

Attachment B

STRGBA Member Resolutions and Proofs of Publication of Notice

**MODESTO CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-30**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, AND PREPARE AND SUBMIT NOTICE OF THE STANISLAUS AND TUOLUMNE RIVERS GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSOCIATION GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY'S ELECTION TO BE THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE MODESTO SUB-BASIN TO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WHEREAS, in September of 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), which changed the method for groundwater management, and

WHEREAS, SGMA is a comprehensive three bill package that sets the framework for statewide sustainable groundwater management by local agencies, and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires the formation of Groundwater Sustainable Agencies (GSA) and the preparation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) with a focus on long-term sustainability, and

WHEREAS, formation of a GSA must occur no later than June 30, 2017, and development and adoption of a GSP must be adopted no later than January 31, 2022, for high and medium priority basins not currently in critical overdraft, and

WHEREAS, the Modesto Sub-basin (designated basin number 5-22.02 in DWR's CASGEM groundwater basin system) is designated as a high-priority basin, and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes a local agency, or a combination of local agencies, overlying a groundwater basin to form a GSA, and

WHEREAS, multi-agency GSAs may be formed through either a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other legal agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) member agencies are all local agencies, pursuant to SGMA's definition, and

WHEREAS, the STRGBA member agencies include the cities of Oakdale, Riverbank, Modesto, and Waterford; Stanislaus County; Oakdale Irrigation District; and Modesto Irrigation District, and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1994, STRGBA has provided a forum for local agencies to work cooperatively to provide for coordinated planning in the pursuit of effective and sustainable management of the Modesto Sub-basin, and

WHEREAS, the STRGBA member agencies believe that the sustainable management of the Modesto Sub-basin pursuant to SGMA may best be achieved through the cooperation of the Member Agencies operating through the GSA MOU, and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires formal procedures be followed to become a GSA, and

WHEREAS, each of the local agencies electing to be a GSA must hold a noticed public hearing to receive public comment on the local agency's decision to become the GSA for the Basin, and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of this public hearing, it is anticipated that the governing board for each local agency will authorize the execution of the **attached** GSA MOU and adopt the **attached** resolution forming the GSA for the Basin,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that it hereby authorizing the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Memorandum of Understanding, and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, and prepare and submit notice of the Stanislaus and

Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency's election to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Modesto Sub-basin to Department of Water Resources.

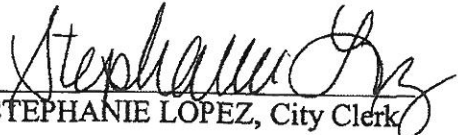
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute said Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City, and prepare and submit notice of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency's election to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Modesto Sub-basin to Department of Water Resources.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 24th day of January, 2017, by Councilmember Ridenour, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Grewal, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Ah You, Grewal, Kenoyer, Madrigal, Ridenour, Zoslocki, Mayor Brandvold

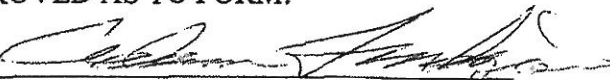
NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

ATTEST: 
STEPHANIE LOPEZ, City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 
ADAM U. LINDGREN, City Attorney

**DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION
(C.C.P. S2015.5)**

**COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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 entitle matter. I am a printer and
Principal clerk of the publisher
of THE MODESTO BEE, printed in the City
of MODESTO, County of STANISLAUS,
State of California, daily, for which said
newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of
general circulation by the Superior Court of the
County of STANISLAUS, State of California,
Under the date of February 25, 1951, Action
No. 46453; that the notice of which the annexed is
a printed copy, has been published in each issue
there of on the following dates, to wit:

Jan 09, 2017, Jan 16, 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to
Water Code section 10723, City of Mo-
desto will hold a public hearing during a
regular meeting on Tuesday, January 24,
2017 at 5:30 P.M., in the City of Modesto
Council Chambers, Basement Level, lo-
cated at 1010 10th Street, Modesto, to de-
termine whether the City of Modesto will
authorize the execution of the MEMO-
RANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FORMING THE STANISLAUS AND
TUOLUMNE RIVERS
GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSOCIA-
TION GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY and par-
ticipate in the Stanislaus and Tuolumne
Rivers Groundwater Basin Association
(STRGBA) election to become a
groundwater sustainability agency for
the Modesto Groundwater Sub-Basin.
Written comments may be submitted to
City of Modesto at Attn: Miguel Alvarez,
1010 10th Street, Suite 4500, Modesto,
CA 95353. During the hearing, City of
Modesto will allow oral comments and
will receive additional written comments
until the STRGBA elects to be a
groundwater sustainability agency.
Pub Dates 1/9/17 & 1/16/17

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury
That the foregoing is true and correct and that
This declaration was executed at

MODESTO, California on

January 16th, 2017

(By Electronic Facsimile Signature)

Cynthia A. Williams



**IN THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF OAKDALE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2017-001**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO FORM THE STANISLAUS AND
TUOLUMNE RIVERS GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSOCIATION GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AND TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT NOTICE OF THE
STANISLAUS AND TUOLUMNE RIVERS GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSOCIATION
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY'S ELECTION
TO BE THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE
MODESTO SUB-BASIN (DESIGNATED BASIN NUMBER 5-22.02 IN THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES' CASGEM GROUNDWATER
BASIN SYSTEM) TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

THE CITY OF OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE THAT:

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and,

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that a GSA be formed for all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources as a high-priority basin, such as the Modesto Sub-basin (designated basin number 5-22.02 in the California Department of Water Resources' CASGEM groundwater basin system) ("Basin"), by June 30, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA permits a combination of local agencies to form a groundwater sustainability agency ("GSA") through a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Stanislaus, the Oakdale Irrigation District, the City of Oakdale, the City of Riverbank, the City of Modesto, the City of Waterford, and the Modesto Irrigation District ("MOU Agencies") are all local agencies, as SGMA defines that term; and,

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies are committed to sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources as shown by, among other actions, the MOU Agencies' creation of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association ("STRGBA") in 1994, which was created to ensure coordinated and effective management of the Basin; and,

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies each exercise jurisdiction upon lands overlying the Basin and are all committed to the sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources; and,

