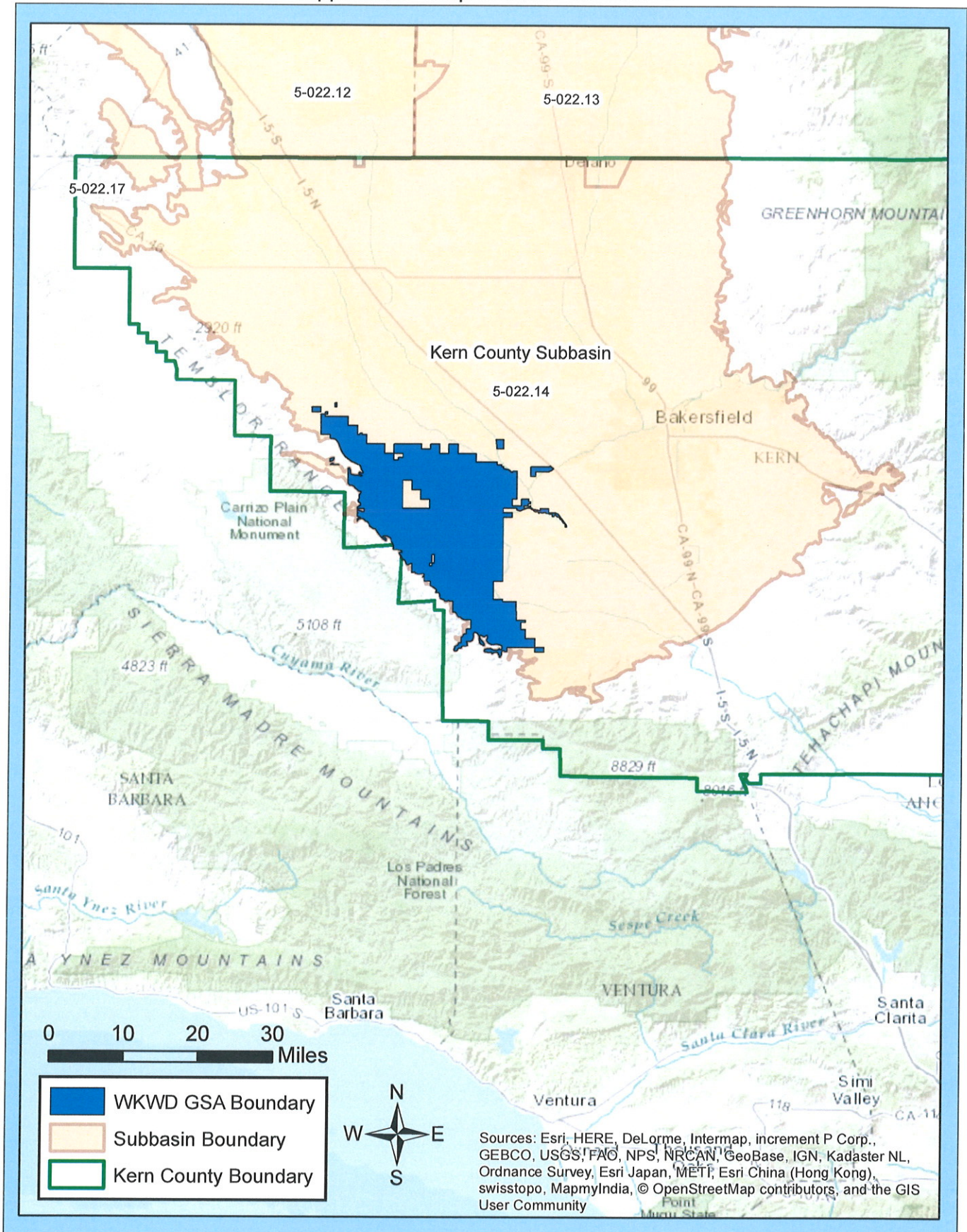
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