

Appendix C

Formation of GSA



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

May 26, 2017

Mr. Mark Nordberg
Sustainable Groundwater Management Program
California Department of Water Resources
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Mark.norberg@water.ca.gov

RE: Notice of the County of Fresno's Intent to serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a Portion of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (Management Area B)

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

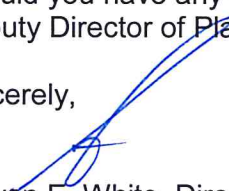
This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that the County of Fresno (County) has elected to undertake sustainable groundwater management for a portion of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin identified on Exhibit "A" by electing to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a) and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

On May 2, 2017, the County held a public hearing to consider serving as a GSA and after allowing public comment, the County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution electing to serve as shown in Exhibit "B". The public hearing was noticed in compliance with Water Code Section 10723(b) and Government Code Section 6066 as evidenced by Exhibit "C".

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2, the County will consider the interest of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. A list of those users is included in Exhibit "D".

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Bernard Jimenez, Deputy Director of Planning, at (559) 600-4500.

Sincerely,


Steven E. White, Director
Public Works and Planning

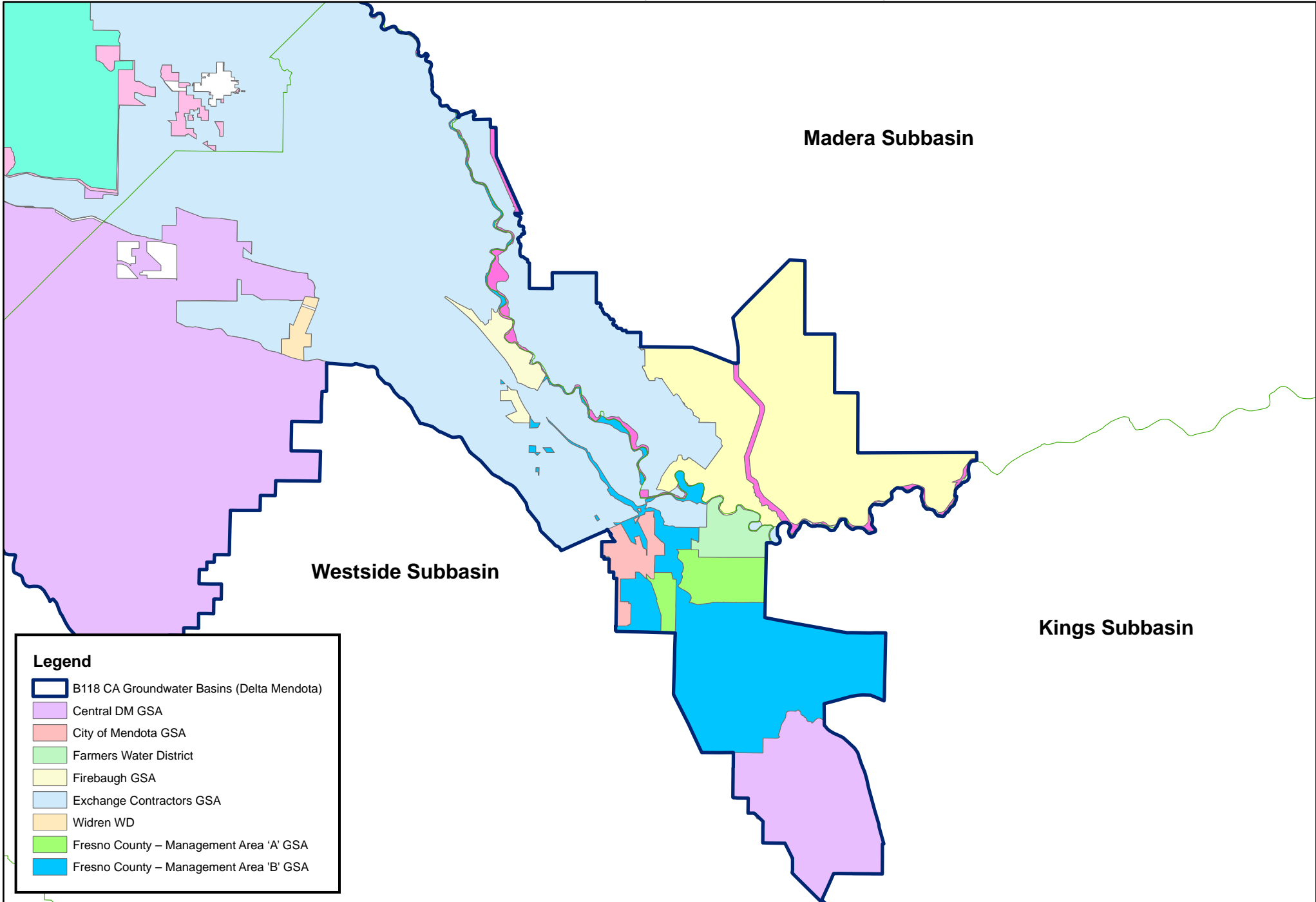
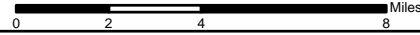
Attachments: Exhibit "A": Map of GSA Boundaries
Exhibit "B": Board Resolution
Exhibit "C": Notice of Public Hearing
Exhibit "D": List of Interested Parties