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies have determined that the sustainable management of the Basin pursuant to SGMA may best be achieved through the cooperation of the MOU Agencies operating through an MOU; and,



CITY OF OAKDALE
City Council Resolution 2017-001

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the MOU Agencies' decision to form a GSA for the Basin ("Notice") has been published in the Oakdale Leader as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS, on this day, the City Council of the City of Oakdale held a public hearing to consider whether it should enter into the Memorandum of Understanding Forming the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA MOU") (attached hereto as Exhibit A) to form the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association GSA ("STRGBA GSA") for the Basin; and,

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan ("Sustainability Plan"); and,

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), including organization and administrative activities of government, because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **CITY COUNCIL** of the **CITY OF OAKDALE**:

1. All the recitals in this resolution are true and correct and the City of Oakdale so finds, determines and represents.
2. The City Clerk of the City of Oakdale is hereby authorized and directed to attest the signature of the authorized signatory, and to affix and attest the seal of the City of Oakdale, as may be required or appropriate in connection with the execution and delivery of the GSA MOU.
3. The City of Oakdale hereby elects to enter into the GSA MOU with the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin.
4. Within thirty (30) days of the date of this resolution, the City of Oakdale City Manager is directed to provide notice of the City of Oakdale to enter into the GSA MOU with the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin ("Notice of GSA Election") to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner required by law.
5. One of the elements of the Notice of GSA Election is the boundaries of the area of the Basin or the portion of the Basin that the MOU Agencies intend to manage. Until further action of the MOU Agencies, the boundaries of the GSA shall be the boundaries of the portion of the Basin within the MOU Agencies' combined jurisdiction. A copy of a map of the management area is attached as Exhibit B.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.



CITY OF OAKDALE
City Council Resolution 2017-001

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION IS HEREBY ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Bairos, Dunlop, McCarty, Murdoch and Paul	(5)
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None	(0)

SIGNED:



Pat Paul, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathy Teixeira, CMC
City Clerk

I, KATHY TEIXEIRA, City Clerk of the City of Oakdale, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that foregoing Resolution 2017-001 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Oakdale at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of January 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Oakdale this 25th day of January 2017.



KATHY TEIXEIRA, CMC
CITY CLERK

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

(2015.5 C. C. P.)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

County of Stanislaus

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county aforesaid; I am over the age of twenty-one years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of THE OAKDALE LEADER, 122 South Third Avenue, Oakdale, California, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Oakdale, California in the City of Oakdale, County of Stanislaus, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation, by the Superior Court of the County of Stanislaus, State of California. That the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

January 4, 11, in the year 2017

I certify or declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Oakdale,

This 11th day of January 2017.



Signature

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Proof of Publication of

PUBLIC HEARING (STRGBA)



CITY OF RIVERBANK

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-005

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERBANK,
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FORMING THE STANISLAUS AND
TOLOUMNE RIVERS GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSOCIATION GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and,

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that a GSA be formed for all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources as a high-priority basin, such as the Modesto Sub-basin (designated basin number 5-22.02 in the California Department of Water Resources CASGEM groundwater basin system(("Basin"), by June 30, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA permits a combination of local agencies to form a groundwater sustainability agency ("GSA") through a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Stanislaus, the Oakdale Irrigation District, City of Riverbank, the City of Oakdale, the City of Modesto, the City of Waterford, and the Modesto Irrigation District ("MOU Agencies") are all local agencies, as SGMA defines that term; and

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies are committed to sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources as shown by, among other actions, the MOU Agencies creation of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association ("STRGBA") in 1994, which was created to ensure coordinated and effective management of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies each exercise jurisdiction upon lands overlying the Basin and are all committed to the sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies have determined that the sustainable management of the Basin pursuant to SGMA may best be achieved through the cooperation of the MOU Agencies operating through an MOU; and

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the MOU Agencies decision to form a GSA for the Basin ("Notice") has been published in the Riverbank News as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the City of Riverbank City Council held a public hearing to consider whether it should enter into the Memorandum of Understanding Forming the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA MOU") (attached here to as Exhibit A) to form the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association GSA ("STRGBA GSA") for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b) (5), including organization and administrative activities of government, because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

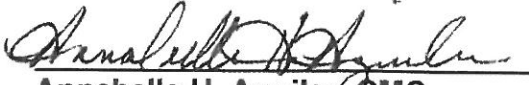
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Riverbank hereby declares that:

1. All the recitals in this resolution are true and correct and the City of Riverbank City Council so finds, determines and represents.
2. The City Clerk of the City of Riverbank is hereby authorized and directed to attest the signature of the authorized signatory, and to affix and attest the seal of the City of Riverbank, as may be required or appropriate in connection with the execution and delivery of the GSA MOU.
3. The City of Riverbank hereby elects to enter into the GSA MOU with the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin.
4. Within thirty (30) days of the date of this resolution, the City of Riverbank City Manager is directed to provide notice of City of Riverbank's to enter into the GSA MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin ("Notice of GSA Election") to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner required by law.
5. One of the elements of the Notice of GSA Election is the boundaries of the area of the Basin or the portion of the Basin that the MOU Agencies intend to manage. Until further action of the MOU Agencies, the boundaries of the GSA shall be the boundaries of the portion of the Basin within the MOU Agencies combined jurisdiction. A copy of a map of the management area is attached as **Exhibit B**.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

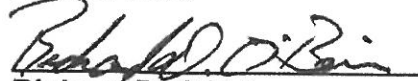
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Riverbank at a regular meeting held on the 24th day of January 24, 2017; motioned by Councilmember District 4 Darlene Barber-Martinez, seconded by Vice Mayor Leanne Jones Cruz, and upon roll call was carried by the following City Council vote of *4-0:

AYES: Barber-Martinez, Campbell, Jones Cruz, and Mayor O'Brien
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:


Annabelle H. Aguilar, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:

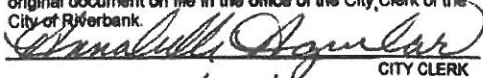

Richard D. O'Brien
Mayor

Attachments: MOU and Exhibit B - Management Area Map

*Councilmember District 2 Cindy Fosi, recused herself.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original document on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Riverbank.


