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I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT
OF THE COUNTY AFORESAID: I AM OVER THE AGE OF
EIGHTEEN YEARS, AND NOT A PARTY OR INTERESTED
IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER. I AM THE ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER OF THE
BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, A NEWSPAPER OF
GENERAL CIRCULATION, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED
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First Text
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Ad Number 263532

AND WHICH NEWSPAPER HAS BEEN ADJUDGED A
NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION BY THE SUPERIOR
COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
UNDER DATE OF FEBRUARY 5, 1952, CASE NUMBER 57610;
THAT THE NOTICE, OF WHICH THE ANNEXED IS A PRINTED
COPY, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN EACH REGULAR AND
ENTIRE ISSUE OF SAID NEWSPAPER
AND NOT IN ANY SUPPLEMENT THEREOF ON THE
FOLLOWING DATES, TO WIT:

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I CERTIFY (OR DECLARE) UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY
THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Christa Fisher

DATED AT BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA

11/7/23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DECISION TO BECOME A
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Water Code section 10723(b), the Board of Directors (Board) of the Kern County Water Agency (Agency) will hold a public hearing during its board meeting on November 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Stuart T. Pyle Water Resources Center located at 3200 Rio Mirada Drive, Bakersfield, California and via Conference Line: +1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 863-465-805#, to consider and determine whether to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Kern Water Bank storage project lands (Kern Water Bank Lands) portion of the Kern County Subbasin, consisting of about 20,600 acres in the unincorporated area of Kern County, California, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.6(a)(1), and approve entry into a joint powers agreement (JPA) along with four other local agencies to create such GSA. The combination of five local agencies proposing to enter into the JPA forming the GSA as a separate public entity are:

Dudley Ridge Water District, Kern County Water Agency, Semitropic Water Storage District, Tejon-Castac Water District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District. Written comments may be submitted by hand delivery to the Agency's office and made to the attention of David Beard, Improvement District No. 4 Manager, and must be received prior to the close of the public hearing scheduled to commence on November 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. The Board will consider all evidence, questions, objections, and comments, written or oral, relative to the formation of the GSA received prior to the close of the public hearing, before deciding whether to form the GSA. During the hearing, the Agency will receive oral and written comments before making a decision.

Stephanie N. Prince
Secretary of the Board of Directors
of the Kern County Water Agency

October 31, 2023 & November 7, 2023

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

In the matter of:

AUTHORIZING THE PUBLISHING OF A
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
DECISION TO BECOME A
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY

I, Stephanie N. Prince, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Kern County Water Agency, of the County of Kern, State of California, do hereby certify that the following resolution proposed by Director Wulff, and seconded by Director Fasie, was duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors at an official meeting hereof this 26th day of October, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes: Fast, Wulff, Lundquist, Milobar, Cattani, Averett and Page
Noes: None
Absent: None

Stephanie N. Prince
Secretary of the Board of Directors
of the Kern County Water Agency

Resolution No. 48-23

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Kern County Water Agency (Agency) is also empowered as the Board of the Agency Improvement District No. 4 (ID4); and

WHEREAS, the Agency's ID4 is a member of the Kern Water Bank Authority (KWBA); and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law by the Governor to provide for sustainable management of groundwater by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority to sustainably manage groundwater through the adoption of Groundwater Sustainability Plans; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723 authorizes local land use authorities, water suppliers, and certain other local agencies, or a combination of local agencies, overlying a groundwater basin to elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the basin; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a local agency qualified to become a GSA because the Agency manages water, has a water supply, and has land use responsibilities over a portion of the Kern County Subbasin (Basin Number 5-22.14, DWR Bulletin 118) within the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin, a DWR-designated high-priority basin; and

WHEREAS, the Agency's ID4 is coordinating with the other KWBA members to form a GSA on the Kern Water Bank storage project lands portion of the Kern County Subbasin by entering into a joint powers agreement (JPA); and

WHEREAS, the KWBA members proposing to enter into the JPA forming the GSA as a separate public entity are: Dudley Ridge Water District, Kern County Water Agency, Semitropic Water Storage District, Tejon-Castac Water District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is required to notice a public hearing pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider the formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Kern County Water Agency, acting as the Board of Directors of Improvement District No. 4, that:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Stuart T. Pyle Water Resources Center located at 3200 Rio Mirada Drive, Bakersfield, California and via Conference Line: +1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 863-465-805#, on ID4's decision to become of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Kern County Subbasin.
3. Agency staff is authorized and directed to publish the Notice of Public Hearing in the manner prescribed by law.

October 31, November 7, 2023
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