Sustainable Groundwater Management

Delta-Mendota Subbasin

Exhibit A



Legend

- B118 CA Groundwater Basins (Delta Mendota)
- Central DM GSA
- City of Mendota GSA
- Farmers Water District
- Firebaugh GSA
- Exchange Contractors GSA
- Widren WD
- Fresno County – Management Area 'A' GSA
- Fresno County – Management Area 'B' GSA

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO UNDERTAKE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT AND TO SERVE AS THE EXCLUSIVE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY FOR PORTIONS OF THE DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN
(MANAGEMENT AREA B)

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (“SGMA”), signed into law on September 16, 2014, requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno (“County”) is a local agency as defined in California Water Code section 10721, subdivision (n); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to declare its intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management and to serve as GSA in those portions of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin that are identified in Exhibit A to this resolution, to be designated “Management Area B of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin” (“Management Area B”); and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723, subdivision (a), authorizes a local agency under Water Code section 10721, subdivision (n), with water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities, overlying a groundwater basin to elect to become a GSA; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723, subdivision (b), provides that, before deciding to become a GSA, a local agency must publish notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 and hold a public hearing in the county overlying the groundwater basin where the agency intends to undertake sustainable groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723.2 requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs; and

1 WHEREAS, on April 12, 2017, and April 19, 2017, the County published notice of a
2 public hearing pursuant to Government Code section 6066; and

3 WHEREAS, the County held a public hearing on May 2, 2017, to consider the adoption
4 of this Resolution and its decision to become a GSA for Management Area B; and

5 WHEREAS, after considering the issue and allowing for public testimony, the Board of
6 Supervisors determined it to be in the best interest of the County to decide to become a GSA for
7 Management Area B.

8 NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED as follows:

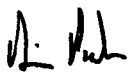
9 1. The County hereby elects to be the exclusive GSA for Management Area B.

10 2. The Director of the Department of Public Works and Planning (Director) is
11 directed to submit within 30 days of this resolution a notice of intent to the California Department
12 of Water Resources, pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8, subdivision (a).

13 3. The Director shall create and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving
14 notices regarding GSP preparation, meeting announcements, and the availability of draft
15 plans, maps, and other relevant documents, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.4. Any
16 person may request, in writing, to be placed on the list of interested persons.

