

Mid-Kaweah GSA
Agenda Item Report

November 8, 2022

Agenda Item 3.f.ii.: Consideration of Resolution No. 2022-10– Resolution to Adopt Non-Material GSA Boundary Change

Report Author: James Fisher, Water Resources Engineer

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving Resolution No. 2022-10 – Resolution to Adopt Non-Material GSA Boundary Change.

Background:

The Mid-Kaweah GSA (MKGSA) boundary is the union of the 3 jurisdictional boundaries: the City of Tulare, the City of Visalia, and Tulare Irrigation District, as defined in the September 2015 Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). In August 2022, the MKGSA identified several boundary discrepancies that require a “non-material” GSA boundary change. “Non-material” boundary changes, as defined by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) are GSA boundary changes that do not alter the subbasin boundary. Because these boundary changes are exclusively between the Greater Kaweah GSA and Mid-Kaweah GSA without changing the Kaweah Subbasin boundaries, the boundary change is considered “non-material” which are easy to implement and can be done routinely.

The MKGSA boundary defined in the JPA differs from the current MKGSA boundary DWR recognizes in for two reasons.

1. **Clerical errors.** The MKGSA boundary contain clerical errors stemming from the time of initial submission back in 2015. One example (of many) is the northern boundary of Tulare Irrigation District ends at Packwood Creek, while the MKGSA boundary is 100 yards north of Packwood Creek (*see page 3 in attachment 1*). The northern boundaries should be the same. Instead, the current MKGSA boundary bisects several grower’s fields in half, not conforming to Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN) boundaries or field boundaries.
2. **City Annexations.** Since September 2015, the city of Tulare and City of Visalia annexed ground while the MKGSA boundary remained the same. The MKGSA needs to be updated

After the MKGSA prepared updated boundary maps in August 2022, the GKGSA approved the resolution of support for non-material boundary change, which will greatly simplify policies and billing associated with pumping restrictions. With the MKGSA resolution of approval, the changes will be submitted to DWR to implement the updated boundaries.

Recommended Motion:

I motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-10 adopting the Resolution to Adopt Non-Material GSA Boundary Change, addressing errors in the original boundary and incorporating city of Visalia and City of Tulare annexations as of May 2022.

Attachments

- Resolution No. 2022-10 – Resolution to Adopt Non-Material GSA Boundary Change
- Signed resolution of support from the GKGSA to incorporate these changes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MID-KAWEAH GSA: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR NON-MATERIAL GSA BOUNDARY CHANGE

WHEREAS, the jurisdictional area of Tulare Irrigation District (“**TID**”) is currently split between the Mid-Kaweah GSA (“**MKGSA**”) and the Greater Kaweah GSA (“**GKGSA**”) with the majority of TID’s jurisdictional area falling within the boundaries of MKGSA;

WHEREAS, TID is not a member of the GKGSA, and is a member of the MKGSA;

WHEREAS, in order to improve efficiencies in the application and enforcement within the Kaweah Subbasin, TID, MKGSA, and GKGSA each desire that TID’s service area be wholly encompassed within the boundaries of MKGSA, to facilitate the extant working relationship between TID and MKGSA;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the MKGSA hereby express its support of TID lands further described in **Exhibit A** within the jurisdictional boundaries of MKGSA, and exclusion of said lands from jurisdictional boundaries of GKGSA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of November 2022 by the following vote

AYES: Dave Martin, Steve Nelson, Dennis Mederos, Howard Stroman, Greg Collins, and David Bixler.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the MGKSA at its meeting held on November 8th, 2022.

