

Kern Water Bank GSA List of Interested Parties [Water Code §10723.8(a)(4)]

To date SGMA coverage for the Kern Water Bank Lands has been provided through Kern Water Bank Authority's (KWBA) participation in the Kern Groundwater Authority GSA (KGA). KGA's GSP for the Kern County Subbasin includes a chapter that covers the Kern Water Bank Lands on which KWBA operates the Kern Water Bank storage project. In developing the Chapter, KWBA held public meetings and participated in KGA public meetings and, through these meetings and participation, considered the interests of all relevant interested persons in the Subbasin. Furthermore, as part of the process of the 5 local agency members forming the subject Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency (KWB GSA or GSA) pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), Kern County Water Agency, Dudley Ridge Water District, Semitropic Water Storage District, Tejon-Castac Water District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District, each duly noticed and held a public hearing during which the public was invited to participate. In forming the KWB GSA, each such local agency considered the interests of the following beneficial uses and users in accordance with the requirements Water Code section 10723.2, and has established a List of Interested Parties, as set forth below. The local agencies forming the KWB GSA have considered, and will continue to consider through the KWB GSA, the interests of the uses and users of groundwater throughout its implementation of the requirements of SGMA.

- A. Holders of Overlying Groundwater Rights: There are no holders of Overlying Groundwater Rights within the GSA boundary other than KWBA as the owner of the Kern Water Bank Lands.
- B. Municipal Well Operators: There are no Municipal Well Operators within the GSA boundary.
- C. Public Water Systems: There are no Public Water Systems within the GSA boundary.
- D. Local Land Use Planning Agencies: Kern County
- E. Environmental Users of Groundwater: There are no known environmental users of groundwater within the GSA boundaries.
- F. Surface Water Users (if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies): There are no Surface Water Users within the GSA boundary.
- G. The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and federal lands: There are no lands owned by the federal government within the GSA boundary.
- H. California Native American Tribes: There are no lands belonging to California Native American Tribes within the GSA boundary.
- I. Disadvantaged Communities, including but not limited to, those served by domestic wells or small community water systems: There are no Disadvantaged Communities within the GSA boundary.
- J. 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: Public Agencies that monitor and report groundwater levels in the GSA boundary include the KWBA and the Kern County Water Agency.

The KWB GSA will engage in a collaborative, open, and inclusive process in implementing SGMA and will consider the interests of the Subbasin's stakeholders in the development and implementation of the GSA and any GSP, including the interests of KWBA. As mentioned above, KWBA is a separate JPA that regularly holds Brown Act meetings. As owner and operator of the Kern Water Bank storage project on the Kern Water Bank Lands, KWBA participates in the Kern Fan Monitoring Committee and the Joint Operations Committee, which meets regularly and includes adjoining bankers and stakeholders, to discuss banking operations.