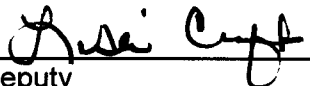
17 THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of
18 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 2nd day of May 2017, to wit:

- 19 AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
20 NOES: None
21 ABSENT: None

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CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

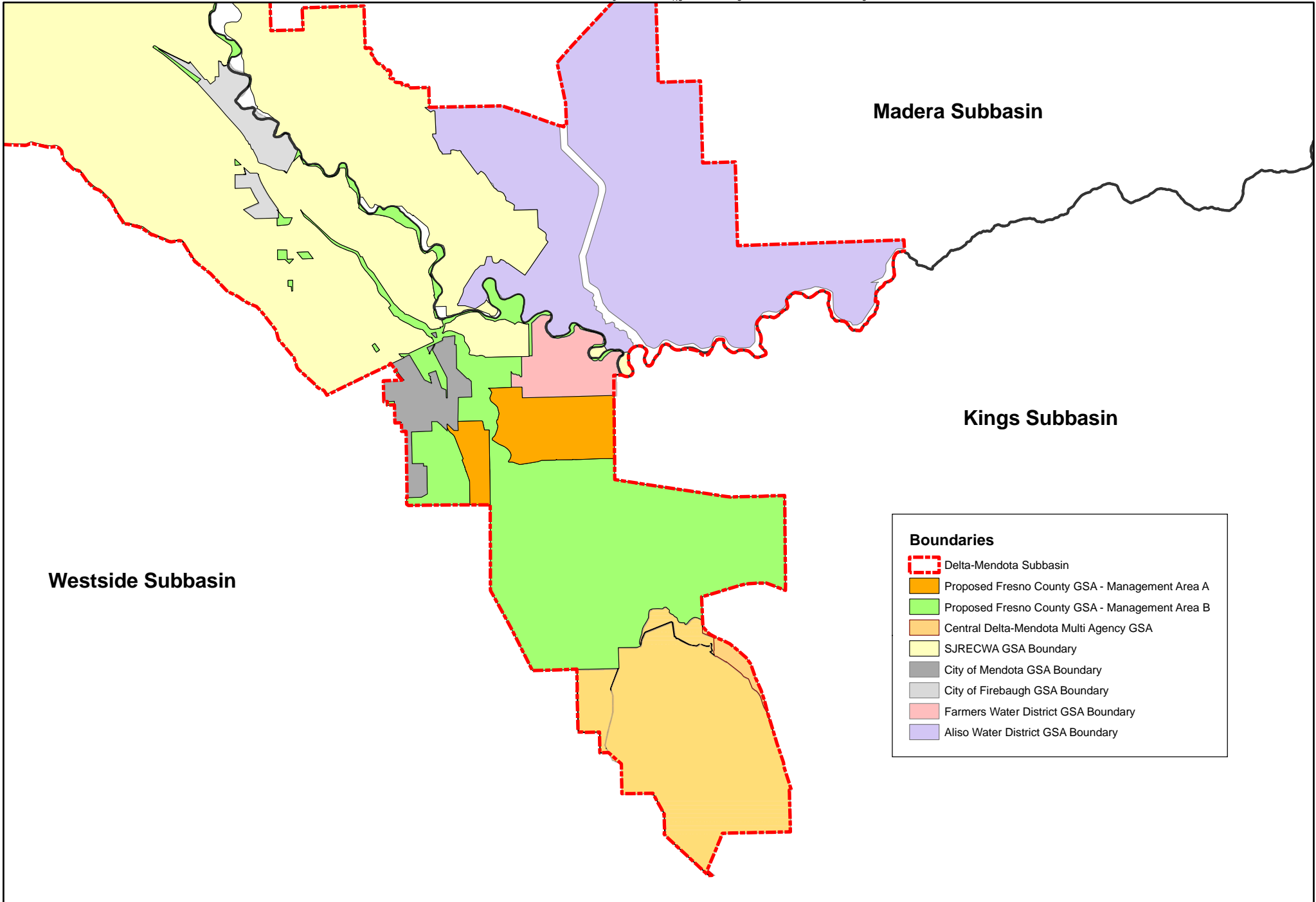
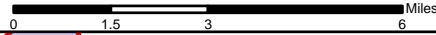
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24 ATTEST:
25 BERNICE E. SEIDEL
26 Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

