

Greenfield County Water District

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Re: Notice of Greenfield County Water District's Intent to Serve as Groundwater Sustainability Agency For A Portion of the Kern County Subbasin- 5-22.14

This letter constitutes notice to the Department of Water Resources (**DWR**), pursuant to Water Code sections 10723(d) and 10723.8, of Greenfield County Water District's (**District**) intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management of a portion of the Kern County Subbasin (**Basin**) No. 5-22.14 as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (**GSA**) pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (**SGMA**). This notice of intent is timely filed within 30 days of the date the District's Board of Directors (**Board**) approved a resolution electing to serve as a GSA. The resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and maps showing the District's service area boundaries and proposed GSA management area are attached as an exhibit to the resolution. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as GSA.

As of the date of this notice, DWR has posted a notice pursuant to Water Code section 10733.3 of Buena Vista Water Storage District's intent to serve as a GSA for a portion of the Basin.

A list of potential GSAs within the Basin is attached as Exhibit 2. Potential GSA's within the District's proposed management area include the City of Bakersfield and Kern Delta Water District. The District anticipates coordinating with both the City of Bakersfield and Kern Delta Water District in the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (**GSP**).

Interested parties within the District's proposed GSA management area, determined pursuant to Water Code section 10723.2, and to the best of the District's knowledge, include:

(a) Holders of Overlying Groundwater Rights, including:

(1) Agricultural Users,

The District's proposed management area is composed predominantly of residential, commercial and industrial water users, most of whom have a pre-existing relationship with the District. There is a small amount of agricultural land within the District, most of which is fallow pending development. Active agricultural water users within the District's boundary will fall under the GSA of Kern Delta Water District.

(2) Domestic Well Owners.

There are domestic wells within the proposed GSA management area. However, because SGMA excludes "de minimis extractors" (those that extract no more than two acre-feet per year) from certain regulatory requirements, it is anticipated that the GSP will exclude some domestic wells from such requirements.

(b) Municipal Well Operators.

The District is the only known municipal well operator within the proposed management area.

(c) Public Water Systems.

The District is the only known public water system within the proposed management area.

(d) Local Land Use Planning Agencies.

The County of Kern and the City of Bakersfield and the local land use planning agencies.

(e) Environmental Users of Groundwater.

N/A.

(f) Surface Water Users, if there is a Hydrologic Connection between Surface and Groundwater bodies.

The District, Kern Delta Water District and the City of Bakersfield are surface water users within the District's boundaries.

(g) The Federal Government, including, but not limited to, the Military and Managers of Federal Lands.

N/A

(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.
The District is not aware of any Disadvantaged Communities within the proposed management area.

(j) Entities listed in Water Code Section 10927 that are Monitoring and Reporting Groundwater Elevations in all or part of a Groundwater Basin Managed by the Groundwater Sustainability Agency.
Possibly Kern Delta Water District and the City of Bakersfield.

The District intends to engage in a collaborative, open and inclusive process in implementing SGMA. The District will listen to and consider the interests of the Basin's other GSAs, stakeholders, and other interested parties in the development and operation of the GSA, and in the development and implementation of the GSP. Interested parties will have opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input to the District through the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA and GSP. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to, public comment as required by SGMA (e.g., Water Code section 10728.4); opportunities for public comment during the initial District's regular and special board meetings, and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8(a).



Mel Johnson, General Manager and Secretary
Greenfield County Water District

GREENFIELD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
GREENFIELD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR AN ELECTION TO SERVE AS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014 and became effective January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, Greenfield County Water District (District) overlies a subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin known as the Kern County Subbasin (Basin No. 5-22.14 in the Department of Water Resources' CASGEM system), an unadjudicated groundwater basin overlying portions of Kern County (the "Basin"); and

WHEREAS, the District, as a local public agency overlying the Basin, is authorized to be a GSA for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing to consider whether the District should elect to be a GSA for a portion of the Basin, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit A**, was published in the *Bakersfield Californian* on February 25, 2016 and again on March 3, 2016, pursuant to section 6066 of the Government Code, as required by section 10723(b) of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, courtesy copies of the hearing notice were also provided to the Basin's other potential GSAs within the Basin, including the Kern Groundwater Authority, County of Kern City of Bakersfield and Kern Delta Water District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GREENFIELD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT as follows:

1. The District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for at least that portion of the Kern County Subbasin that is shown on the map attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by this reference.

