



Sacramento Groundwater Authority
*Managing Groundwater Resources
 in Northern Sacramento County*

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County of Sacramento

Del Paso Manor
 Water District

Fair Oaks Water District

Golden State
 Water Company

Natomas Central Mutual
 Water Company

Orange Vale
 Water Company

Rio Linda / Elverta
 Community Water
 District

Sacramento Suburban
 Water District

San Juan
 Water District

Agricultural and
 Self-Supplied
 Representative

Mr. Mark Nordberg
 GSA Project Manager
 California Department of Water Resources
 901 P Street, Room 213A
 P.O. Box 942836
 Sacramento, CA 94236

By US Mail and email to Mark.Nordberg@water.ca.gov

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

This letter serves as notice that the Sacramento Groundwater Authority intends to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for a portion of the North American Groundwater Subbasin (Number 5-21.64) as defined in Bulletin 118 (2003). This notice is submitted in compliance with Water Code Section 10723(d).

Sacramento Groundwater Authority is a joint powers agency created in 1998 to manage groundwater through an agreement among the County of Sacramento and the Cities of Sacramento, Folsom, and Citrus Heights. Consistent with its jurisdictional boundary, SGA intends to be the GSA for the portion of the North American subbasin located in Sacramento County. The area is bounded by the American River on the south, the Sacramento River on the west, the Sacramento-Placer County boundary on the north and the edge of the alluvial groundwater basin on the east. A map of the SGA jurisdictional area and the area for which SGA intends to serve as the GSA is enclosed as Exhibit A.

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723(b), SGA published notice as required by Government Code Section 6066 (Exhibit B), and held a public hearing on October 8, 2015 as a part of its regular board meeting (agenda attached as Exhibit C). Immediately following the public hearing, the board of directors of SGA adopted Resolution 2015-02 (enclosed as Exhibit D).

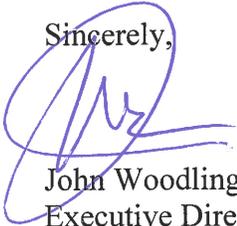
In compliance with Water Code Section 10723.2, SGA will consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater. Exhibit E contains a discussion and list of water users and other stakeholders that have been notified and will continue to be

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informed as SGA undertakes development of a groundwater sustainability plan (as required by Water Code Section 10723.8(a)(4)). SGA has established and will maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of its activities, as required in Water Code Section 10723.4. SGA staff has held a series of meetings with local agencies and water users in the remaining portion of the North American Subbasin and will continue to coordinate in the future. No other entities have yet elected to be a GSA within the subbasin. In taking the action to serve as the GSA, the SGA did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances, or authorities.

If you have any questions regarding the election to be the GSA for the portion of the North American Subbasin in Sacramento County, please contact me at (916) 967-7692.

