

List of Interested Parties

Interested parties within Merced County's proposed GSA management area in the Chowchilla Subbasin, as determined pursuant to Water Code section 10723.2, include:

(a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

(1) Agricultural users.

The Merced County proposed GSA management area is composed almost entirely of agricultural users.

(2) Domestic Well owners.

There are no known domestic wells within the proposed GSA management area.

(b) Municipal well operators.

There are no municipal well operators within the proposed GSA management area.

(c) Public water systems.

There are no public water systems within the proposed GSA management area.

(d) Local land use planning agencies.

The County of Merced is the only local land use planning agency within the proposed GSA management area

(e) Environmental users of groundwater

There are no known environmental users within the proposed GSA management area.

(f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies.

The Sierra Vista Mutual Water Company holds prescriptive water rights on the Chowchilla River, which are administered by Chowchilla Water District.

(g) The federal government, including but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.

The Federal government does not manage any area within the proposed GSA management area.

(h) California Native American Tribes.

There are no California Native American tribes, reservations or lands held in trust within the proposed GSA management area.

(i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.

There is a disadvantaged community, Le Grand, near, but not within the proposed GSA management area.

(j) Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the GSA.

The Merced Area Groundwater Pool Interests and the Madera-Chowchilla CASGEM Group both monitor and report groundwater elevation in all or part of the Chowchilla Subbasin.

The interests of the interested parties identified above will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of the GSP. Merced County is committed to an open and inclusive process to implement SGMA. Interested parties will have opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input to the County throughout the process of developing , operating, and implementing the GSA and GSP. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to, public workshops and comment periods required by SGMA (e.g. Water Code section 10728.4); opportunities for public comment during the County's regular Board of Supervisor meetings; and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8(a).