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**NOTICE OF WESTERN CANAL WATER DISTRICT'S INTENT TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR A PORTION OF THE
WEST BUTTE SUBBASIN**

This letter constitutes notice to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), pursuant to Water Code sections 10723(d) and 10723.8, of Western Canal Water District's (District) intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management of the West Butte Subbasin (the Basin) as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This notice of intent is timely filed within 30 days of the date the District's Board of Directors (Board) approved a resolution electing to serve as a GSA. The resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A and a map showing the District's service area boundaries and proposed GSA management area is attached to the resolution as an exhibit. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as GSA.

As of the date of this notice, Reclamation District 1004, as well as the Counties of Glenn and Colusa, have filed notices of intent to serve as GSAs for the Basin, which DWR posted pursuant to Water Code section 10733.3.¹ The proposed GSA management areas of Glenn County and Reclamation District 1004 are near, adjacent to, and/or partly overlap the District's proposed GSA management area. Should it elect to become a GSA, Butte County's GSA management area may also be near, adjacent to, and/or partly overlapping the District's proposed GSA management area. Other potential GSAs in the Basin, but outside of the District's proposed management area, include Colusa County, Durham Irrigation District, and the City of Chico.

Interested parties within the District's proposed GSA management area, determined pursuant to Water Code section 10723.2, include:

(a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

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(1) Agricultural users

The District's proposed GSA management area is composed almost entirely of agricultural users, most of whom have a preexisting relationship with the District.

(2) Domestic well owners

There are domestic wells within the GSA, however, SGMA excludes "de minimis extractors" (those that extract no more than two acre-feet per year) from certain regulatory requirements.

(b) Municipal well operators

N/A. None within the District's proposed GSA management area.

(c) Public water systems

N/A. None within the District's proposed GSA management area.

(d) Local land use planning agencies

Butte County, Glenn County

(e) Environmental users of groundwater

There are environmental users of groundwater within and near the District's proposed GSA management area. These environmental users pump groundwater to provide habitat to migrating waterfowl and other species.

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

N/A.

(g) The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands

Although not within the District's proposed management area, there are lands administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service near and adjacent to the District's proposed management area.

(h) California Native American tribes

N/A. None within the District's proposed GSA management area.

(i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems

N/A. None within the District's proposed GSA management area.

(j) Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency

Such entities are included above.

¹ The Butte County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 15-039 on March 24, 2015, which states the County's intent to serve as GSA for groundwater basins within Butte County, including the portion of the Basin within Butte County, but no notice of intent has been posted on DWR's website, nor was notice provided to the District.



The District intends to engage in a collaborative, open, and inclusive process in implementing SGMA. The District will listen to and consider the interests of the Basin's other GSAs, stakeholders, and other interested parties in the development and operation of the GSA, and in the development and implementation of the GSP. Interested parties will have opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input to the District throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA and GSP. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to, public comment periods required by SGMA (e.g., Water Code section 10728.4); opportunities for public comment during the District's regular and special board meetings; and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8(a).

Dated: October 7, 2015



Ted Trimble
General Manager
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Richvale Irrigation District has filed a notice its intent to serve as GSA for a portion of the Basin, and has DWR posted the notice pursuant to Water Code section 10733.3.¹ Biggs-West Gridley Water District and Butte Water District have passed resolutions electing to serve as GSAs for portions of the Basin, though they have not yet submitted notices of intent to DWR. The proposed GSA management areas of Richvale Irrigation District, Biggs-West Gridley Water District, and Butte Water District are near, adjacent to, and partly overlap the District's proposed GSA management area. Should they choose to become GSAs for the Basin, the GSA management areas of Butte County and Thermalito Water and Sewer District may also be near, adjacent to, or overlapping the District's proposed GSA management area. Other potential GSAs in the Basin, but outside of the District's proposed GSA management area, include Sutter County, the Cities of Biggs, Gridley, Oroville, and Live Oak, Reclamation District 1004, and Sutter Extension Water District.

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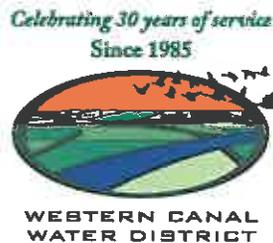
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Dated: October 7, 2015



Ted Trimble
General Manager
Western Canal Water District





RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05
ELECTION TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (“SGMA”) was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA 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 District overlies a subbasin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin known as the West Butte Subbasin (Basin No. 5-21.58 in the Department of Water Resources’ CASGEM system), an adjudicated groundwater basin overlying portions of Butte, Glenn, and Colusa Counties; and

WHEREAS, the District overlies another subbasin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin known as the East Butte Subbasin (Basin No. 5-21.59 in the Department of Water Resources’ CASGEM system), an adjudicated groundwater basin overlying portions of Butte and Sutter Counties (the West Butte and East Butte Subbasins are herein collectively referred to as the “Basins”); and