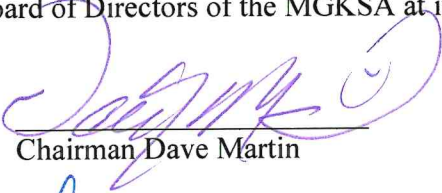
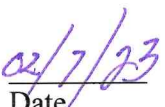
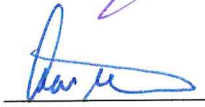
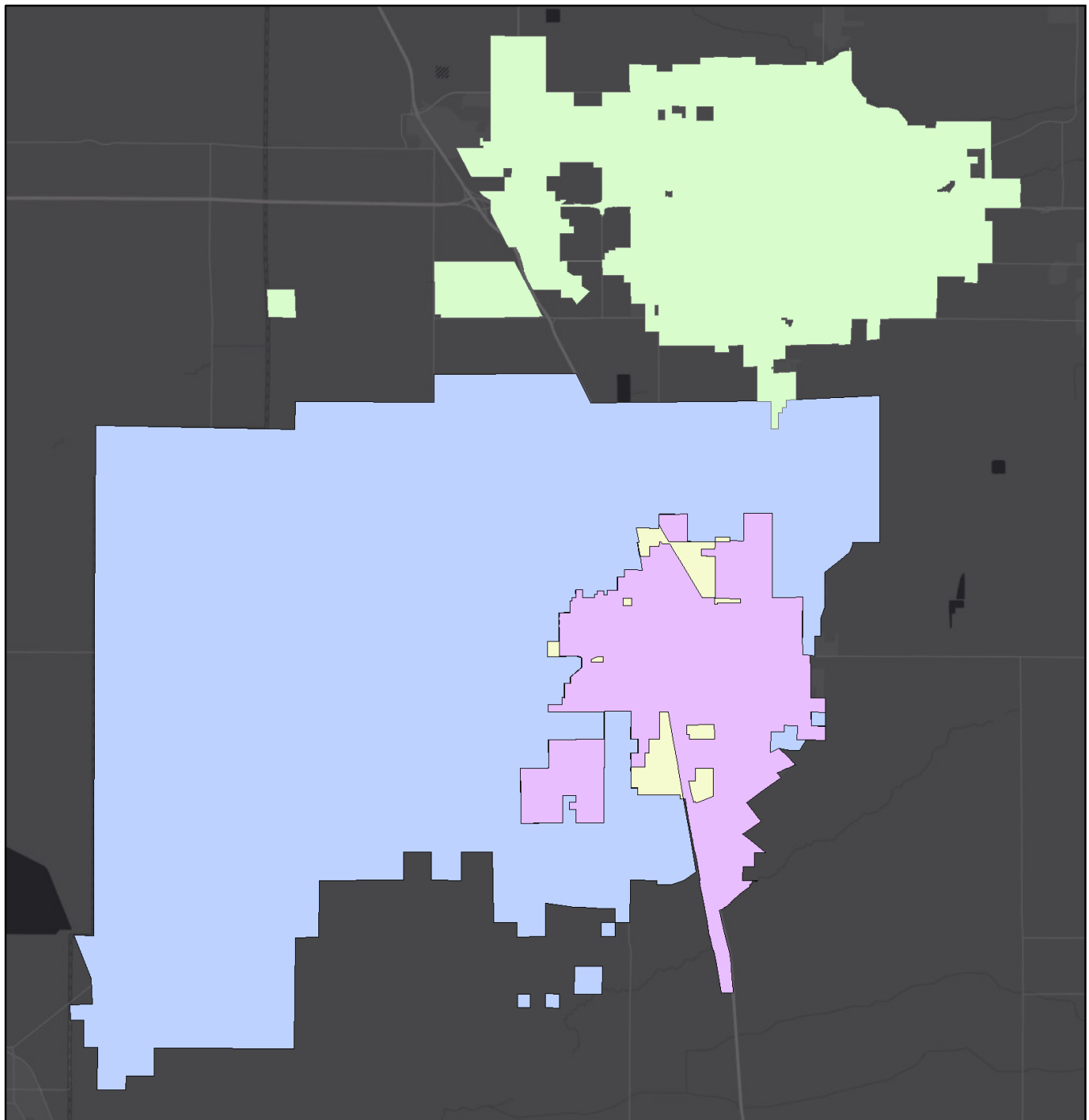
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	General Manager Aaron Fukuda	Date