27 By: 
28 Deputy

County of Fresno
Delta-Mendota Subbasin

Exhibit A

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies



Boundaries

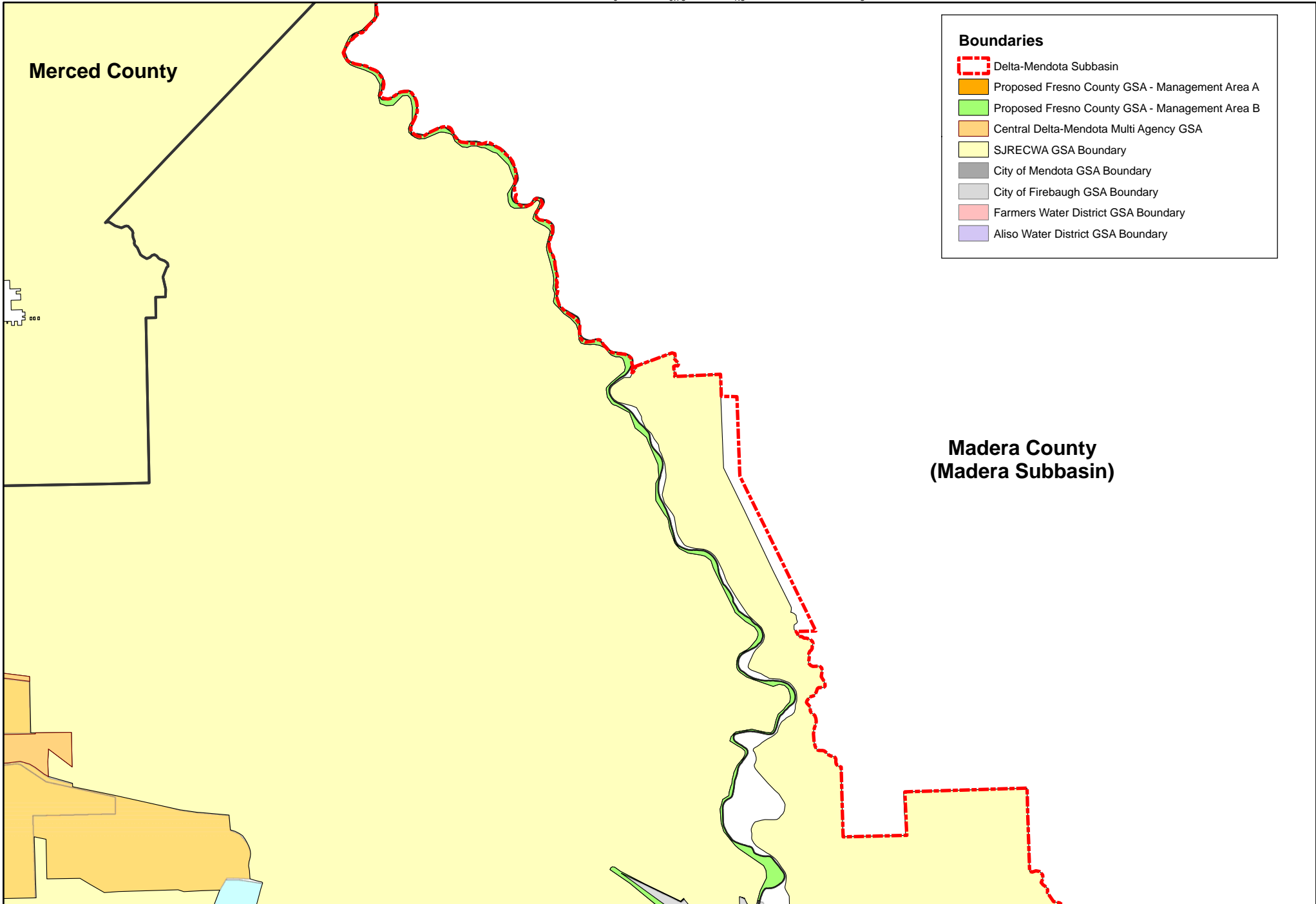
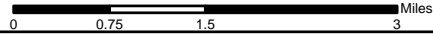
- Delta-Mendota Subbasin
- Proposed Fresno County GSA - Management Area A
- Proposed Fresno County GSA - Management Area B
- Central Delta-Mendota Multi Agency GSA
- SJRECWA GSA Boundary
- City of Mendota GSA Boundary
- City of Firebaugh GSA Boundary
- Farmers Water District GSA Boundary
- Aliso Water District GSA Boundary