WHEREAS, the District, as a local agency overlying the Basins, is authorized to be a GSA for the Basins; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing to consider whether the District should elect to be a GSA for the Basins, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, was published in the Colusa Sun Herald, the Glenn County Transcript, the Appeal Democrat, and the Chico Enterprise-Record on August 26, 2015 and again on September 2, 2015, pursuant to section 6066 of the Government Code, as required by section 10723(b) of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, courtesy copies of the hearing notice were also sent to each of the Basins’ other potential GSAs, including the Boards of Supervisors of Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, and Butte Counties; the Cities of Chico, Biggs, Oroville, Gridley, and Live Oak; Reclamation District 1004, Durham Irrigation District, Biggs-West Gridley Water District, Butte Water District, Thermalito Water and Sewer District, Sutter Extension Water District; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing at which its Board of Directors considered whether the District should become a GSA for the Basins; and

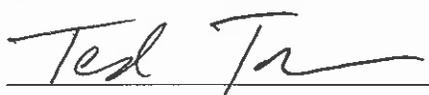
WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the District to become a GSA for the Basins;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDERED, AND DIRECTED that:

1. The District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for at least that portion of the West Butte Subbasin that is shown the map attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for at least that portion of the East Butte Subbasin that is shown the map attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the General Manager is directed to submit notices of the District's intent to the Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8(a).
3. The General Manager shall begin the process of implementing SGMA and, after complying with Water Code section 10727.8, begin developing the District's Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Basins in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations.
4. The District Manager shall create and maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices concerning the District's SGMA process for either or both of the Basins, pursuant to section 10723.4 of the Water Code.
5. The District Manager shall provide regular progress reports on the SGMA implementation process to the Board at least quarterly.

AYES: *Larrabee, Tennis, Johnson, Anderson, Lundberg*
NOES: *0*
ABSENT: *0*
ABSTAIN: *0*

By 
Eric Larrabee, President

ATTEST:

Ted Trimble, Secretary to the Board

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WESTERN CANAL WATER DISTRICT Notice of Public Hearing- Election to Become Groundwater Sustainability Agency Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Water Code section 10723, Western Canal Water District will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting on September 15, 2015, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the District's office at 2003 Nelson Road, Nelson, CA, 95958, to determine whether the District will elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for portions of the West Butte and East Butte Subbasins of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin. Written comments may be submitted to the District, Attn: Ted Trimble, General Manager, no later than 5:00 pm. on September 14, 2015, to P.O. Box 190, Richvale, CA, 95974, or, by hand delivery to the District's office at the address above. During the hearing, the District will allow oral comments and will receive additional written comments before making a decision. The presiding officer may limit oral comments to a reasonable length.

Date: September 9, 2015, Ted Trimble, General Manager

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

COLUSA SUN HERALD

1530 Ellis Lake Dr.* Marysville, CA 95901 * (530) 749-4700

STATE OF CALIFORNIA * County of Colusa

I am not a party to, nor interested in the matter noticed. I am the principal clerk of the printer and the publisher of THE COLUSA SUN-HERALD, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Colusa, County of Colusa, State of California, to which Newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper by The Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Colusa under date of June 9, 1952, Case Number 10316. The Notice, of which the annexed is a copy, appeared in said newspaper on the following dates:

August 26 & September 2, 2015

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

September 2, 2015



Date

Signature

Western Canal Water District

Notice of Public Hearing

COPY:

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

GLENN COUNTY TRANSCRIPT

130 N. Butte Street, Willows, CA 95988 * (530) 749-4700

STATE OF CALIFORNIA * County of Glenn

I am not a party to, nor interested in the matter noticed. I am the principal clerk of the printer and publisher of GLENN COUNTY TRANSCRIPT,

A newspaper of general circulation in the City of Willows, County of Glenn, State of California, to which Newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper by The Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Glenn under date of January 18, 1952, Case Number 9076.

A newspaper of general circulation in the City of Orland, County of Glenn, State of California, to which Newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper by The Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Glenn under date of December 8, 1961, Case Number 9048.

The Notice, of which the annexed is a copy, appeared in said newspaper on the following dates:

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APPEAL-DEMOCRAT

1530 Ellis Lake Drive, Marysville, CA 95901 * (530) 749-4700

STATE OF CALIFORNIA * Counties of Yuba and Sutter

I am not a party to, nor interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer and publisher of THE APPEAL-DEMOCRAT, a newspaper of general circulation, printed & published in the City of Marysville, County of Yuba, to which Newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by The Superior Court of the County of Yuba, State of California under the date of November 9, 1951, No. 11481, and County of Sutter to which Newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Sutter, State of California under the date of May 17, 1999, Case No.CV PT99-0819. The Notice, of which the annexed is a copy, appeared in said newspaper on the following dates:

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