EXHIBIT A

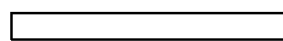


May 2022 MKGSA Boundaries



 TID & City of Tulare

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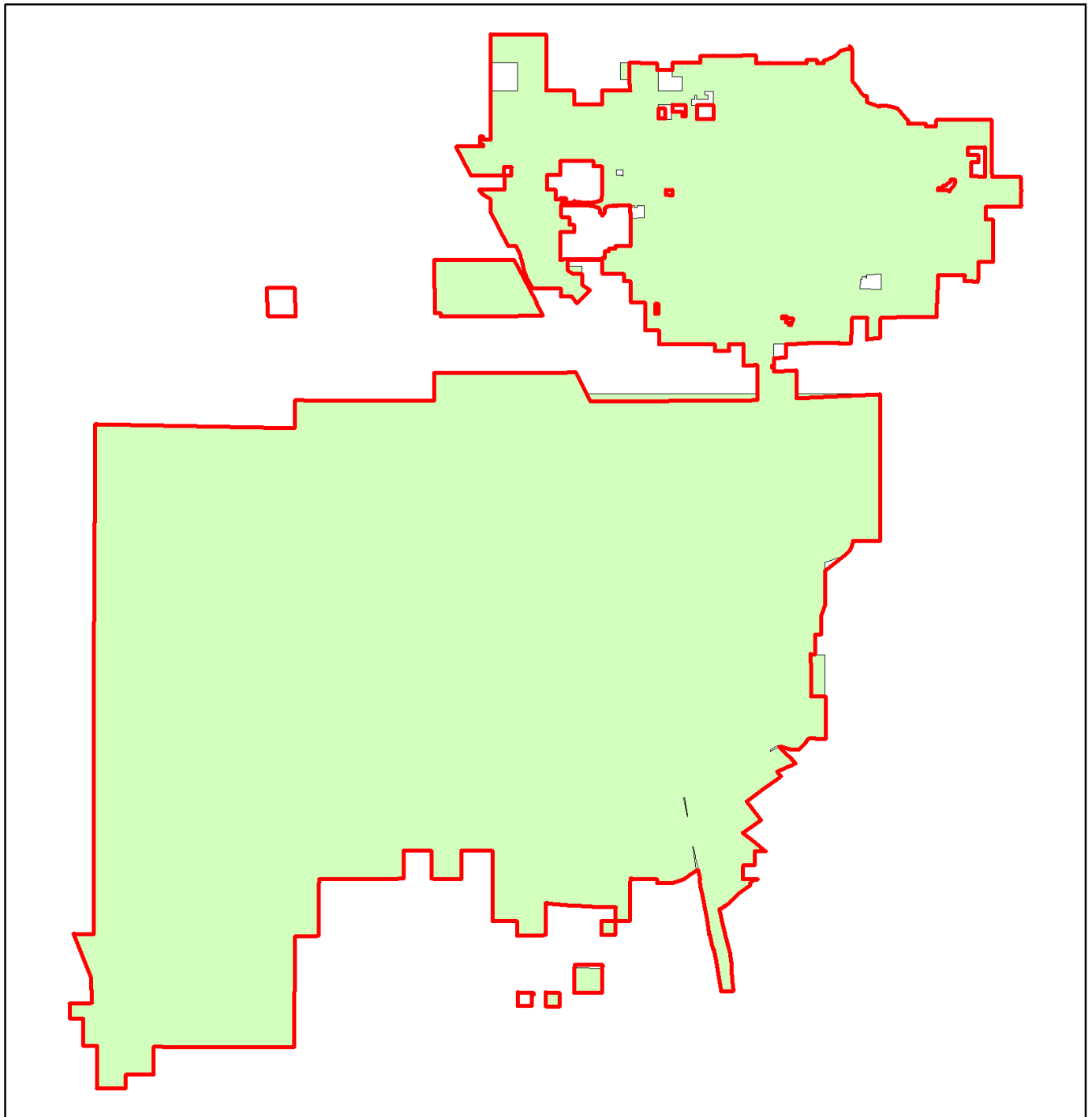
 City of Tulare

 City of Visalia

 Tulare Irrigation District (TID)



Figure 1. Boundaries of Tulare Irrigation District, City of Visalia, and City of Tulare as of October 1, 2022.