CITY CLERK

DATED

02/01/2017

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

(2015.5 C. C. P.)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

County of Stanislaus

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county aforesaid; I am over the age of twenty-one years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of THE RIVERBANK NEWS, 122 South Third Ave, Oakdale, California, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Riverbank, California in the City of Riverbank, County of Stanislaus, and which newspaper has been adjudged a Newspaper of general circulation, by the Superior Court of the County of Stanislaus, State of California. That the Notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

January 11, in the year 2017

I certify or declare under penalty of perjury that the Foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Riverbank, California

This 11th day of January 2017.



Signature

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Proof of Publication of

PUBLIC NOTICE GSA/SGMA

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Riverbank City Council
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Riverbank will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 6707 Third Street, Suite B, Riverbank, California, at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter to consider and review the following matter: Whether the City Council of the City of Riverbank should elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (California Water Code, Section 10720 et seq.) for the portion of the Modesto Sub-basin designated basin number S-22.02 in the California Dept. of Water Resources groundwater basin system within the City of Riverbank's service area. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the public hearing on January 24, 2017, at the time and place specified above to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the subject matter being considered. Written comments submitted to the City Clerk at 6707 Third Street, Suite A, Riverbank, California, 95367 or cityclerk@riverbank.org will be accepted by the City Clerk up to 5:00 p.m. on said date. Oral comments will be received by the City Council prior to the close of the Public Hearing. Any public materials of the subject matter will be made available for review at the City Clerk's office and (when technologically possible) at www.riverbank.org upon distribution to a majority of the City Council, (typically 72 hours prior to the meeting). In compliance with ADA, any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should notify the Administration Dept. at (209) 863-7122 or cityclerk@riverbank.org at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. For questions regarding the proposed subject matter contact Michael Riddell, Public Works Superintendent at (209) 869-7128 or mriddle@riverbank.org, or contact the City Clerk at (209) 863-7198. Published this 11th day of January, 2017
/s/ Annabelle H. Aguiar, CMC, City Clerk,
City of Riverbank
January 11, 2017
RN #17-003

**WATERFORD CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2017-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERFORD AUTHORIZING AND
DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FORMING THE
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE MODESTO SUB-BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that a GSA be formed for all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources as a high-priority basin, such as the Modesto Sub-basin (designated basin number 5-22.02 in the California Department of Water Resources' CASGEM groundwater basin system) ("Basin"), by June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, SGMA permits a combination of local agencies to form a groundwater sustainability agency ("GSA") through a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Stanislaus, the Oakdale Irrigation District, the City of Oakdale, the City of Riverbank, the City of Modesto, the City of Waterford, and the Modesto Irrigation District ("MOU Agencies") are all local agencies, as SGMA defines that term; and

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies are committed to sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources as shown by, among other actions, the MOU Agencies' creation of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association ("STRGBA") in 1994, which was created to ensure coordinated and effective management of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies each exercise jurisdiction upon lands overlying the Basin and are all committed to the sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies have determined that the sustainable management of the Basin pursuant to SGMA may best be achieved through the cooperation of the MOU Agencies operating through an MOU; and

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the MOU Agencies' decision to form a GSA for the Basin ("Notice") has been published in the Waterford News as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, a courtesy copy of the Notice was also mailed to the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the City Council of the City of Waterford held a public hearing to consider whether it should enter into the Memorandum of Understanding Forming the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA MOU") (attached hereto as Exhibit A) to form the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association GSA ("STRGBA GSA") for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan ("Sustainability Plan"); and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), including organization and administrative activities of government, because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the Waterford, as follows:

1. All the recitals in this resolution are true and correct and the Waterford City Council so finds, determines and represents.
2. The City Clerk of the City of Waterford is hereby authorized and directed to attest the signature of the authorized signatory, and to affix and attest the seal of the City of Waterford, as may be required or appropriate in connection with the execution and delivery of the GSA MOU.
3. The Waterford City Council hereby elects to enter into the GSA MOU with the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin.
4. Within thirty (30) days of the date of this resolution, the Waterford City Manager is directed to provide notice of the City of Waterford's intent to enter into the GSA MOU with the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin ("Notice of GSA Election") to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner required by law.
5. One of the elements of the Notice of GSA Election is the boundaries of the area of the Basin or the portion of the Basin that the MOU Agencies intend to manage. Until further action of the MOU Agencies, the boundaries of the GSA shall be the boundaries of the portion of the Basin within the MOU Agencies' combined jurisdiction. A copy of a map of the management area is attached as Exhibit B.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 2017-02 was duly adopted and passed by the City Council of the City of Waterford at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 19th day of January, 2017, by the following vote:

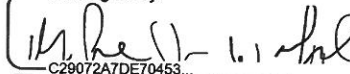
AYES: 4 Van Winkle, Aldaco, Krause, Whitfield

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1 Powell

City of Waterford

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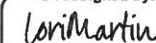


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Michael Van Winkle, Mayor

ATTEST:

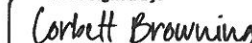
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Lori Martin, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

DocuSigned by:



Corbett Browning, City Attorney

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }ss

County of Stanislaus

Lisa Freitas

Here-un-to being first duly sworn, deposes and says that all time hereinafter mentioned he/she was a citizen of the United States over the age of twenty-one (21) years, and doing business in said county, not interested in the matter of the attached publication, and is competent to testify in said matter, that he/she was at and during all said time the principal clerk to the printer and publisher of the

WATERFORDNEWS

a legal newspaper of general circulation published weekly in Waterford in said County of Stanislaus, State of California: that said

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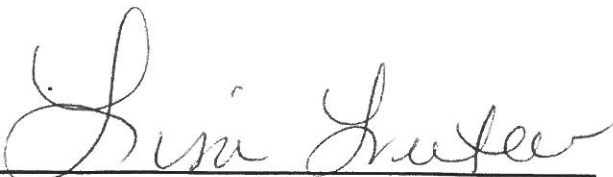
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at least 2 TIMES, commencing on the 3RD Day of JANUARY 2017 and ending on the 10TH of JANUARY 2017 the days inclusive, and as often during said time as said newspaper was regularly issued, to wit:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
Dated this 10TH day of JANUARY 2017



PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER

Legal # 2381

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Water Code section 10723, the City Council of the City of Waterford will hold a public hearing during a regular meeting on January 19, 2017, in the City Council Chambers located at 101 E Street, Waterford, CA to determine whether the City Council will authorize the execution of the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FORMING THE STANISLAUS AND TUOLUMNE RIVERS GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSOCIATION GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY and participate in the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) election to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Modesto Groundwater Sub-Basin. Written comments may be submitted to City of Waterford, Attn: Lori Martin, City Clerk, PO Box 199 / 101 E Street, Waterford, CA 95386. During the hearing, the City Council will allow oral comments and will receive additional written comments until the STRGBA elects to be a groundwater sustainability agency.