Sincerely,

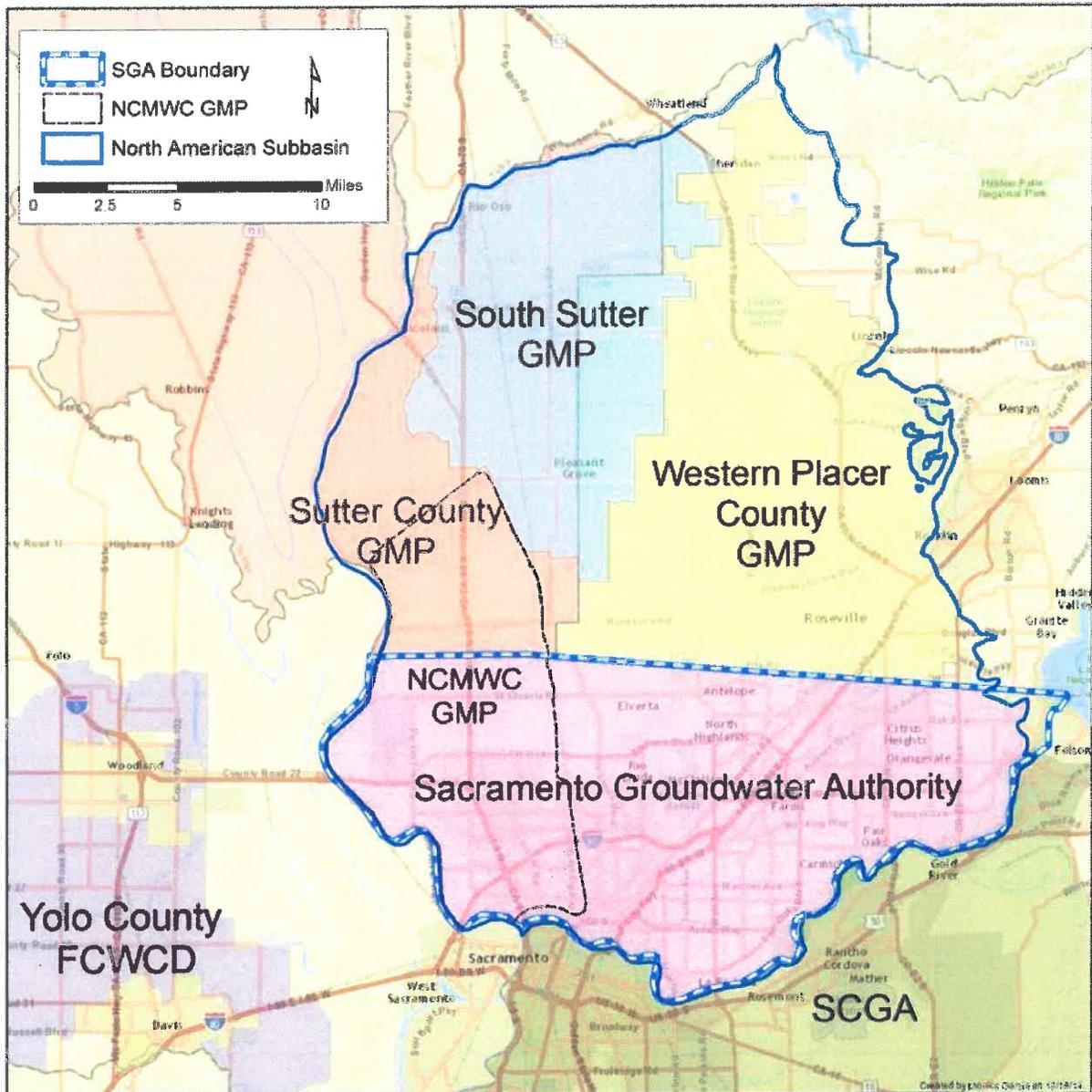


John Woodling
Executive Director
Sacramento Groundwater Authority

Exhibit A – Proposed Area for Which SGA will serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Excerpt from Figure 3 of 2014 SGA Groundwater Management Plan

Includes geographic coverage of adjoining groundwater management planning areas.



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**THE SACRAMENTO
GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
5620 BIRDCAGE ST
CITRUS HIGHTS CA 95610**

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

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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 interest ed in the above entitled matter. I am the printer and principal clerk of the publisher of The Sacramento Bee, printed and published in the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, State of California, daily, for which said newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento, State of California, under the date of September 26, 1994, Action No. 379071; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each issue thereof and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
OCTOBER 6, 2015**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Sacramento, California, on **OCTOBER 6, 2015**



(Signature)

NO 349 PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER BECOMING A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

The Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) is a joint powers authority formed in 1998 to manage the groundwater basin underlying Sacramento County north of the American River. In 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act was passed. The Act requires creation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for groundwater basins in the state by June 30, 2017, followed by development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan by 2022. The SGA will hold a public hearing at the October 8, 2015 SGA board of directors meeting to consider becoming the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for its jurisdictional area. The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 9 am at 5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 110 in Citrus Heights, CA. For more information on SGA or to find out more about its groundwater management efforts, visit www.sgah2o.org or contact Rob Swertz of SGA at (916) 967-7692.

**SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, October 8, 2015; 9:00 a.m.

5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 110

Citrus Heights, CA 95610

(916) 967-7692

AGENDA

The Board will discuss all items on this agenda, and may take action on any of those items, including information items and continued items. The Board may also discuss other items that do not appear on this agenda, but will not act on those items unless action is urgent, and a resolution is passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote declaring that the need for action arose after posting of this agenda.

The public shall have the opportunity to directly address the Board on any item of interest before or during the Board's consideration of that item. Public comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Board is welcomed, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker. Public documents relating to any open session item listed on this agenda that are distributed to all or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors less than 72 hours before the meeting are available for public inspection in the customer service area of the Authority's Administrative Office at the address listed above. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you have a disability and need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Executive Director of the Authority at (916) 967-7692. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public who wish to address the Board may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of August 13, 2015 meeting.

Action: Approve Consent Calendar item.

**4. HEARING TO CONSIDER SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
ELECTING TO BECOME THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FOR THE GROUNDWATER BASIN UNDERLYING SACRAMENTO COUNTY
NORTH OF THE AMERICAN RIVER**

Action: Adopt Resolution 2015-02.

5. SGA GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Information Presentation: Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services.

6. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2016 SGA OFFICERS

**Action: Chair to Appoint Nominations Committee for 2016 SGA
Officers.**

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Government Affairs Update
- b. Drought Update
- c. Financial Reports

8. CLOSED SESSION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954.5(C) AND 54956.9(D) – UPDATE ON CALPERS AUDIT OF RWA AND CALPERS CONTINUED OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE PENSION BENEFITS TO RWA EMPLOYEES.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next SGA Board of Director's Meeting – December 10, 2015, 9:00 a.m., RWA/SGA office, 5620 Birdcage Street, Ste. 110, Citrus Heights.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY ELECTING TO BECOME THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE GROUNDWATER BASIN UNDERLYING SACRAMENTO COUNTY NORTH OF THE AMERICAN RIVER

The Board of Directors of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) does hereby find that:

WHEREAS, the SGA was formed under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code), pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement by and among the City of Citrus Heights, the City of Folsom, the City of Sacramento, and the County of Sacramento dated August 11, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the SGA was created for the purposes of protecting, preserving, and enhancing, for current and future beneficial uses, the groundwater resources in the North Area Groundwater Basin, in Sacramento County, north of the American River; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1739, Senate Bill 1319 and Senate Bill 1168, collectively the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act), became California law on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the SGA updated its Groundwater Management Plan in December 2014 in response to provisions of the new Act; and

WHEREAS, the North American Subbasin, as defined in DWR Bulletin 118 and which the SGA overlies in part, is designated as a high priority basin by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR); and

WHEREAS, the SGA has had ongoing close coordination with other groundwater management entities in the North American Subbasin and adjacent subbasins; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires a Groundwater Sustainability Agency be formed for each high and medium priority groundwater basin in California; and

WHEREAS, the SGA is uniquely qualified to serve in the capacity of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for its jurisdictional area; and

WHEREAS, the SGA has determined that its election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency is not a project and thus not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (Title 14, Cal. Code of Regs. §15378 (b)(13)); and

WHEREAS, the SGA has conducted a public hearing to consider becoming the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for its area pursuant to Water Code Section 10723(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

1. The SGA elects to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the groundwater basin underlying Sacramento County north of the American River.
2. The SGA will continue to provide opportunity for public involvement in the ongoing management of groundwater under the Act.
3. The SGA will notify DWR of its intent pursuant to Water Code Section 10723 (d).
4. The SGA will continue to coordinate with other groundwater management entities in the North American and South American subbasins.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority, on October 8, 2015.

By: John A. Wallace
Chairperson, Sacramento Groundwater Authority

Attest: Nancy Marrier
Nancy Marrier, Secretary, Board of Directors

Exhibit E

Sacramento Groundwater Authority

Attachment C to Notice of Intent

The Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) is a joint powers agency formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code). The JPA signatories include the Cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Sacramento and the County of Sacramento, which collectively cover all of the land area within the JPA service area. The JPA signatories appoint 16 representatives to serve as the Board of Directors of SGA, including a representative of each municipal water supplier, a representative of self-supplied agriculture, and a representative of private self-supplied industrial (or commercial) groundwater use.

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2, SGA has and will continue to consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, including:

- (a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights – The SGA Board, which includes representatives of both self-supplied agricultural groundwater users and self-supplied industrial groundwater users, represents a broad range of interests that will ensure overlying groundwater rights are considered. SGA will also continue to reach out to other parties that may be interested in these endeavors. While individual domestic well owners are not directly represented, SGA is a public agency and complies with all requirements for public notice and public input on its activities.
- (b) Municipal well operators – The 14 municipal water suppliers within the SGA service area are directly represented on the Board of Directors. These entities represent about 85% of the groundwater extraction within the jurisdictional area of SGA.
- (c) Public water systems – SGA maintains a list of public water systems within its jurisdiction and will notify them as the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan proceeds.
- (d) Local land use planning agencies – The local land use planning agencies are the signatories to the SGA joint powers agreement.
- (e) Environmental users of groundwater – SGA has added the owners/managers of conservation properties that use groundwater to its interested parties list and will notify them as the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan proceeds.
- (f) Surface water users – The primary surface water users within the SGA area are a subset of the 14 municipal water suppliers on the SGA Board of Directors.
- (g) The federal government – SGA is not aware of any federal properties that use groundwater within the jurisdictional area. SGA maintains close working relationships with the Bureau of Reclamation, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Geological Survey, and Air Force Real Property Agency on their actions that may impact the groundwater basin.
- (h) California Native American tribes – SGA has not identified any tribal properties that use surface water or groundwater within the area.
- (i) Disadvantaged communities – The vast majority of census tracts meeting the definition of “disadvantaged community” are within the service areas of the 14 municipal water suppliers serving on the SGA Board of Directors. In addition, SGA is including small community water systems as identified in (c) above.
- (j) SGA is the CASGEM reporting agency for the same area for which it intends to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Preliminary list of interested parties pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2

October 9, 2015

Signatories to the SGA Joint Powers Agreement

County of Sacramento

City of Citrus Heights

City of Folsom

City of Sacramento

Representatives of the SGA Board of Directors

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Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District

Sacramento County Water Agency

Sacramento Suburban Water District

San Juan Water District

Self Supplied Agriculture – represented by Jack DeWit, DeWit Farms

Self Supplied Industry – represented by Rink Sanford, North Ridge Country Club

Other Groundwater Users

American River College

Arcade Creek Park District

Cherry Island Golf Course

Del Paso Country Club

Eleven Oaks Mobile Home Community

Foothill Golf Center

Gibson Ranch County Park

Haggin Oaks Golf Course

McClellan Mobile Home Park

Natomas Basin Conservancy

Natomas Golf Center

Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency

Teal Bend Golf Course

Twin Rivers Unified School District