County of Fresno

Delta-Mendota Subbasin

Exhibit A

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies



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IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

To determine whether the County will elect to undertake sustainable groundwater management and serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin (Management Area B)

MISC. NOTICE

DATE AND TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING:
MAY 2, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.

DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION
(2015.5 C.C.P.)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Notice is hereby given that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors ("Board") will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter, in the Board Chambers, Hall of Records, Third Floor, Room 301, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, 93721. The purpose of the hearing will be to consider and determine whether the County will elect to undertake sustainable groundwater management and serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), for a portion of the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin (Management Area 'B'). The hearing will be open to the public and any person present will have an opportunity to be heard. The Chairman may limit oral comments to a reasonable length.

After the public portion of the hearing, the Board may choose to adopt a Resolution of Intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management and serve as a GSA and direct Department staff to submit notification to the California Department of Water Resources, pursuant to California Water Code Sections 10723.8 and 10724(b).

Information regarding this item may be obtained by contacting Steven Sopp at 559-600-4225, during regular business hours.

04/14/2017, 04/21/2017

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF FRESNO

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 to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of **THE BUSINESS JOURNAL** published in the city of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California, under the date of March 4, 1911, in Action No.14315; 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:

APRIL 14, 21, 2017

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Fresno, California,

APRIL 21, 2017

ON

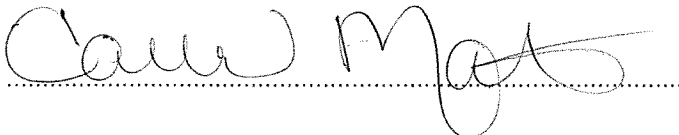


EXHIBIT “D”

LIST OF INTERESTED PARTIES (PURSUANT TO SECTION 10723.2)

California Water Code section 10723.8 requires that a Groundwater Sustainability Agency notification include a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the groundwater sustainability agency and the development and implementation of the agency’s sustainability plan.

Section 10732.2 requires that the groundwater sustainability agency consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans. A listing of these interests is provided below.

a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

- 1.) **Agricultural users** – Fresno County – Management Area ‘B’ largely consists of agricultural users. The County will consider the interests of agricultural users when developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).
- 2.) **Domestic Well Users** – including rural residents within the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) boundaries who are reliant upon groundwater to meet their domestic needs. The County will reach out to rural residents through direct communications. The County will afford rural residents every opportunity to engage in groundwater planning and management efforts that may have an impact on their domestic wells.

b) Municipal well operators

There are no municipal well operators within the boundaries of the GSA. The Cities of Mendota and Firebaugh have filed to become GSAs are adjacent to the boundaries of the GSA. The County will work to coordinate with all other GSAs within the subbasin as required by SGMA.

c) Public water systems

There are no public water systems within the boundaries of the GSA. The Cities of Mendota and Firebaugh operate public water systems and have filed to become GSAs and are adjacent to the boundaries of the GSA. The County will work to coordinate with all other GSAs within the subbasin as required by SGMA.

d) Local land use planning agencies

The County of Fresno is the overlying land use planning agency within the boundaries of the GSA and has elected to undertake groundwater management for unmanaged areas of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin.

e) Environmental Users of Groundwater

The State of California owns land within to the GSA boundary. The lands are managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (“CDFW”)

The County will consult with CDFW on any groundwater management efforts that may have an impact on environmental uses.