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

2017-69

Date: February 14, 2017

On motion of Supervisor Withrow Seconded by Supervisor Olsen
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

Item # 9:05 a.m.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY AUTHORIZING AND
DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FORMING THE
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE MODESTO GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that a GSA be formed for all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources as a high-priority basin, such as the Modesto Sub-basin (designated basin number 5-22.02 in the California Department of Water Resources' CASGEM groundwater basin system) ("Basin"), by June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, SGMA permits a combination of local agencies to form a groundwater sustainability agency ("GSA") through a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Stanislaus, the Oakdale Irrigation District, the City of Oakdale, the City of Riverbank, the City of Modesto, the City of Waterford, and the Modesto Irrigation District ("MOU Agencies") are all local agencies, as SGMA defines that term; and

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies are committed to sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources as shown by, among other actions, the MOU Agencies' creation of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association ("STRGBA") in 1994, which was created to ensure coordinated and effective management of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies each exercise jurisdiction upon lands overlying the Basin and are all committed to the sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies have determined that the sustainable management of the Basin pursuant to SGMA may best be achieved through the cooperation of the MOU Agencies operating through an MOU; and

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the MOU Agencies' decision to form a GSA for the Basin ("Notice") has been published in the Modesto Bee as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, a courtesy copy of the Notice was also mailed to the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the Board of Supervisors of Stanislaus County ("Board of Supervisors") held a public hearing to consider whether it should enter into the Memorandum of Understanding Forming the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA MOU") to form the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association GSA ("STRGBA GSA") for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan ("Sustainability Plan"); and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), including organization and administrative activities of government, because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Stanislaus County, as follows:

1. All the recitals in this resolution are true and correct and the Board of Supervisors so finds, determines and represents.
2. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to attest the signature of the authorized signatory, and to affix and attest the seal of the Board of Supervisors, as may be required or appropriate in connection with the execution and delivery of the GSA MOU.
3. The Board of Supervisors hereby elects to enter into the GSA MOU with the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Modesto Groundwater Subbasin.

4. Within thirty (30) days of the date of this resolution, the Board of Supervisors Chairman is directed to provide notice of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors intention to enter into the GSA MOU with the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Modesto Groundwater Subbasin ("Notice of GSA Election") to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner required by law.

5. One of the elements of the Notice of GSA Election is the boundaries of the area of the Basin or the portion of the Basin that the MOU Agencies intend to manage. Until further action of the MOU Agencies, the boundaries of the GSA shall be the boundaries of the portion of the Basin within the MOU Agencies' combined jurisdiction.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full,
true and correct copy of the Original entered
in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.
ELIZABETH A. KING
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Stanislaus, State of California

By *Elizabeth A. King*



ATTEST: ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California

Elizabeth A. King

File No. GSA-1-1

**DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION
(C.C.P. S2015.5)**

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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 entitle matter. I am a printer and Principal clerk of the publisher of THE MODESTO BEE, printed in the City of MODESTO, County of STANISLAUS, State of California, daily, for which said newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of STANISLAUS, State of California, Under the date of February 25, 1951, Action No. 46453; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each issue there of on the following dates, to wit:

Jan 30, 2017, Feb 06, 2017

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury
That the foregoing is true and correct and that
This declaration was executed at

MODESTO, California on

February 6th, 2017

(By Electronic Facsimile Signature)

Cynthia A. Villanueva

STANISLAUS COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on
Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 9:05 a.m.,
or as soon thereafter as the matter may
be heard, the Stanislaus County Board of
Supervisors will meet in the Basement
Chambers, 1010 10th Street, Modesto,
CA, pursuant to California Water Code
Section 10723, to consider approval of the
of the "Memorandum of Understanding
Forming the Stanislaus and Tuolumne
Rivers Groundwater Basin Association
(STRGBA) Groundwater Sustainability
Agency" for the Modesto Groundwater
Subbasin.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at
the said time and place, interested per-
sons will be given the opportunity to be
heard. Written comments may be sub-
mitted to Stanislaus County at Attn: Wat-
ter Ward, Water Resources Manager,
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Modesto,
CA, or at wward@envwest.org.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SU-
PERVISORS. DATED: January 24,
2017. ATTEST: ELIZABETH A. KING,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Stanislaus, State of California.
BY: Pam Villanueva, Assistant Clerk.
Pub Dates Jan 30, Feb 6, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FORMING THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE MODESTO SUB-BASIN

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

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WHEREAS, SGMA requires that a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) be formed for all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources as a high-priority basin, such as the Modesto Sub-basin (designated basin number 5-22.02 in the California Department of Water Resources' CASGEM groundwater basin system) (Basin), by June 30, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the MOU Agencies' decision to form a GSA for the Basin (Notice) has been published in the Modesto Bee as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the Modesto Irrigation District (MID) held a public hearing to consider whether it should enter into the Memorandum of Understanding Forming the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA MOU) (attached hereto as Exhibit A) to form the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association GSA (STRGBA GSA) for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan (Sustainability Plan); and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), including organization and administrative activities of government, because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Modesto Irrigation District, as follows:

1. All the recitals in this resolution are true and correct and the MID so finds, determines and represents.
2. The Board Secretary of the MID is hereby authorized and directed to attest the signature of the authorized signatory, and to affix and attest the seal of the MID, as may be required or appropriate in connection with the execution and delivery of the GSA MOU.
3. The MID hereby elects to enter into the GSA MOU with the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin.
4. Within thirty (30) days of the date of this resolution, the MID General Manager is directed to provide notice of MID's intent to enter into the GSA MOU with the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin (Notice of GSA Election) to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner required by law.
5. One of the elements of the Notice of GSA Election is the boundaries of the area of the Basin or the portion of the Basin that the MOU Agencies intend to manage. Until further action of the MOU Agencies, the boundaries of the GSA shall be the boundaries of the portion of the Basin within the MOU Agencies' combined jurisdiction. A copy of a map of the management area is attached as Exhibit B.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

Moved by Director Wenger, seconded by Director Campbell, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

The following vote was had:

Ayes: Directors Blom, Byrd, Campbell, Mensinger, Wenger

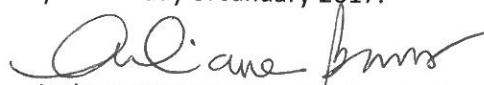
Noes: Director None

Absent: Director None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

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I, Heliane Burns, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Modesto Irrigation District, do hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a special meeting of said Board of Directors held the twenty fourth day of January 2017.