May 2022 MKGSA Boundaries

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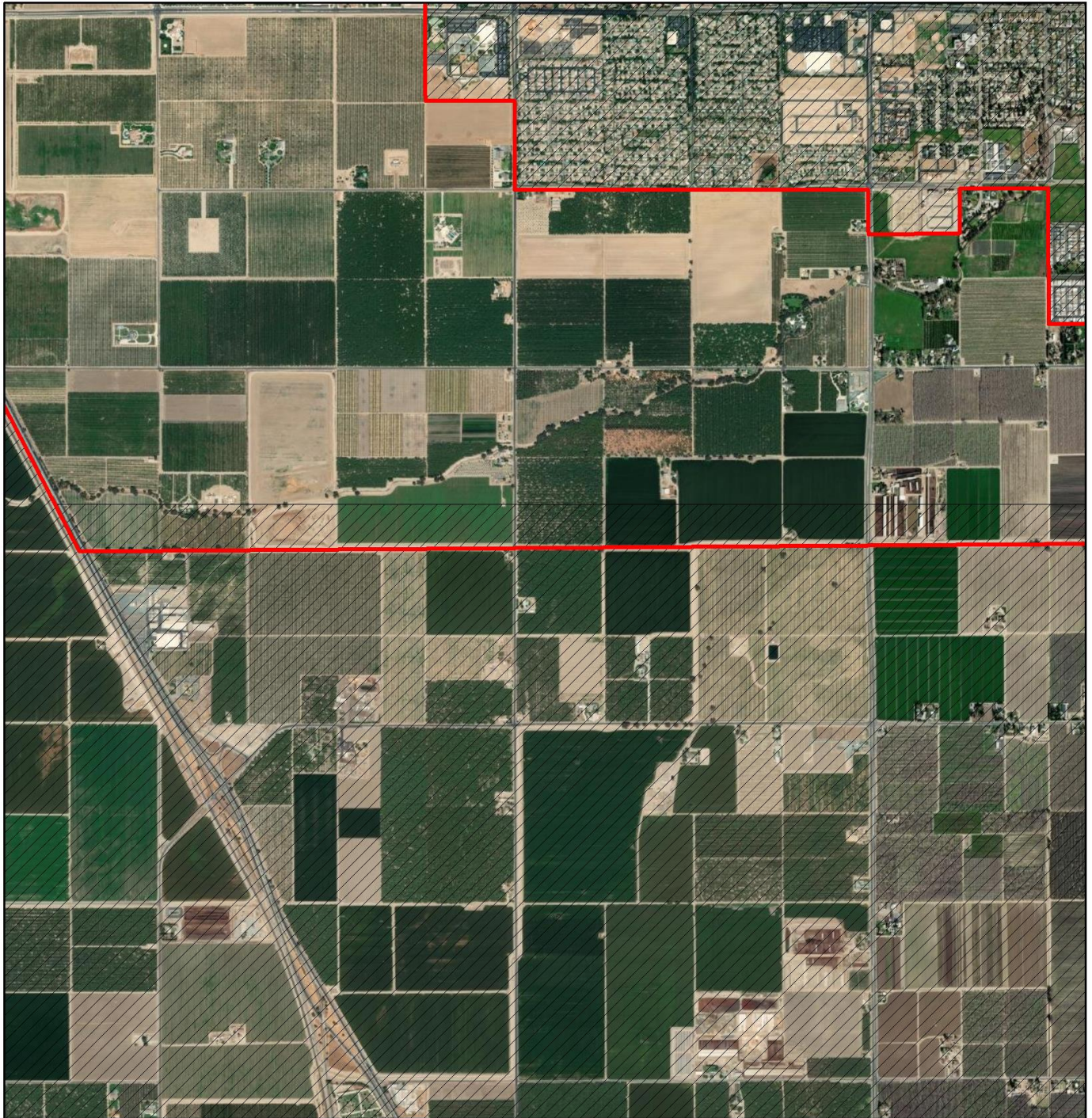
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-  **Proposed Boundary**
-  **Current Boundary (DWR)**



Figure 2. Current (incorrect) boundary in green. Proposed boundary (red) corrected for errors and annexations.



May 2022 MKGSA Boundaries

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Proposed Boundary



Current Boundary (DWR)



Figure 3. One (of many) clerical errors in the current boundary, which bisects many APNs and fields in two.

RESOLUTION NO.2022-06
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GREATER KAWEAH GSA

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR NON-MATERIAL GSA BOUNDARY CHANGE

WHEREAS, the jurisdictional area of Tulare Irrigation District (“**TID**”) is currently split between the Mid-Kaweah GSA (“**MKGSA**”) and the Greater Kaweah GSA (“**GKGSA**”), with the majority of TID’s jurisdictional area falling within the boundaries of MKGSA;

WHEREAS, TID is not a member agency of GKGSA, and is a member agency of MKGSA;

WHEREAS, in order to improve efficiencies in the application and enforcement within the Kaweah Subbasin, TID, MKGSA, and GKGSA each desire that TID’s service area be wholly encompassed within the boundaries of MKGSA, to facilitate the extant working relationship between TID and MKGSA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of GKGSA hereby expresses its support for inclusion of the TID lands further described in **Exhibit A** within the jurisdictional boundaries of MKGSA, and exclusion of said lands from the jurisdictional boundaries of GKGSA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of October 2022 by the following vote:

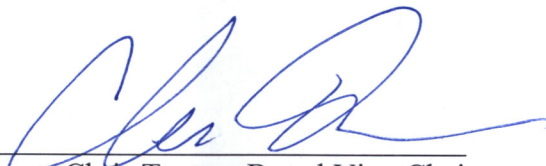
AYES: Directors Tantau, Shannon, Boyer, Taylor, Watte, Vander Poel, Cardoza,
Johnson, Alt. Corley

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Director Mills

APPROVED:



Chris Tantau, Board Vice-Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the GKGSA at its meeting held on October 17, 2022.

ATTEST:



Eric Osterling, Board Secretary