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NOTICE OF BUENA VISTA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR A PORTION OF THE KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN

This letter constitutes notice to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), pursuant to Water Code sections 10723(d) and 10723.8, of Buena Vista Water Storage District's (District) intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management of the Kern County 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 as an exhibit to the resolution. 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, DWR has not posted any other notice pursuant to Water Code section 10733.3 of another entity's intent to serve as a GSA for the Basin. Should they elect to serve as GSAs, the proposed GSA management areas of Kern County, Beldridge Water Storage District, Buttonwillow County Water District, Henry Miller Water District, Kern Delta Water District, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, Semitropic Water Storage District, West Kern Water District, and/or Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District may be near or adjacent to the District's proposed GSA management area. Other potential GSAs in the Basin, but outside of the District's proposed GSA management area, include the Cities of Arvin, Bakersfield, Delano, Maricopa, McFarland, Shafter, Taft, and Wasco; and also Arvin Community Services District, Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Cawelo Water District, Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District, Devil's Den Water District, East Niles Community Services District, Greenfield County Water District, Improvement District No. 4, Kern County Water Agency, Kern-Tulare Water District, Lamont Public Utilities District, Lost Hills Utility District, Lost Hills Water District, McAllister Ranch Irrigation District, North Kern Water Storage District, Olcese Water District, Rag Gulch Water District, Rosedale Ranch Improvement District, Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District, and Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utilities District.

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

(a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

(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 proposed GSA management area. However, because SGMA excludes "de minimis extractors" (those that extract no more than two acre-feet per year) from certain regulatory requirements, it is anticipated that the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) will exclude domestic wells from such requirements.

(b) Municipal well operators

Buttonwillow County Water District.

(c) Public water systems

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(d) Local land use planning agencies

Kern County.

(e) Environmental users of groundwater

California Water Fowl.

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

The only holder of surface water rights within the proposed management area is the District.

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

N/A

(h) California Native American tribes

N/A

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

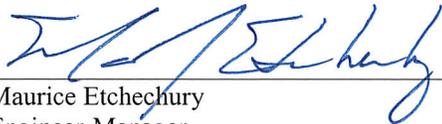
Buttonwillow Census-Designated Place.

(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

Kern River Fan Group (which includes 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: 2/18/16



Maurice Etchechury
Engineer-Manager
Buena Vista Water Storage District

RESOLUTION NO. 4291
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, Buena Vista Water Storage District (District) overlies a subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin known as the Kern County Subbasin (Basin No. 5-22.14 in the Department of Water Resources’ CASGEM system), an adjudicated groundwater basin overlying portions of Kern County (the “Basin”); and

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

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing to consider whether the District should elect to be a GSA for the Basin, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, was published in the *Bakersfield Californian* on November 3, 2015 and again on November 9, 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 provided to the Basin’s other potential GSAs, including the Kern County Board of Supervisors, the cities that overly the Basin, and various irrigation, water, community services, and other districts that overly the Basin; and

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

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

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

1. Buena Vista Water Storage District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for at least that portion of the Kern County Subbasin that is shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.

2. Within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the General Manager is directed to submit a notice of the District's intent to the Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8(a).

3. The General Manager shall, after complying with Water Code section 10727.8, begin the process of developing the District's Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Basin in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

4. The General Manager shall create and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices concerning the District's SGMA process pursuant to section 10723.4 of the Water Code.

5. The General Manager shall provide regular progress reports on the SGMA implementation process to the Board at least quarterly.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Buena Vista Water Storage District held on the 17th day of February, 2016 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors Vidovich, Chicca, Wyrick, Ritchie

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Cauzza

ABSTAIN: None



President of the Board of Directors
Buena Vista Water Storage District

ATTESTED:



Secretary of the Board of Directors
Buena Vista Water Storage District

EXHIBIT A

BUENA VISTA WATER STORAGE 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, Buena Vista Water Storage District will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting on November 18, 2015, commencing at 8:30 am at the District's office at 525 N. Main Street, Buttonwillow, CA 93206, to determine whether the District will elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Kern County Sub-basin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin. Written comments may be submitted to the District, Attn: Maurice Etchechury, Engineer-Manager, no later than 5:00 pm. on November 17, 2015, to P.O. Box 756, Buttonwillow, CA 93206, or by hand delivery to 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: November 2, 2015
Maurice Etchechury, Engineer-Manager.

BUENA VISTA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT Groundwater Sustainability Agency Boundary