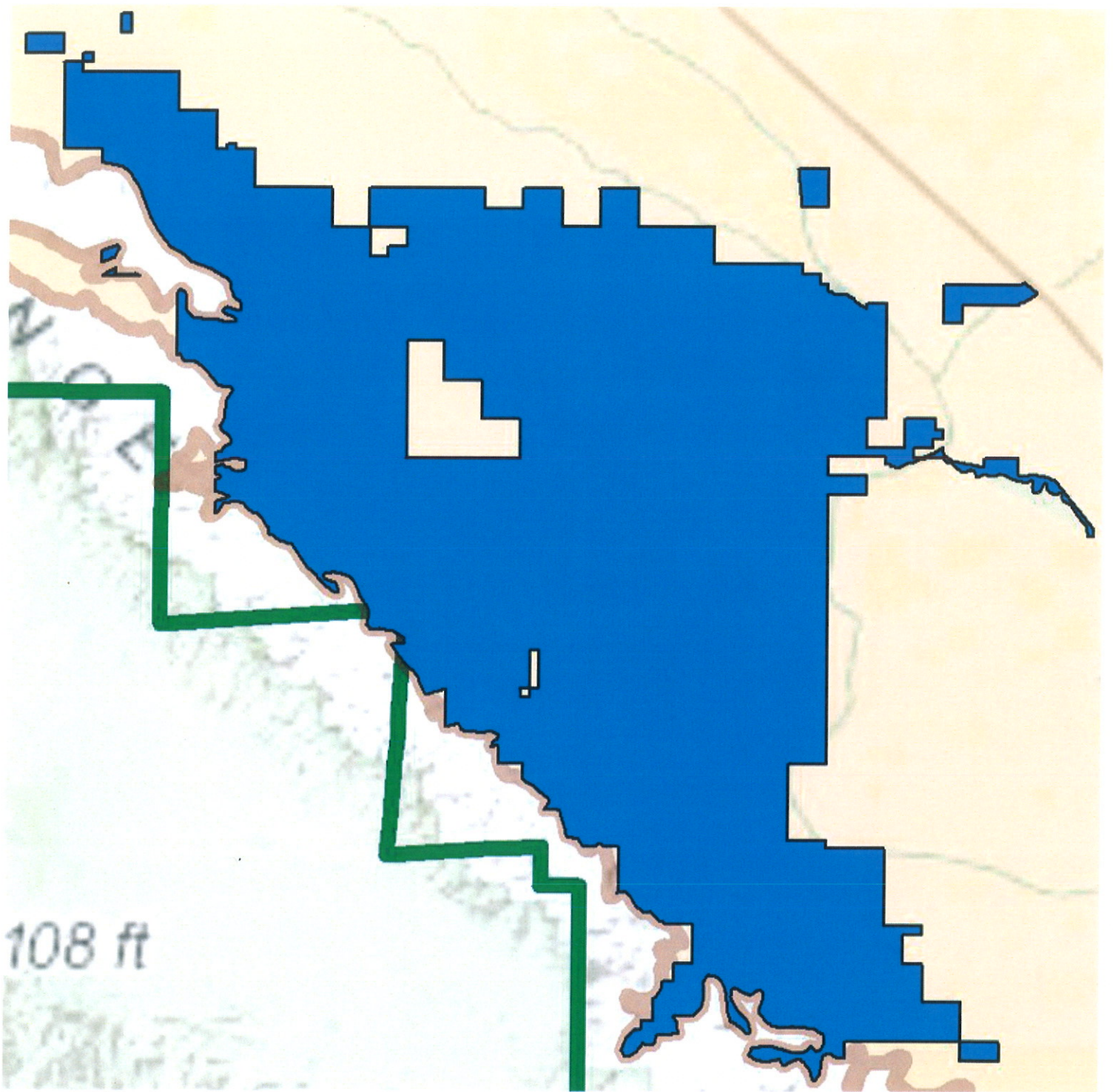
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