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

If there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies it is unknown at this time. During preparation of a GSP the county will consider and evaluate if such users do exist within the GSA.

g) Federal Government

The County is not aware of any federal government lands within the GSA area. There are no military facilities in the vicinity of the GSA area.

h) California Native American Tribes

At this time, the County is not aware of any Native American Tribal interests in the GSA area. The County will continue to investigate any possible Native American Tribal interests and will coordinate its activities with any identified interests.

i) Disadvantaged Communities

The County is unsure what disadvantaged communities exist within the boundaries of the GSA. The County will continue to investigate and determine if any disadvantaged communities do exist. The County will consider the interest of any disadvantaged community that is identified.

j) Entities listed in Water Code section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin to be managed by the GSA.

The County is unaware of any entities listed in Water Code section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations within the GSA. The San Joaquin

List of Interest Parties

Page 3 of 3

River Exchange Contractors Water Authority and the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority are entities that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations within the subbasin in proximity to the GSA.



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

May 15, 2017

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RE: Notice of the County of Fresno's Intent to serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin – Management Area 'A'

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

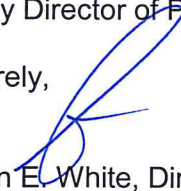
This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that the County of Fresno (County) has elected to undertake sustainable groundwater management for a portion of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin identified on Exhibit "A" by electing to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a) and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

On May 2, 2017, the County held a public hearing to consider serving as a GSA and after allowing public comment, the County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution electing to serve as shown in Exhibit "B". The public hearing was noticed in compliance with Water Code Section 10723(b) and Government Code Section 6066 as evidenced on Exhibits "C"

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2, the County will consider the interest of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. A list of those users is included in Exhibit "D".

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Bernard Jimenez, Deputy Director of Planning, at (559) 600-4500.

