



TEJON-CASTAC
WATER
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KRGSA



KERN RIVER
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY

November 17, 2021

Mr. Mark Nordberg
Department of Water Resources

Re: Groundwater Sustainability Agency Boundary Adjustments

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

The Kern Groundwater Authority (KGA) was formed to manage groundwater in a sustainable manner pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The KGA is comprised of 17 members, some of which have their own distinct groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) boundaries and some which are included in the KGA GSA. Arvin Edison Water Storage District, Tejon-Castac Water District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District are each existing KGA GSA members that desire to form their own GSA under the provisions of SGMA.

In order to facilitate the formation of the GSA boundaries, the existing boundaries of both the KGA GSA and the Kern River GSA must be modified. The KGA and Kern River GSAs have considered these modifications and determined that they are not material pursuant to Water Code section § 10723.8(c). This determination is based on the fact that the changes have been coordinated, will not result in overlap, and are jurisdictional in nature. In addition, these changes will not result in any changes to the groundwater sustainability plans (GSP) previously submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by either KGA or Kern River GSAs. Nor will the modifications require an amendment or change to the KGA Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), as the KGA JPA allows for its members to form GSAs without modification to membership or the Kern Subbasin Coordination Agreement, which provides for the coordination of all GSP groups.

It is the understanding of the signatories to this letter that the upon uploading new shapefiles and re-submitting GSA notices in the SGMA portal, DWR will review the changes and post the changes consistent with the determination that the change is not material. If DWR has questions or concerns with regard to this determination or the materials provided, please let us know prior to making any changes to the status of the existing GSAs.

Thank you for the consideration,

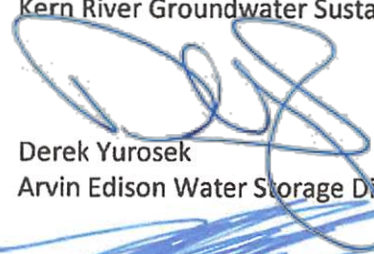
Respectfully,



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