

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

In the matter of:

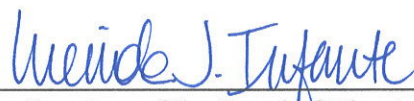
AUTHORIZING KERN COUNTY WATER *
AGENCY, ON BEHALF OF THE PIONEER *
PROJECT, TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER *
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY *

I, Lucinda J. Infante, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Kern County Water Agency, of the County of Kern, State of California, do hereby certify that the following resolution proposed by Director Lundquist, and seconded by Director Wulff, was duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors at an official meeting hereof this 26th day of January, 2017, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes: Lundquist, Fast, Wulff, Milobar, Hafenfeld and Cerro

Noes: None

Absent: None



Secretary of the Board of Directors
of the Kern County Water Agency

Resolution No. 01-17

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law by the Governor to provide for sustainable management of groundwater by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority to sustainably manage groundwater through the adoption of Groundwater Sustainability Plans; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723 authorizes local land use authorities, water suppliers, and

certain other local agencies, or a combination of local agencies, overlying a groundwater basin to elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the basin; and

WHEREAS, the Kern County Water Agency (Agency) is a local agency qualified to become a GSA because it contracts with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to receive State Water Project water supplies and overlies a portion of the Kern County Subbasin (Basin Number 5- 22.14, DWR Bulletin 118) within the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin, a DWR-designated high-priority basin; and

WHEREAS, the Agency, will work collaboratively with the Pioneer Project Participants and other interested agencies to form a GSA known as the Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency, which will cover the portion of the Kern County Subbasin as shown on Exhibits A and A-1 attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it is an administrative action that does not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Kern County Water Agency, acting on behalf of the Pioneer Project, that:

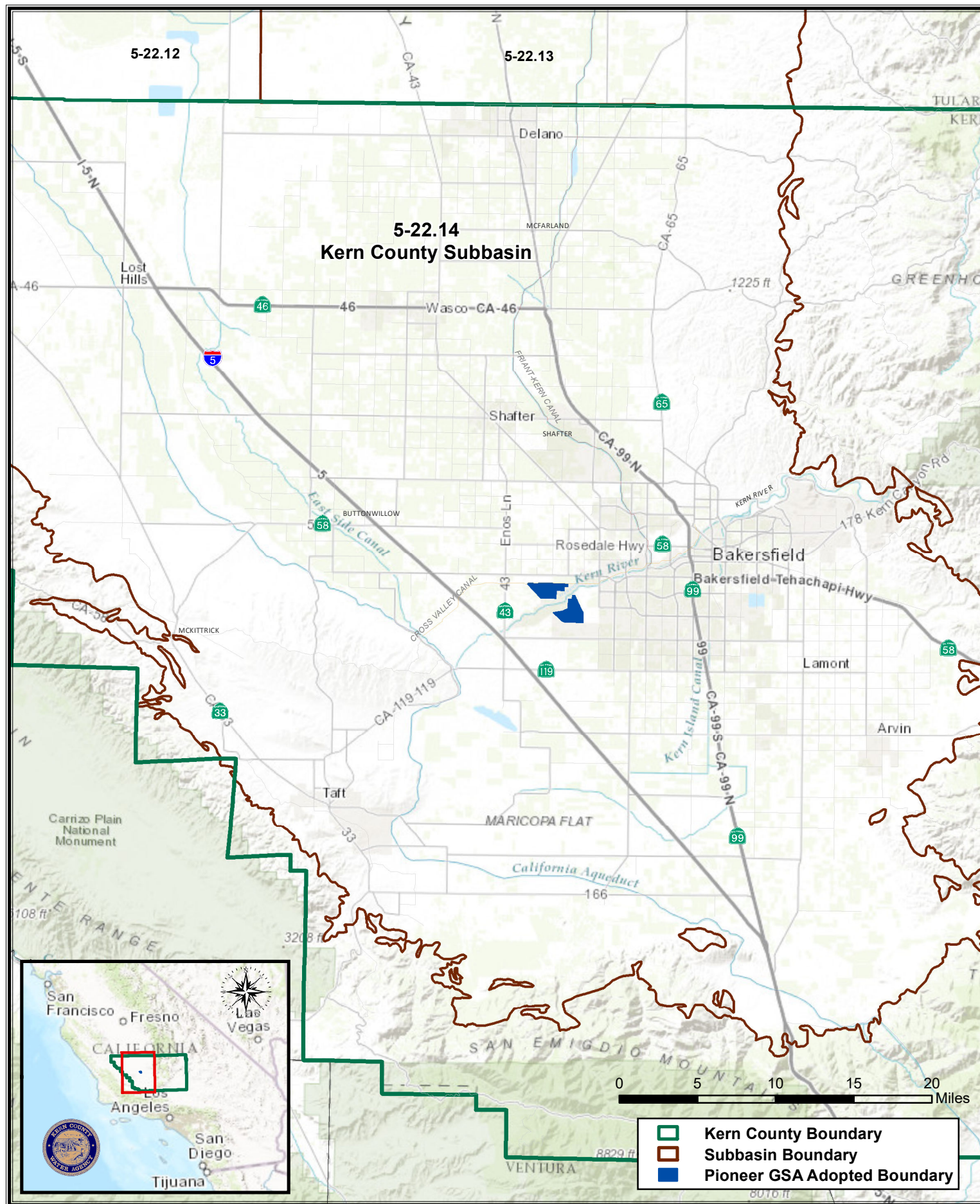
1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Agency does hereby elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency known as the Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency to cover the portion of DWR Basin No. 5-22.14 as shown on Exhibit A.
3. The Agency will work with the Pioneer Project Participants to develop the governing structure of the Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency, which may involve other entities in addition to the Agency and the Pioneer Project Participants.

4. The Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby created shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans, as required by California Water Code section 10723.2.

5. The Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby created shall establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements and availability of draft plans, maps and other relevant documents, as required by California Water Code section 10723.4.

6. The Agency shall submit a notice of its decision to form the Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Kern County Subbasin.

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



Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

Adopted Boundary as of December 14, 2016