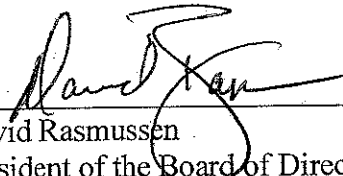
2. Within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the General Manager is directed to submit a notice of the District's intent to the Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8(a).

3. The General Manager shall, after complying with Water Code section 10727.8, begin the process of developing the District's Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Basin in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

4. The General Manager shall create and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices concerning the District's SGMA process pursuant to section 10723.4 of the Water Code.

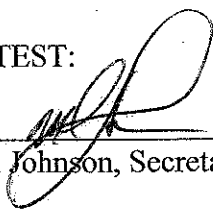
5. The General Manager shall provide regular progress reports on SMGA implementation to the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2016.



David Rasmussen
President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Mel Johnson, Secretary

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

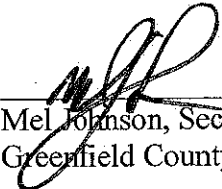
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 16-01 was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of Greenfield County Water District at a regular meeting thereof held on March 14, 2016, on the following roll call vote:

AYES: David Rasmussen
Roberto Figueroa
Robert Actis
Alex Alvarado
Dennis Costa

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Mel Johnson, Secretary
Greenfield County Water District

Exhibit A

GREENFIELD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to California Water Code section 10723(b), the Board of Directors of Greenfield County Water District (District) will hold a public hearing on March 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at the District's office located at 551 Taft Highway, Bakersfield, California to consider and decide whether the District shall become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Kern County Subbasin of the Tulare Lake Groundwater Basin. Written comments should be submitted to the District, to the attention of Mel Johnson, District Manager, no later than 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016. During the hearing, the District will receive oral and written comments before making a decision.

Dated: February 23, 2016

GREENFIELD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

By _____

Mel Johnson

General Manager and Secretary

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

The BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN
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DISTRICT
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN

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 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER OF THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED DAILY IN THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD COUNTY OF KERN,

AND WHICH NEWSPAPER HAS BEEN ADJUDGED A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, UNDER DATE OF FEBRUARY 5, 1952, CASE NUMBER 57610; THAT THE NOTICE, OF WHICH THE ANNEXED IS A PRINTED COPY, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN EACH REGULAR AND ENTIRE ISSUE OF SAID NEWSPAPER AND NOT IN ANY SUPPLEMENT THEREOF ON THE FOLLOWING DATES, TO WIT:

2/25/16
3/3/16

ALL IN YEAR 2016

I CERTIFY (OR DECLARE) UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Maryana Lawrence

