

Attachment D

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Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a)(4), the Stanislaus and Tuolumne River Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“STRGBA GSA”) will consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“Plan”) in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan (“Act”). These interests include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

Holders of overlying groundwater rights:

1. Agricultural users

- Modesto Irrigation District (MID) and Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) are members of the STRGBA GSA and provide surface water and groundwater to most of the agricultural water users within the proposed GSA boundary. However, there are a small number of individual landowners that are solely reliant on groundwater to support agriculture. The STRGBA GSA member agencies have existing relationships with these agricultural water users and through continued collaboration and coordination their interests will continue to be well represented within the STRGBA GSA. The STRGBA GSA will continue to collaborate and communicate with these agricultural water users in the development of the Plan.

2. Domestic well owners

- There are numerous domestic well owners that rely on groundwater for their domestic water supply within the proposed boundaries of the STRGBA GSA. The STRGBA GSA member agencies have existing relationships with these domestic well owners and through continued collaboration and coordination their interests will continue to be well represented within the STRGBA GSA. The STRGBA GSA will continue to collaborate and communicate with these domestic well owners in the development of the Plan.

Municipal well operators:

- The Cities of Modesto, Riverbank, Waterford and Oakdale are STRGBA GSA member agencies and operate the majority of the municipal wells within the boundaries of the STRGBA GSA. The City of Modesto augments its water supply with treated surface water purchased from MID. The City of Modesto’s partnership with MID to provide domestic water, is an important ongoing conjunctive use effort to optimize groundwater and surface water supplies. There are also a few improvement districts or similar entities who own infrastructure but are managed by one of the member agencies. The STRGBA GSA may continue to develop these existing relationships and look for other opportunities to sustainably manage groundwater supplies within the boundaries of the STRGBA GSA.

Public water systems:

- The Cities of Modesto, Riverbank, Waterford and Oakdale are STRGBA GSA member agencies and operate the majority of the public water systems within the boundaries of the STRGBA GSA. The STRGBA GSA member agencies have existing relationships with these public water systems and through continued collaboration and coordination their interests will continue to be well represented within the STRGBA GSA. The STRGBA GSA will continue to look for other opportunities to sustainably manage groundwater supplies within the boundaries of the STRGBA GSA.

Local land use planning agencies:

- The local land use planning agencies within the boundaries of the STRGBA GSA are Stanislaus County and the Cities of Modesto, Riverbank, Waterford and Oakdale. Each of these local agencies is a member agency of the STRGBA GSA and will continue to look for opportunities to sustainably manage groundwater supplies within the GSA boundary. The STRGBA GSA may also continue to work with other entities such as the Stanislaus LAFCO in the development of the Plan.

Environmental users of groundwater:

- The STRGBA GSA member agencies have worked with environmental groups on several surface water and habitat restoration projects. The STRGBA GSA will continue to work cooperatively with environmental groups, along with state and federal regulatory agencies and through continued collaboration and coordination their interests will continue to be well represented within the STRGBA GSA.

Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies:

- Two STRGBA GSA member agencies, MID and OID, provide surface water within the proposed GSA boundary and have a strong background in recharging water to the groundwater basin and promoting conjunctive use programs. There are likely other surface water users, such as riparian water users, within the GSA boundary. These member agencies will continue to look for opportunities to sustainably manage their available water resources and through continued collaboration and coordination the interests of these other surface water users will also be well represented within the STRGBA GSA.

Federal government including, but not limited to, wildlife refuges, the military and managers of federal lands:

- For the last several years, the STRGBA GSA has been working cooperatively with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to study the geology and aquifers of the GSA boundary. The STRGBA GSA and the USGS entered into an agreement, under the National Water-Quality Assessment Program, to map the subsurface geology and to develop a data network and a three-dimensional model. Several federal agencies, such

as USFWS and USACE, also own lands within the GSA boundary. The STRGBA GSA will continue to solicit input from these and other federal agencies to the extent necessary.

California Native American tribes:

- There are no native tribes within the proposed boundaries of the STRGBA GSA.

Disadvantaged communities including, but not limited to those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems:

- The STRGBA GSA has identified disadvantaged communities within the proposed boundaries of the STRGBA GSA using the DWR disadvantaged communities mapping tool in the proposed GSA boundary. These communities mainly include portions of Empire, Salida, and west Modesto. The link below shows a map to the disadvantaged communities with the GSA boundary. The STRGBA GSA plans to incorporate input from these communities and develop collaboration with these groups through the member agencies.
- <http://oehha.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=dae2fb1e42674c12a04a2b302a080598>

Entities listed in Section 10927 that are Monitoring and Reporting Groundwater Elevations in all or a part of the Groundwater Basin Managed by the GSA:

- STRGBA is a California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring ("CASGEM") entity with an existing DWR-approved groundwater monitoring plan for the Modesto Sub-basin. The STRGBA GSA will continue to monitor and report groundwater elevations in the GSA boundary consistent with the requirements of CASGEM.

The STRGBA GSA and other stakeholders' roles and responsibilities will be further considered and defined in the STRGBA GSA's development of a Plan. The STRGBA GSA welcomes feedback during this process from the state, any of the agencies or organizations listed herein, and any other interested stakeholders.

If DWR requires anything further prior to the acceptance of this notification of the STRGBA GSA's election to serve as the GSA for the portion of the Modesto Sub-basin within the STRGBA member agencies' combined jurisdiction, please address your concerns to:

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