

List of Interested Parties

North Kern Water Storage District (District) has complied with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act through its participation in the Kern Groundwater Authority (KGA) GSA. As a member of the KGA, the District has developed and adopted a Management Area Plan (MAP) or otherwise referred to as a “Chapter” in the KGA’s Umbrella GSP for the Kern County Groundwater Subbasin (Subbasin). In developing the MAP, the District held public meetings and participated in KGA public meetings that considered the interests of all relevant parties. Similarly, in forming the GSA, the District held a public hearing during which the public was invited to participate. Specifically, the District considered the interest of the following beneficial uses and users, and pursuant to Water Code section 10723.2, established this list of interested parties:

1. Holders of overlying Groundwater Rights:
 - a. Agricultural Users: The District’s proposed GSA management area consists of lands which are primarily agricultural properties. The District maintains a list of all landowners within the District.
 - b. Domestic Well Owners. There are domestic wells within the proposed GSA. However, most domestic well users are “de minimis extractors” as they do not extract more than 2 acre-feet per year but are included as interested parties.
2. Municipal Well Operators:
 - a. Vaughn Water Company
 - b. California Water Service
3. Public Well Operators:
 - a. City of Shafter
4. Local Land Use Planning Agencies:
 - a. Kern County
 - b. City of Shafter
 - c. City of Wasco
 - d. City of Bakersfield
5. Environmental Users of Groundwater:
 - a. There are no know environmental users of groundwater withing the GSA boundaries.
6. Surface Water Users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies:
 - a. The District is a conjunctive use district and owns and manages certain surface water rights and supplies.
7. The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and federal lands:
 - a. There are no known lands owned by the federal government within the GSA boundaries.
8. California Native American Tribes:
 - a. There are no known lands belonging to California Native American Tribes within the GSA boundaries.
9. Disadvantaged communities, including but not limited to, those served by domestic wells or small community water systems:
 - a. There are small portions of the City of Wasco and portions of the City of Shafter within the GSA boundaries.
10. Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of the groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency:

- a. There are no known entities that monitor and report groundwater levels within the GSA boundaries other than the District.

The District intends to engage in a collaborative, open, and inclusive process in implementing SGMA and consider the interests of the Basin's other GSA's stakeholders, and other interested parties in the development and operation of the GSA, and in the development and implementation of the MAP and GSP. Interested parties will have opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input to the GSA throughout the process. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to, public comment periods as required by SGMA, opportunities for public comment during the District's regular and special board meetings, and at other times to be determined and noticed in accordance with the California Water Code Section 10727.8.