Assistant Secretary to the Board of
Directors of the Modesto Irrigation District



Water rushed through Dry Creek while staying within its banks in Kewin Park at the La Loma Avenue overpass on Monday in Modesto.

FROM PAGE 1A
STORM

cast shows it peaking at just under 52 feet Wednesday, then receding through Saturday. Turlock Irrigation District records showed it flowing at 5,693 cubic feet per second midmorning Monday.

Dry Creek, notorious for flooding, has stayed to its banks this season. But American Legion Post 74, located at 1001 S. Santa Cruz Ave., just north of Legion Park on the Tuolumne, is taking no chances. The threat of flooding led the veterans service organization to move most of its equipment out of the building and into storage. Consequently, its monthly dinner, scheduled for Tuesday, and monthly breakfast, scheduled for Sunday, have been canceled.

In the January 1997 flooding, “the small hall was completely sub-

merged and the large hall was flooded all the way to the roof,” said Becky Crow, Post 74 adjutant. “In light of that, we thought it was prudent to get as much out as we could, given the weather forecast by Saturday morning.”

In advance of the storm that moved through the region Saturday through Monday, the weather service issued a forecast saying Modesto could get 3 to 4 inches of rain. But according to Modesto Irrigation District measurements, 0.79 inches fell downtown Saturday, 0.77 Sunday and 0.18 in the early hours Monday.

The bull’s eye of the storm tracked farther north than expected, Clapp said.

This next storm will be maybe two-thirds the strength of the last, he said. The weather service

Flood watch vs. warning

Flood warning: Take action! A flood warning is issued when the hazardous weather event is imminent or already happening. A flood warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.

Flood watch: Be prepared. A flood watch is issued when conditions are favorable for a specific hazardous weather event to occur. A flood watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible.

Source: National Weather Service

forecast says Sonora can expect 2 to 3 inches of precipitation, and Yosemite 3 to 4 inches.

The service’s snow forecast through Wednesday is broken down by routes. Along Highway 4,

Arnold could get 6 to 8 inches, and Bear Valley 48 to 60. Along Highway 108, Twain Harte could get 3 to 4 inches, Mi-Wuk Village 8 to 12, and Strawberry, 36 to 48. And on Highway 120, the area of Big Oak Flat Road is looking at 8 to 12 inches.

Wind could be a big issue in this storm. The weather service says strong winds from the south could bring gusts of 50 mph or more in lower elevations, 65 mph or more at higher elevations. It warns the gusts could lead to falling trees and branches, downed power lines and moderate-size power failures. Again, though, Clapp said the strongest winds are likely to be felt north of Modesto, in Stockton and Sacramento.

To report a power failure to MID, call 209-526-8222, day or night. To report one to Turlock Irrigation District, call the 24-hour service line at 209-883-8301.

Tuesday will bring a 90 percent chance of rain, the weather services says, with thunderstorms also possible after 4 p.m. The high should be near 56 degrees. The chance of precipitation Tuesday night rises to 100 percent, again with up to half an inch possible.

On Wednesday, there’s a 40 percent chance of showers, mainly before 4 p.m. Otherwise, the day should be partly sunny, with a high near 56. The chance of rain Wednesday night is 60 percent – mainly after 10 p.m.

There’s a 50 percent chance of showers Thursday, which otherwise will be partly sunny, with a high near 53.

Deke Farrow:
209-578-2327

FROM PAGE 1A
SUPERVISOR

homes for foster youth,” Olsen said. “Group homes are going away. We want to make sure every foster child has a nurturing, loving home.”

By pushing through a 2015 bill, the former legislator played a key role in ending a tax inequity that caused the county to lose an estimated \$72 million over 35 years. The county now keeps an extra \$6 million a year, and Olsen wants to use some of that as seed money for projects developed by Focus on Prevention.

The county’s 10-year prevention initiative aims to tackle problems with homelessness, family dysfunction, troubled youths and crime recidivism.

While serving on the Modesto council, Olsen often grilled staff members about the costs of projects and government administration. She vowed to emphasize fiscal accountability as a county leader.

Olsen raised some eyebrows when she waited until late in the filing period last year to announce she would run for District 1 supervisor. Within a half-hour of announcing her candidacy, O’Brien announced he would not run and endorsed Olsen, creating the impression of an easy transition from one Republican to another. A filing period extension left only four days for others to decide whether to challenge Olsen, a well-funded political veteran, and no one did.

Olsen defended her timing, saying she didn’t have much advance notice

that O’Brien was going to step down. “When I announced I was not going to run for state Senate, I thought I was going to take a break from public service” and devote time to family life, she said.

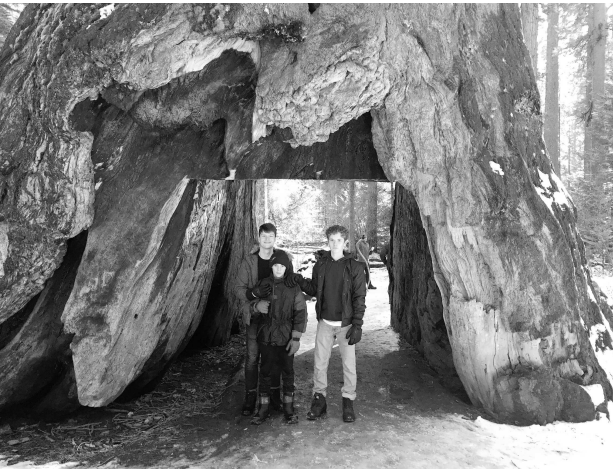
Olsen will stay involved with state politics as the recently appointed vice chairwoman of the California Republican Party. She said her party responsibilities will require her attendance at three week-end conventions in the next two years, and “beyond that the schedule is up to me,” she said.

