

BIGGS-WEST GRIDLEY WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 07

**RESOLUTION OF DISTRICT ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT ACT**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (the "Act"), which has authorized local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion;

WHEREAS, the Act requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA);

WHEREAS, the East Butte Subbasin of the Sacramento Valley Basin (designated basin number 5-21.59 in DWR's Bulletin 118) (Basin), is a medium-priority basin;

WHEREAS, in order to exercise the authority granted in the Act, a local agency may elect to become a GSA;

WHEREAS, the Biggs-West Gridley Water District (District) is a local agency as defined by the Act, and it is appropriate for the District to be the GSA for the portions of the Basin within the boundaries of the District, and other portions of the Basin underlying adjacent areas where District water conveyance facilities and the Thermalito Afterbay are located. The District Board has been presented with a map of the portion of the Basin that it intends to manage. A copy of the map is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the District published notice of its election to become a GSA for the Basin in the Gridley Herald and the Appeal Democrat, and a copy is attached hereto as Exhibit B;

WHEREAS, the District has mailed courtesy copies of the public hearing notice to various water management entities, local governments, and other interested parties throughout Butte and Sutter Counties;

WHEREAS, the District intends to work cooperatively with the Counties of Butte and Sutter and other water agencies to manage the Basin in a sustainable fashion;

WHEREAS, on this day, the District held a public hearing to consider whether it should elect to become a GSA for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a Project under section 15378 of title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because this Resolution does not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, by the District Board of Directors as follows:

1. The District hereby elects to become the GSA for the portions of the Basin within the boundaries of the District, and other portions of the Basin underlying adjacent areas where District water conveyance facilities and the Thermalito Afterbay are located, as set forth in the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

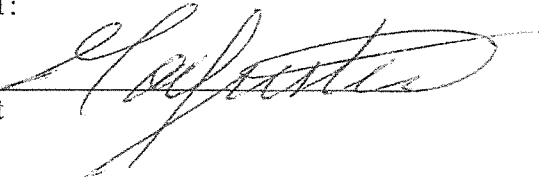
2. Within thirty (30) days of the date of this Resolution, the General Manager is directed to provide notice of this election to DWR, as required by Water Code section 10723.8.

3. The General Manager shall facilitate and assist in commencing discussions as soon as practical with other GSAs and local agencies in order to begin the process of coordinating the development of groundwater sustainability plans for the Basin, as contemplated by the Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Biggs-West Gridley Water District on September 16, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

President

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ATTEST:

Secretary

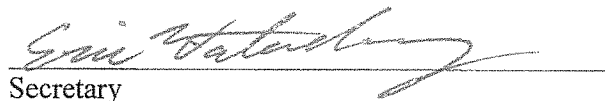
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EXHIBIT A

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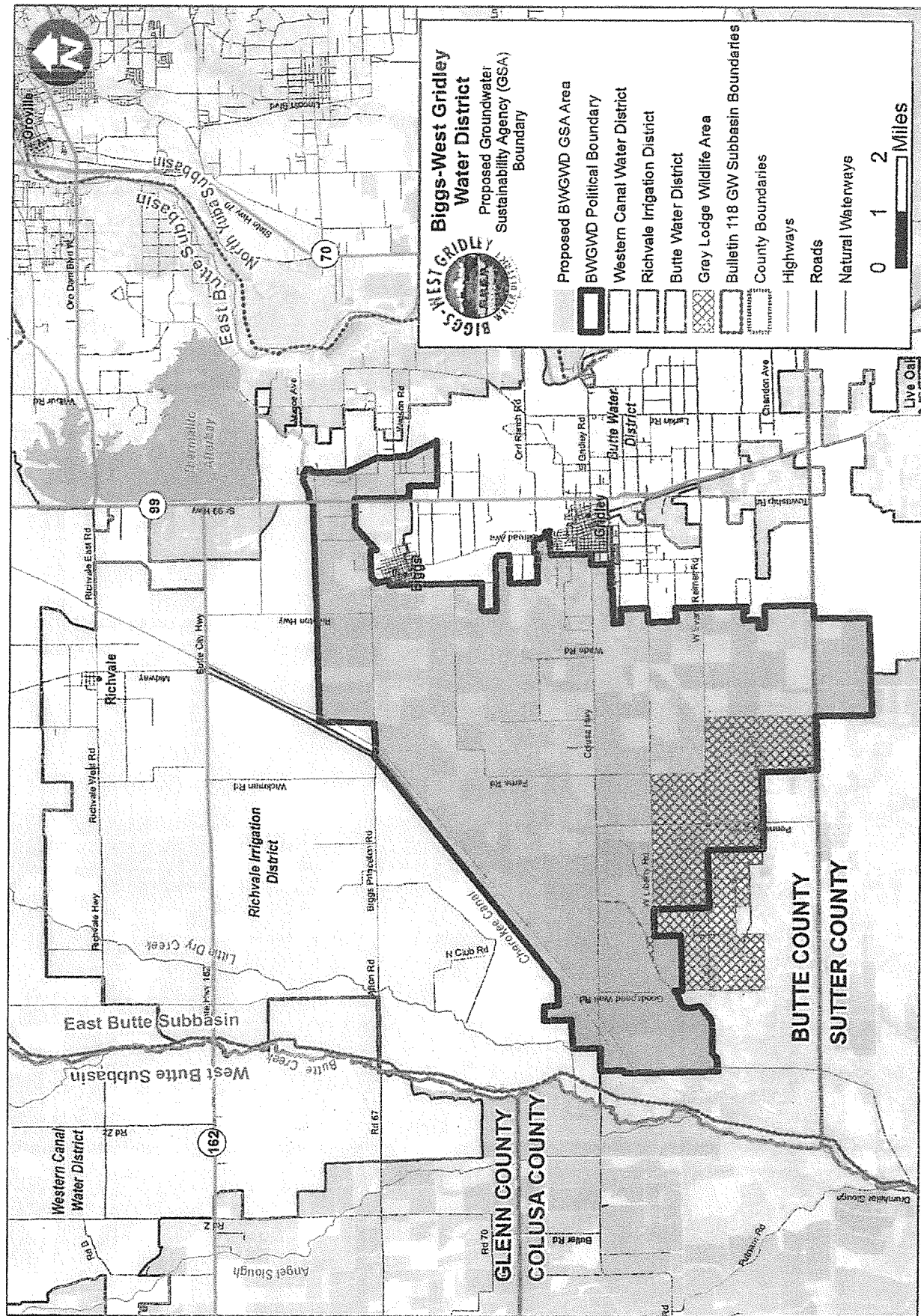


EXHIBIT B

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Biggs-West Gridley Water District (District) will hold a public hearing on September 16, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the District office at 1713 W. Biggs Gridley Road, Gridley, California, 95948. The purpose of this public hearing will be to consider public testimony on whether the District should elect to act as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (California Water Code § 10720 et seq.) for the portions of the East Butte Subbasin of the Sacramento Valley Basin within the boundaries of the District, and other portions of the East Butte Subbasin underlying adjacent areas where District water conveyance facilities and the Thermalito Afterbay are located. The presiding officer may limit oral comments to a reasonable length.

August 14, 2015, Eugene Massa Jr., General Manager
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