DATED AT BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA

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Solicitor I.D.: 0

First Text
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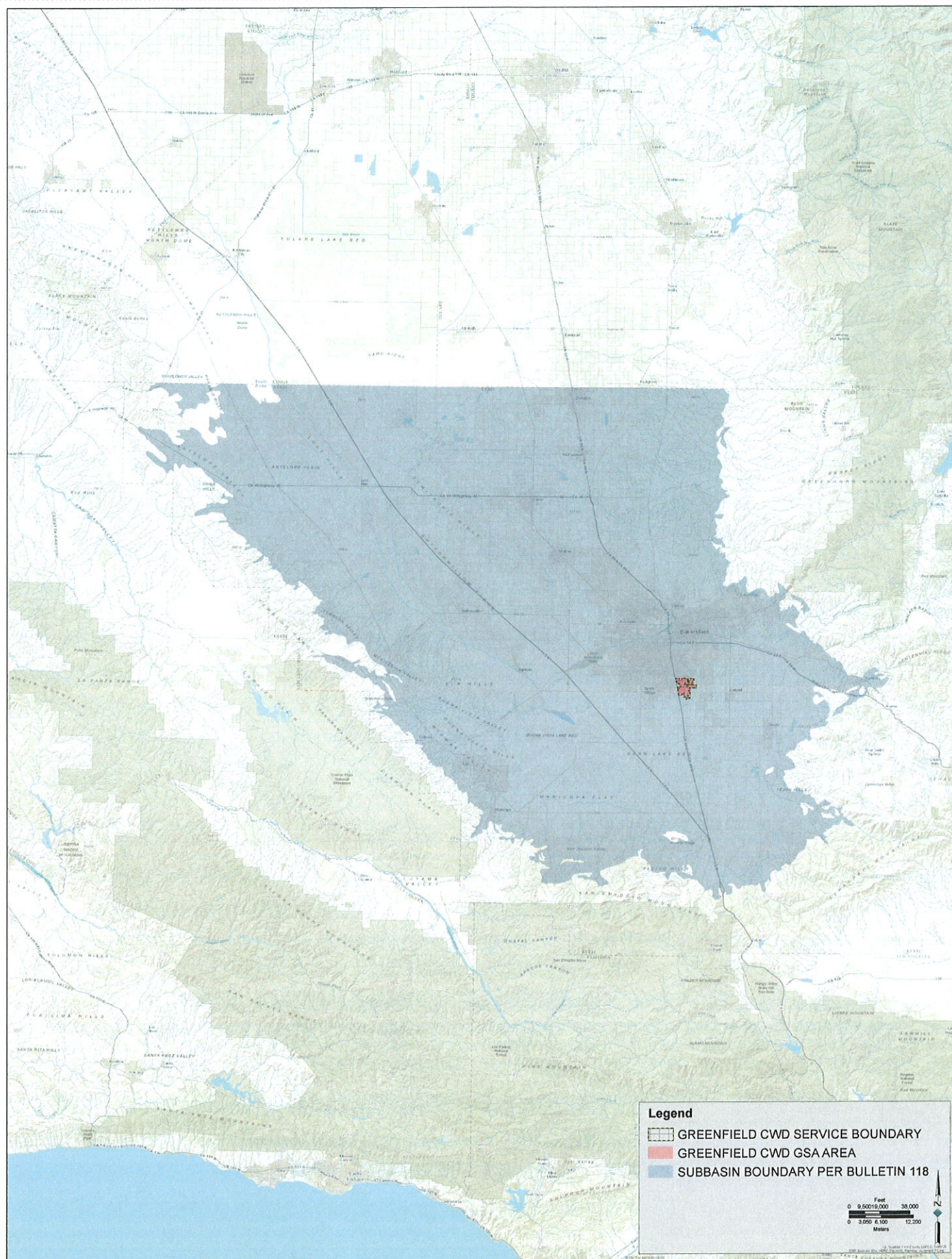
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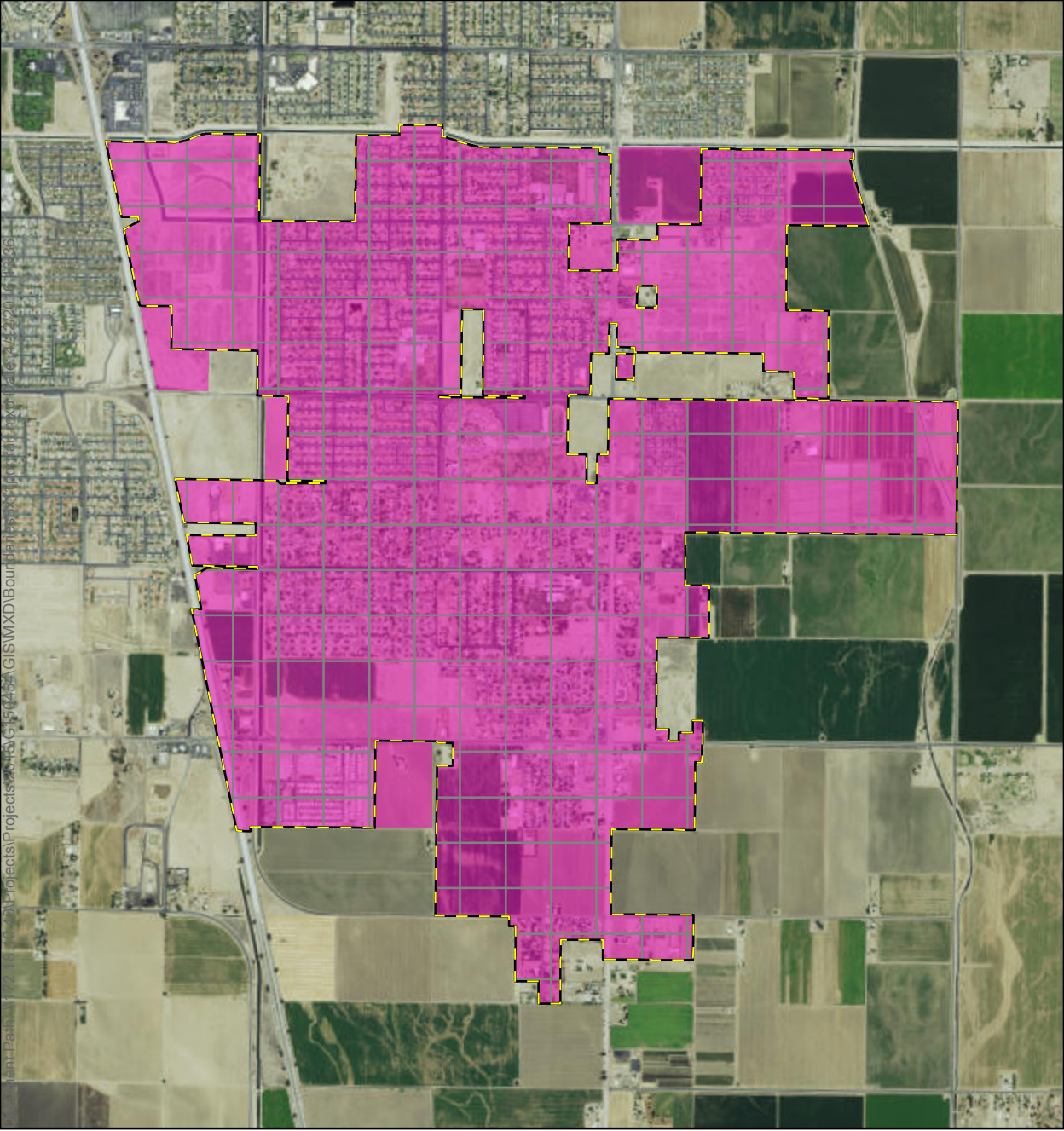
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By: <u>/s/</u> Mel Johnson General Manager and Secretary	
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Exhibit B

Greenfield County Water District GSA Boundary

GSA Boundary within subbasin 5-22.14 of the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region

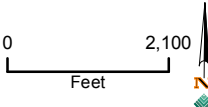




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Greenfield County Water District GSA Boundary

-  GREENFIELD CWD SERVICE BOUNDARY
-  GREENFIELD CWD GSA AREA



Arvin Edison Community Services District
Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
Belridge Water Storage District
Berrenda Mesa Water District
Buena Vista Water Storage District
Buttonwillow County Water District
Cawelo Water District
City of Arvin
City of Bakersfield
City of Delano
City of Maricopa
City of McFarland
City of Shafter
City of Taft
City of Wasco
County of Kern
Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District
Devil's Den Water District
East Niles Community Services District
Henry Miller Water District
Kern County Water Agency (Including Improvement District No. 4)
Kern Delta Water District
Kern-Tulare Water District
Lamont Public Utilities District
Lost Hills Utility District
Lost Hills Water District
McAllister Ranch Irrigation District
North of the River Municipal Water District
North Kern Water Storage District
Olcese Water District
Rag Gulch Water District
Rosedale Ranch Improvement District
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District
Semitropic Water Storage District
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District
Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District
West Kern Water District
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

Exhibit 2