Olsen planned to fly Monday night to San Diego to speak with Republicans there and then return to Modesto for the county’s swearing-in ceremony Tuesday morning. “The goal is to elect more Republicans to improve the quality of life in California,” Olsen said. “One-party dominance is not good for any state in our nation.”

Ken Carlson: 209-578-2321

“WE NEED TO OPERATE WITH GOOD DATA AND SOUND SCIENCE WHEN WE ARE MAKING DECISIONS ON WATER MANAGEMENT.”

Kristin Olsen



DEKE FARROW jfarrow@modbee.com

Visitors to Calaveras Big Trees State Park in Arnold stand in the tunnel of the Pioneer Cabin Tree on Dec. 29.

FROM PAGE 1A
TREE

Tree in Yosemite National Park was carved, the owners of the North Grove responded by doing the same. The Pioneer Cabin Tree was chosen because of its wide base – about 22 feet in diameter. It had the widest trunk in the park’s North Grove, said California State Parks Supervising Ranger Tony Tealdi. It also was chosen because its trunk already had a hole from fire damage, Tealdi said. The sequoias don’t heal themselves after damage like that, they send all their nutrients to the treetop, he said.

The tree reportedly fell about 2 p.m. Sunday. Though the park was open, there were no witnesses to it, Tealdi said. People working in the visitors center didn’t hear or feel a thing when the giant toppled, he said. Park docent Jim Allday of Arnold was taking a walk on the trail and made the discovery.

The tree fell onto the trail, and because the wood of sequoias easily splits, the top shattered as it hit the ground, Tealdi said. There’s no estimate on how tall the roughly 2,000-year-old tree was.

The tree did not snap where the tunnel was

carved, but rather uprooted. The North Grove trail is closed as environmental scientists assess the tree, Tealdi said. The trail will be rerouted because the Pioneer Cabin Tree will be left where it lies.

“You have to look at the

life cycle of these trees,” he said. “... At this point in time, the next part of its life cycle is on the ground, as a habitat for animals and insects. It’s still a producing factor in nature – it also helps with greenhouse gases.”

The park remains open with about 25 campsites available. It got nearly 8 inches of rain over the weekend, Tealdi said, and about 6 inches of snow already on the ground is melting with the rainfall. There is standing water throughout the trail.

The Pioneer Cabin Tree’s shallow root system, combined with the inundation from the rain, likely contributed to its fall.

The loss of the tree has made news internationally. Tealdi said he’s received calls from Russian media and the BBC. “It’s a sad day, and we’ve seen goosebumps thinking about that tree that went down,” Tealdi said, “but it is part of the life cycle.”

For updates on the

North Grove Trail, Tealdi suggested people check in at parks.ca.gov.

For more, visit the Facebook pages of Calaveras Big Trees State Park and the Calaveras Big Trees Association.

The Sacramento Bee and news services contributed to this report.

Deke Farrow:
209-578-2327

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Human Trafficking



Name: Gomez, Gabriel
Sex: Male
Age: 19
DOB: 04/16/1997

Gabriel Gomez has a warrant out for his arrest from Modesto Police for Human Trafficking charges. Gomez is last known to live in the Stockton area. If you have any information regarding him or his whereabouts please contact Crime Stoppers.

Larceny/Theft



Modesto Police Department

On December 20, 2016 this suspect stole items from Kohl's. When the suspect was confronted outside by Loss Prevention Officers the suspect took off running to a black 90's model four door car. The Loss Prevention Officers chased and when the suspect got into the car the suspect threatened and gestured that he had a gun. The suspect then took off with the clothing. If you know the identity or whereabouts of this suspect please contact Crime Stoppers.

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AROUND THE REGION

MODESTO

What: Modesto Kiwanis meeting
When: Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.
Where: Famiglia Bistro, 2501 McHenry Ave.
Info: The Modesto Kiwanis invites the public to its weekly lunch meeting. This week's special guest is Nancy Salmeron, who will discuss personnel development and entrepreneurship. Lunch is \$15; reservation is needed. Seating is limited. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Anthony at 209-985-3473 or anthony.btr@gmail.com.

What: Modesto Parkinson's Support Group
When: Wednesday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road
Info: The Modesto Parkinson's Support Group will be holding its monthly meeting for caregivers and those with the Parkinson's disease.

What: Latino Emergency Council meeting
When: Friday, 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
Where: El Concilio Community Center, 1314 H St.
Info: The El Concilio Community Center invites the public to its monthly morning meeting. The guest is Modesto Irrigation District spokeswoman Melissa Williams. She will discuss the impact the weather has had on the Modesto area. The meeting is free to attend; come early, because seating is limited. For more information, contact Dale Butler 209-613-1058.

TURLOCK

What: Turlock Chamber of Commerce mixer
When: Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m.
Where: VaraniSmile Dentistry, 527 E. Olive Ave.
Info: Join the Turlock Chamber of Commerce and VaraniSmile Dentistry in an evening of networking with the community. The event is free to attend. For more information, call 209-632-2221 or visit www.turlockchamber.com.

Send Region items to Region, The Modesto Bee, P.O. Box 5256, Modesto 95352; call 209-578-2330; fax 209-578-2207; or email region@modbee.com.

25 YEARS AGO: Increased evening and weekend bus service was on top of the list for Stanislaus County. At a meeting where bus riders voiced their concerns, the Stanislaus Area Association of Governments also considered increased service for the disabled. The hearing was a small step in securing an estimated \$8.2 million in transportation funds for the following year. The suggestions from the public included the use of international symbols to make transit signs more understandable to the illiterate and those who don't speak English.