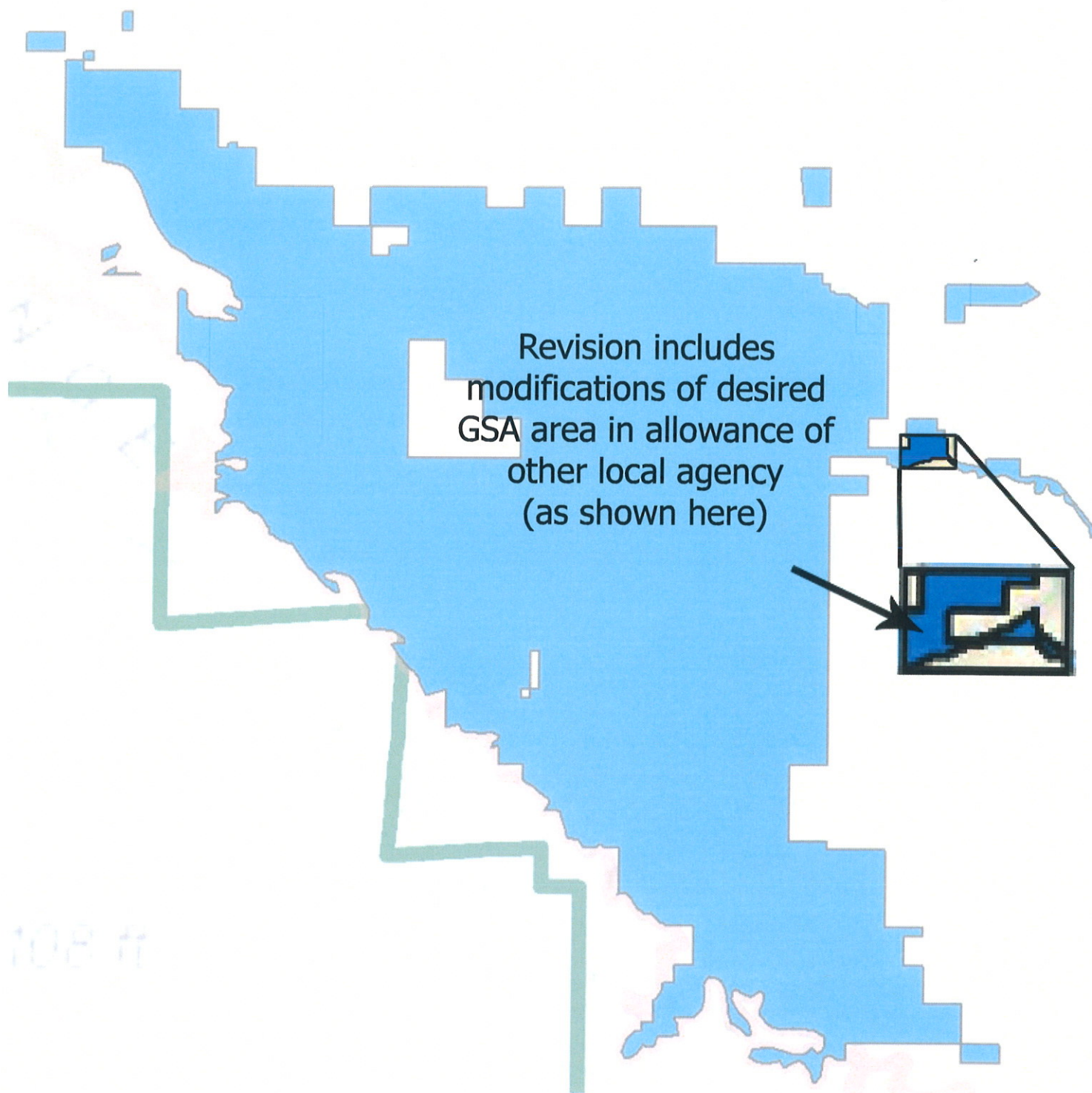
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DETAIL 1



DETAIL 2