Sincerely,


Steven E. White, Director
Public Works and Planning

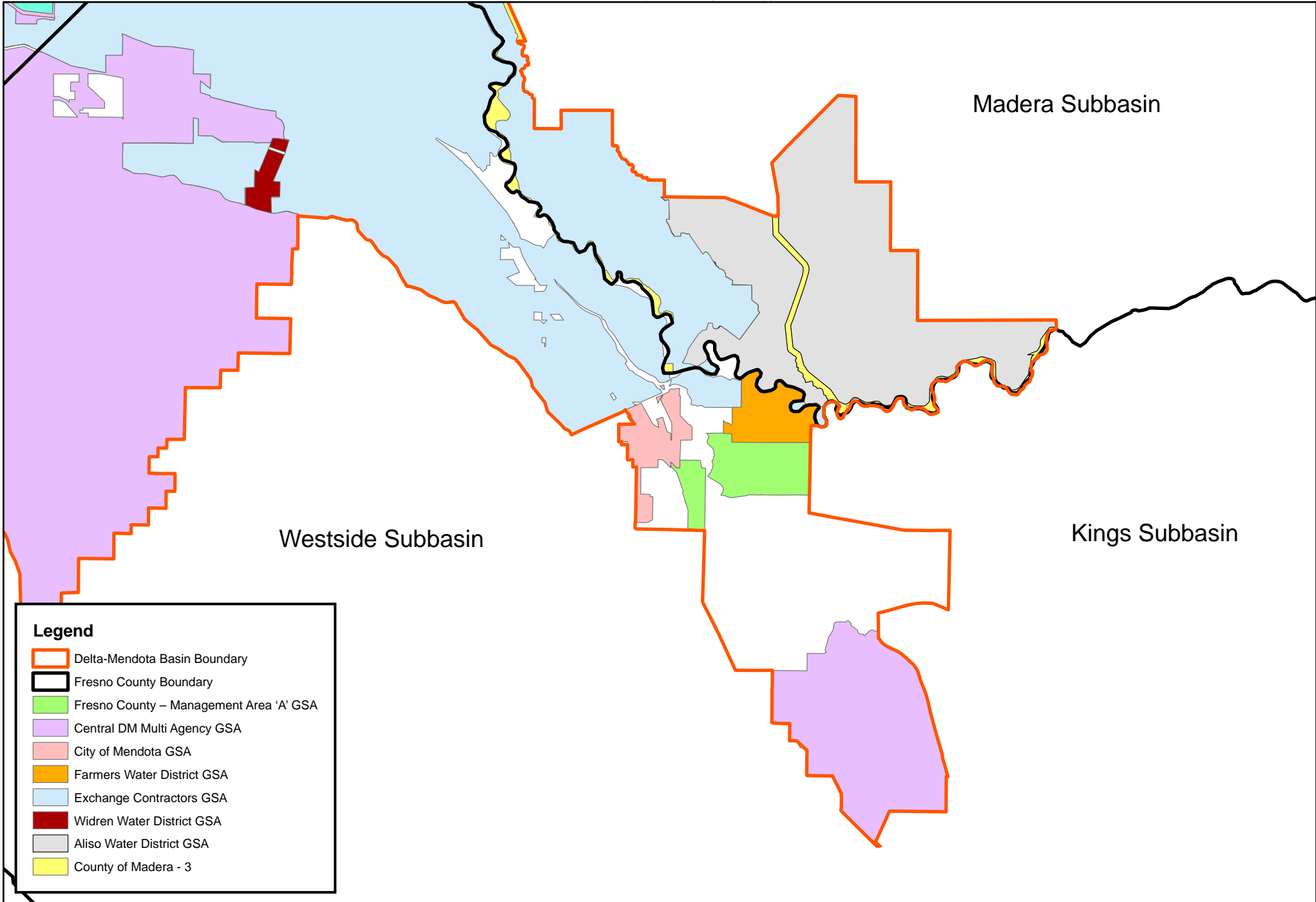
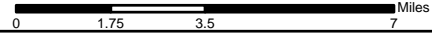
Attachments: Exhibit "A" Map of GSA Boundaries
 Exhibit "B" Board Resolution
 Exhibit "C" Notice of Public Hearing
 Exhibit "D" List of Interested Parties



Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Fresno County - Management Area 'A' GSA

Exhibit A



Legend

- Delta-Mendota Basin Boundary
- Fresno County Boundary
- Fresno County – Management Area 'A' GSA
- Central DM Multi Agency GSA
- City of Mendota GSA
- Farmers Water District GSA
- Exchange Contractors GSA
- Widren Water District GSA
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO UNDERTAKE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT AND TO SERVE AS THE EXCLUSIVE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY FOR PORTIONS OF THE DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN
(MANAGEMENT AREA A)

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (“SGMA”), signed into law on September 16, 2014, requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno (“County”) is a local agency as defined in California Water Code section 10721, subdivision (n); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to declare its intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management and to serve as GSA in those portions of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin that are identified in exhibit A to this resolution, to be designated “Management Area A of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin” (“Management Area A”); and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723, subdivision (a), authorizes a local agency under Water Code section 10721, subdivision (n), with water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities, overlying a groundwater basin to elect to become a GSA; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723, subdivision (b), provides that, before deciding to become a GSA, a local agency must publish notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 and hold a public hearing in the county overlying the groundwater basin where the agency intends to undertake sustainable groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723.2 requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs; and

1 WHEREAS, on April 12, 2017, and April 19, 2017, the County published notice of a
2 public hearing pursuant to Government Code section 6066; and

3 WHEREAS, the County held a public hearing on May 2, 2017, to consider the adoption
4 of this Resolution and its decision to become a GSA for Management Area A; and

5 WHEREAS, after considering the issue and allowing for public testimony, the Board of
6 Supervisors determined it to be in the best interest of the County to decide to become a GSA for
7 Management Area A.

8 NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED as follows:

9 1. The County hereby elects to be the exclusive GSA for Management Area A.