LAW & ORDER

OLD ICE-MAKING PLANT IN RIVERBANK BURNS AGAIN

Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District crews spent about an hour battling a small blaze at a one-time ice-making plant in Riverbank early Monday. "It wasn't much of a fire, just hard to access," Battalion Chief Eric DeHart said of the blaze in the 5800 block of Terminal Avenue. Because the report of the fire at the vacant site went out as a commercial structure fire, it drew a large response: five engines and two trucks. But two to three crews were released from the scene almost immediately, DeHart said. The fire was reported about 12:40 a.m. The mostly concrete building burned in the mid-'90s and a couple of times since, DeHart said. The building is attractive to transients seeking shelter. Earlier fires caused the roof to collapse, which created lean-tos, of sorts, which offer protection from the outside elements, he said. Without knowing for sure, DeHart said, this blaze likely was a warming fire that got out of control. No one was found at the scene and there are no known injuries. Crews did what they could from the ground, then put up ladders and used hoses from above. They battled the fire from outside because entering the collapsed interior would have put firefighters at risk. The building once served as an ice-making facility for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. The railroad has a switchyard adjacent to the plant.

TURLOCK MAN ARRESTED IN ROAD-RAGE INCIDENT

A Turlock man was arrested on suspicion of making criminal threats Sunday afternoon after Tuolumne County sheriff's deputies responded to a reported road-rage incident near the Dodge Ridge ski area. The road in the area was backed up and many cars were passing illegally, the Sheriff's Office said in a post on Facebook. Tony Alahverdi was trying to pass, but another motorist was in the way, the post said. Alahverdi, 36, pointed a firearm and threatened to kill the motorist, the Sheriff's Office said. The driver spotted the 2016 gray Toyota Tundra pickup near Dodge Ridge lodge and gave the Sheriff's Office its description and license plate number. The California Highway Patrol located and stopped the truck after Alahverdi left the area. Deputies arrived, searched the truck and found a handgun. Alahverdi was taken to the Tuolumne County jail.

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

We want to make sure the information in this paper is accurate. Please call mistakes to our attention, so we may correct them.

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Hackathon returns to test programmers

Bee Staff Reports

The third annual Valley Hackathon – a 24-hour competition for programmers – will be held Friday in downtown Modesto.

More than 100 programmers are expected to turn out, competing in teams of one to four participants to build a software project in just a day. Each will be judged by a panel on how complete, viable, aesthetically pleasing and technical it is.

Competitors can register right up until check-in begins at 5 p.m. Friday. As of Monday, there were 81 participants.

The top 10 teams will present their hacks in the event's finals. Prejudging

will take place during the final hour of the programming time.

The event was begun to harness interest and talent in technology within the Central Valley, but has grown to draw entrants from as far away as the Bay Area, Sacramento and Fresno, organizers say. Participation in the Valley Hackathon has increased from 22 participants in 2015 to 63 last year.

"The Central Valley's economy is seeing a big shift right now," said David White, chief executive officer of Opportunity Stanislaus, one of the event's sponsoring organizations, in a news release. "We see hackathons as a sort of pipeline for talent in the technology sector and believe that events like the Valley Hackathon will be instrumental in

creating connections for this community, as well as nurturing the innovative ideas such an event creates. This is a fun event in and of itself but it's also a piece in the larger puzzle that is a local revolution of sorts."

Other sponsors include Inventaweb, the Alliance Small Business Development Center, Oportun and California Community Colleges.

The free event draws some amazing talent, organizers say, but the hackathon also is for beginning programmers and designers. The minimum age to compete is 18.

"Though 24 hours is not a ton of time, we have been very impressed by the complexity of the projects," said Phillip Lan, Valley Hackathon organizer and head of business

development for Hearst Digital. "We've seen everything from a program designed to sample soil moisture to software that scanned movie reviews to create viewing suggestions to users based on their current mood, so competitors will want to be sure their project is both inventive and interesting."

The winning teams will walk away with more than \$5,000 in prize money

Other draws include chair massages, free meals, snacks and energy drinks and a Lego competition with its own separate kitty.

This year's hackathon has a "Star Wars" theme and a prize for the best team "Star Wars" cosplay.

The event will be at Redeemer Church, at 820 H St. Check-in is at 5 p.m., orientation at 6, and the competition begins at 6:30. To learn more, visit www.valleyhackathon.com.

More rain and snow in the forecast for Valley, foothills

Bee Staff Reports

Rain is expected to return to the Modesto area Wednesday afternoon and could stick around beyond the weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

After patchy fog in the morning, Tuesday should be mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Clouds will gather in the night.

Wednesday brings an 80 percent chance of rain, mainly after 4 p.m., and the high is expected to be near 58. The chance of rain increases to 90 percent Wednesday night.

There's a 60 percent chance of showers Thursday, which otherwise will be mostly cloudy, with a high near 57. Rain is likely Thursday night, the weather service predicts.

Weather service meteorologists say Friday also will bring rain, and a high near 54.

There's a chance of showers Saturday, and rain is likely Sunday. The high both days is expected to be near 54.

The first storm system

passing through will be Wednesday and Thursday. Modesto is expected to receive 1 to 2 inches of rain, while Sonora and Yosemite National Park could get 2 to 3 inches.

Snow levels Wednesday should be at 5,000 to 6,000 feet, lowering to 3,000 to 4,000 feet Thursday. The weather service says Tioga Pass could get 18 to 24 inches of snow, while the Sonora,

Ebbetts and Carson passes all could see 24 to 30 inches.

The second system should bring its heaviest precipitation Friday, with lingering showers Saturday. No estimate of amounts for Modesto and Sonora has been provided by the weather service.

Snow level will be down to 3,000 feet Friday, lowering to perhaps 2,000 feet by Saturday morning and during a third storm system expected to be here Sunday through Monday.

"None of these storms appear to be as strong or wet as last week's storms," the weather service said in a report

issued Monday morning. "However, with soils still saturated and rivers and streams still running high, any additional rainfall will bring localized flooding concerns."

For updates on conditions and problems locally, follow the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services at StanEmergency on Facebook and Twitter.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Water Code section 10723, Modesto Irrigation District (MID) will hold a public hearing during a special meeting on January 24, 2017, at Modesto Irrigation District Board Room, 1231 11th Street, Modesto, to determine whether MID will authorize the execution of the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FORMING THE STANISLAUS AND TUOLUMNE RIVERS GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSOCIATION GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY and participate in the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) election to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Modesto Groundwater Sub-Basin.

Written comments may be submitted to MID at Attn: John Davids, P.O. Box 4060, Modesto, CA 95352.

During the hearing, MID will allow oral comments and will receive additional written comments until the STRGBA elects to be a groundwater sustainability agency.