10 2. The Director of the Department of Public Works and Planning (Director) is
11 directed to submit within 30 days of this resolution a notice of intent to the California Department
12 of Water Resources, pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8, subdivision (a).

13 3. The Director shall create and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving
14 notices regarding GSP preparation, meeting announcements, and the availability of draft
15 plans, maps, and other relevant documents, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.4. Any
16 person may request, in writing, to be placed on the list of interested persons.

17 THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of
18 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 2nd day of May 2017, to wit:

19 AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

20 NOES: None

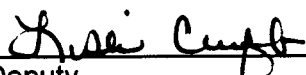
21 ABSENT: None

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CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

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24 ATTEST:

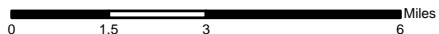
25 BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

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27 By: 
28 Deputy

County of Fresno

Delta-Mendota Subbasin

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies












Madera County

Kings Subbasin

Westside Subbasin

Boundaries

-  Delta-Mendota Subbasin
-  Proposed Fresno County GSA - Management Area 'A'
-  Proposed Fresno County GSA - Managment Area 'B'
-  Central Delta-Mendota Multi Agency GSA
-  SJRECWA GSA Boundary
-  AlisoWD GSA Boundary
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MISC. NOTICE

DATE AND TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING:
MAY 2, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.

DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION
(2015.5 C.C.P.)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF FRESNO

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 to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of **THE BUSINESS JOURNAL** published in the city of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California, under the date of March 4, 1911, in Action No.14315; 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:

APRIL 14, 21, 2017

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Information regarding this item may be obtained by contacting Steven Sopp at 559-600-4225, during regular business hours.

04/14/2017, 04/21/2017

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Fresno, California,

APRIL 21, 2017

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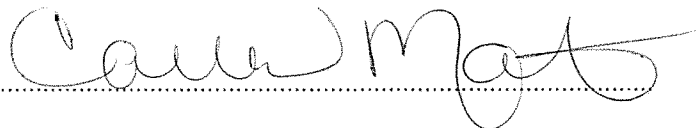


EXHIBIT “D”

LIST OF INTERESTED PARTIES (PURSUANT TO SECTION 10723.2)

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Section 10732.2 requires that the groundwater sustainability agency consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans. A listing of these interests is provided below.

a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

- 1.) **Agricultural users** – Fresno County – Management Area ‘A’ GSA consists of lands owned by Meyers Farming LLC in association with a water banking storage and recovery facility. Banking operations are utilized for agricultural use. The County will consider the interests of agricultural users when developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).
- 2.) **Domestic Well Users** – The County is not aware of and Domestic Well Users within the boundary of the GSA.

b) Municipal well operators

There are no municipal well operators within the boundaries of the GSA.

c) Public water systems

There are no public water systems within the boundaries of the GSA.

d) Local land use planning agencies

The County of Fresno is the overlying land use planning agency within the boundaries of the GSA and has elected to undertake groundwater management for unmanaged areas of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin.

e) Environmental Users of Groundwater

The State of California owns land in proximity to the GSA boundary. The lands are managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (“CDFW”)

The County will consult with CDFW on any groundwater management efforts that may have an impact on environmental uses.

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

If there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies it is unknown at this time. During preparation of a GSP the county will consider and evaluate if such users do exist within the GSA.

g) Federal Government

The County is not aware of any federal government lands within the GSA area. There are no military facilities in the vicinity of the GSA area.

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At this time, the County is not aware of any Native American Tribal interests in the GSA area. The County will continue to investigate any possible Native American Tribal interests and will coordinate its activities with any identified interests.

i) Disadvantaged Communities

There are no disadvantaged communities within the boundaries of the GSA.

j) Entities listed in Water Code section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin to be managed by the GSA.

The County is unaware of any entities listed in Water Code section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations within the GSA. The San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority and the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority are entities that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations within the subbasin in proximity to the GSA.