Public Hearing: Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Location: MID Board Room
1231 11th Street, Modesto
Date: January 24, 2017
Time: 9 a.m.
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**OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION
OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FORMING THE
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE MODESTO SUB-BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that a GSA be formed for all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources as a high-priority basin, such as the Modesto Sub-basin (designated basin number 5-22.02 in the California Department of Water Resources' CASGEM groundwater basin system) ("Basin"), by June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, SGMA permits a combination of local agencies to form a groundwater sustainability agency ("GSA") through a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Stanislaus, the Oakdale Irrigation District, the City of Oakdale, the City of Riverbank, the City of Modesto, the City of Waterford, and the Modesto Irrigation District ("MOU Agencies") are all local agencies, as SGMA defines that term; and

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies are committed to sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources as shown by, among other actions, the MOU Agencies' creation of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association ("STRGBA") in 1994, which was created to ensure coordinated and effective management of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies each exercise jurisdiction upon lands overlying the Basin and are all committed to the sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, the MOU Agencies have determined that the sustainable management of the Basin pursuant to SGMA may best be achieved through the cooperation of the MOU Agencies operating through an MOU; and

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the MOU Agencies' decision to form a GSA for the Basin ("Notice") has been published in the Oakdale Leader as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT ("OID") held a public hearing to consider whether it should enter into the Memorandum of Understanding Forming the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA MOU") (attached hereto as Exhibit A) to form the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association GSA ("STRGBA GSA") for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan ("Sustainability Plan"); and

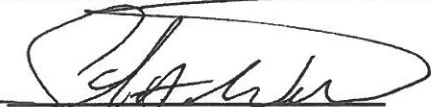
WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), including organization and administrative activities of government, because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District as follows:

1. All the recitals in this resolution are true and correct and the OID so finds, determines and represents.
2. The Secretary of the OID is hereby authorized and directed to attest the signature of the authorized signatory, and to affix and attest the seal of the OID, as may be required or appropriate in connection with the execution and delivery of the GSA MOU.
3. The OID hereby elects to enter into the GSA MOU with the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin.
4. Within thirty (30) days of the date of this resolution, the OID General Manager is directed to provide notice of OID's intent to enter into the GSA MOU with the MOU Agencies to form the GSA for the Basin ("Notice of GSA Election") to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner required by law.
5. One of the elements of the Notice of GSA Election is the boundaries of the area of the Basin or the portion of the Basin that the MOU Agencies intend to manage. Until further action of the MOU Agencies, the boundaries of the GSA shall be the boundaries of the portion of the Basin within the MOU Agencies' combined jurisdiction. A copy of a map of the management area is attached as Exhibit B.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

Upon Motion of Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and duly submitted to the Board for its consideration, the above-titled Resolution was adopted this 18th day of January, 2017.

OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT



Steve Webb
President



Steve Knell, P.E.
Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original on file with the Oakdale Irrigation District.

OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT



Steve Knell, P.E.
General Manager/Secretary

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This 4th day of January 2017.



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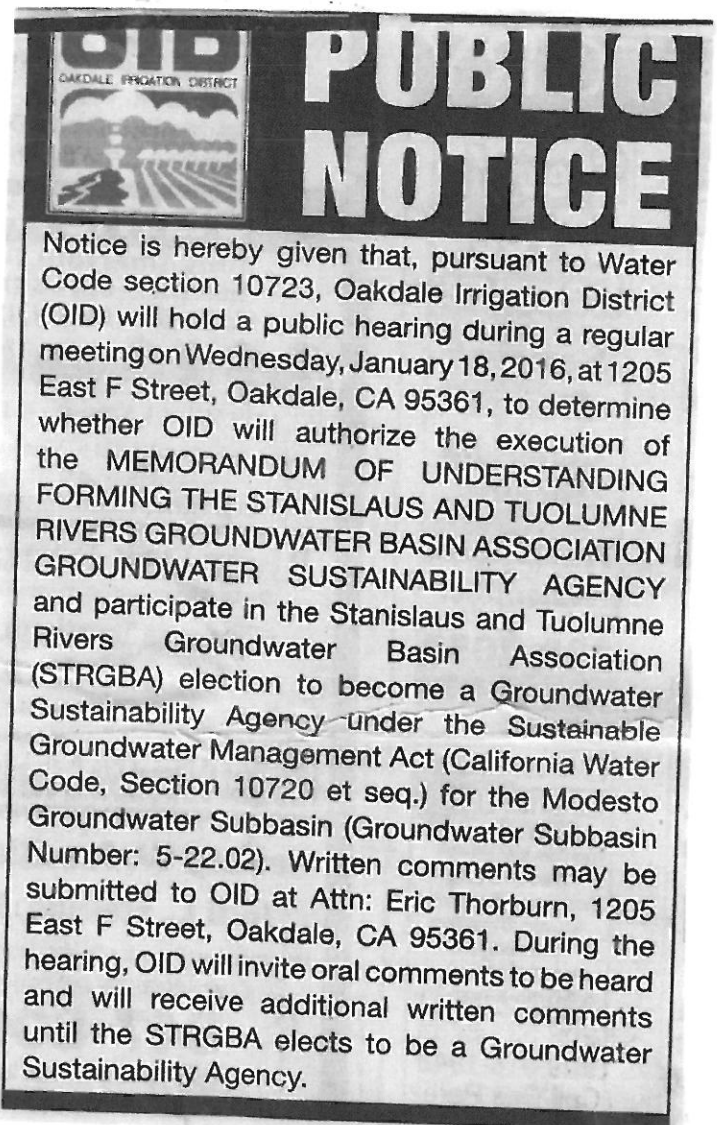
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PUBLIC NOTICE (STRGBA) MEETING



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Water Code section 10723, Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) will hold a public hearing during a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2016, at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA 95361, to determine whether OID will authorize the execution of the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FORMING THE STANISLAUS AND TUOLUMNE RIVERS GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSOCIATION GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY and participate in the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code, Section 10720 et seq.) for the Modesto Groundwater Subbasin (Groundwater Subbasin Number: 5-22.02). Written comments may be submitted to OID at Attn: Eric Thorburn, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA 95361. During the hearing, OID will invite oral comments to be heard and will receive additional written comments until the STRGBA elects to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency.