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Subject: Notice of Election to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Greetings Mr. Nordberg and Mr. Brewster:

By this letter, the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (District) notifies the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of its intent and election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under Water Code section 10723.8.

GSA Election

District intends to undertake sustainable groundwater management under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for a portion of the Cosumnes groundwater subbasin (DWR Basin ID No. 5-22.16) within its territory as designated on the attached map. (See **Attachment A**)¹ As a local agency with water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities and authority the District is eligible to serve as a GSA under Water Code § 10723(a). (see Public Resources Code § 9000 et seq.)

The District complied with Water Code § 10723(b) by first holding a public workshop on January 13, 2016 and then, after publication of notice under Government Code § 6066, holding a public hearing on February 9, 2016 at the Wilton Firehouse in Sacramento County (and within the Cosumnes subbasin) prior to making this GSA election. (See **Attachment B**) This notice of intent is timely provided to DWR within 30 days of March 8, 2016, the date the District's Board of Directors approved Resolution 2016-1 electing to serve as a GSA over the subject portions of

¹ A shapefile of the intended GSA area that is the subject of this notice is also provided.

the Cosumnes subbasin. Resolution 2016-1 is attached hereto as **Attachment C**. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with Resolution 2016-1.

There are many potential local agencies that could also elect to be a GSA for portions of the Cosumnes subbasin. (See **Attachment D**) To the District's knowledge, no other entity has elected to become a GSA within the same area of the Cosumnes subbasin. San Joaquin County and the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District have filed overlapping notices of election to become GSAs for that portion of the Cosumnes subbasin that lies in San Joaquin County; however, these entities have also proposed a basin boundary modification to adjust the southern border of the Cosumnes subbasin to match the Sacramento / San Joaquin county line. Omochumne-Hartnell Water District held the required public hearing and then later adopted a resolution on March 29, 2016, electing to become a GSA for that portion of the Cosumnes subbasin that lies within its territorial borders. Sacramento County has a proposed resolution for consideration at its April 5, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting that indicates a desire to be involved in GSA formation throughout Sacramento County, and the District continues to coordinate with Sacramento County regarding its perceived role in SGMA implementation in the Cosumnes subbasin.

The District has and continues to actively coordinate with local agencies that may have an interest in participating in GSA governance in the Cosumnes subbasin including Sacramento County, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, Clay Water District, Galt Irrigation District, the City of Galt, Amador County, Jackson Valley Irrigation District, and Amador Water Agency, among others. Should any of these other entities elect to become GSAs over those portions of the Cosumnes subbasin that they overlie, the District will cooperatively work with these local agencies to develop and establish a suitable governance structure that ensures complete GSA coverage for the Cosumnes subbasin.

The District may also file additional GSA notifications for portions of the Cosumnes subbasin within the jurisdiction of these entities if it learns that these other local agencies do not intend to act as GSA for those parts of the subbasin, and if the District believes such actions are necessary to effect local representation and local SGMA compliance. As allowed by Water Code § 10723.8(e), the District reserves the right to withdraw this election at any time based on information learned during collaboration and discussions with other local agencies and stakeholders, or future circumstances, if it deems such action is in the best interests of its constituents or SGMA compliance for the Cosumnes subbasin.

The District has developed a list of interested parties it will include in the development of a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) as required by Water Code § 10723.8(a)(4), and it has reached out to these and other entities, and will continue to do so. (See **Attachment E**) The list will be amended as GSA formation, GSP preparation, and SGMA implementation proceed. In its development of any GSP, the District will consider all beneficial users of surface water and groundwater within the subbasin. The District will solicit input and work collaboratively with interested parties through committees, advisory groups, public meetings, and public hearings, to the extent necessary to facilitate preparation and implementation of a GSP that appropriately represents sustainable management in the GSA region overseen by the District and the subbasin as a whole.

The multiple local agencies that may govern separate portions of the Cosumnes subbasin as separate GSAs, or as part of an eventual Joint Powers Authority or other coordinated governance structure acting as GSA, will have to extensively coordinate and engage in outreach to interested parties within the subbasin. The District is committed to conducting the required outreach throughout the portion of the basin that is the subject of this GSA election notice and it will also collaborate and involve interested parties in other GSA jurisdictions, although direct outreach in those other parts of the basin likely would more appropriately and effectively be performed by the specific GSAs or coordinating local agencies for those areas.

Outreach and Coordination

The District is committed to an open and inclusive process to implement SGMA and shall encourage the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the Cosumnes subbasin prior to and during the development and implementation of any 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 § 10728.4); opportunities for public comment during District regular and special board meetings; and at other times to be determined and noticed under Water Code § 10727.8. The District also anticipates that it will establish one or more advisory committees regarding SGMA implementation within its GSA area and/or the subbasin.

The District's coordination and outreach efforts are ongoing and developing. An explanation of how relevant interests are and will be considered by the District in the development and operation of the GSA and GSP includes the following:

Holders of overlying groundwater rights including agricultural users and domestic well owners

There are estimated to be at least several thousand domestic and/or agricultural wells within the Cosumnes subbasin. The District will conduct monthly board meetings open to the public and additional special board meetings and workshops when appropriate to disseminate and collect information on groundwater and SGMA implementation from stakeholders. The District has and will continue to interact with agricultural and domestic well users during these meetings and advisory committees. The District will also collaborate and work on SGMA compliance and implementation with other local agencies representing such users, including Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, Clay Water District, and Galt Irrigation District. The District has and will also continue to interact with Sacramento County and Sacramento County Water Agency regarding these constituents in the Cosumnes subbasin.

The District will continue to work with the Cosumnes Community Planning Advisory Council and other stakeholder groups on groundwater and SGMA issues, including GSA and GSP development. The District will work with Amador Water Agency, Amador County, and the Jackson Valley Irrigation District to address any agricultural or domestic well issues in that area of the Cosumnes subbasin. The District will work with San Joaquin County, North San Joaquin County Water Conservation District, and other interests to address any agricultural or domestic well issues in that area of the Cosumnes subbasin (assuming that portions of San Joaquin County

remain within the Cosumnes subbasin). The District will develop protocols and schedule regular coordination meetings with GSAs in adjacent basins to address any inter-basin issues regarding these water users.

Municipal well operators

The District will collaborate and work with the City of Galt and any other municipal well operators in the Cosumnes subbasin. The District will work with Amador Water Agency and Amador County to address any municipal well concerns in that area of the basin. The District will develop protocols and schedule regular coordination meetings with GSAs in adjacent basins to address any inter-basin issues regarding these water users. In particular, the District has been and will continue to meet with Sacramento County interests such as the Sacramento County Water Agency and Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority.

Public water systems

The District will work with Sacramento County and the State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water branch to identify any public water system within the GSA region that relies on groundwater supplies or that could otherwise be affected by SGMA implementation. The Rancho Murieta CSD is one such public water system with which the District has initiated coordination efforts. (See also discussion for agricultural, domestic, and municipal well operators.)

Local land use planning agencies

The District will work with the City of Galt and Sacramento County to coordinate SGMA activities and implementation with land use plans and policies. The District will similarly work with San Joaquin and Amador Counties (assuming those areas remain within the Cosumnes subbasin). The District will develop protocols and schedule regular coordination meetings, as appropriate, with land use agencies in adjacent basins to address any inter-basin issues regarding land use planning and SGMA implementation.

Environmental users of groundwater

The precise role and implications of SGMA implementation in the Cosumnes subbasin on this stakeholder group remain unclear. However, the District has developed relationships with numerous environmental stakeholders and implemented various environmental education and outreach programs over the years and will continue such efforts as appropriate.

Surface water users

Most of the water use in the Cosumnes subbasin GSA area that is the subject of this notice is reliant on groundwater use. To the extent surface water users exist, those riparian and appropriative rights holders and water users will be identified and engaged by the District through the various outreach efforts discussed above.

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

The District has historically worked with the federal government to obtain federal funds and to implement projects and programs and will continue to coordinate closely with federal agencies as SGMA is implemented in the GSA area, especially the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which operates the Folsom South Canal. The District will contact other federal agencies with potential interests in SGMA implementation in the Cosumnes subbasin, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service.

California Native American Tribes

The District will work with the appropriate state and federal agencies (e.g., Bureau of Indian Affairs) to identify and meet with any recognized native tribes in the GSA area and Cosumnes subbasin.

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

DWR's Water Management Planning Tool and database indicates that a potentially disadvantaged community area lies within the subject GSA region and in the Cosumnes subbasin. The District will work with Sacramento County, Amador County, San Joaquin County, the City of Galt, and unincorporated areas of Wilton and Herald to disseminate, collect, and incorporate input from potentially disadvantaged communities about impacts and concerns regarding SGMA implementation.

CASGEM Monitoring and Reporting Entities

Most of the Cosumnes subbasin in Sacramento County is not currently covered by CASGEM monitoring. The Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority is currently the CASGEM monitoring entity for a small part of the northern and western portions of the Cosumnes subbasin. The San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is the CASGEM monitoring entity for that portion of the Cosumnes subbasin within San Joaquin County. The District is working with those entities and Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, Clay Water District, Galt Irrigation District, and the Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority to address this issue and establish a CASGEM compliant network and program throughout the Cosumnes subbasin. The District and these other local agencies are addressing CASGEM monitoring for the currently unaccounted for portion of the Cosumnes subbasin concurrent with GSA formation and SGMA implementation efforts.

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Conclusion

In conclusion, the District looks forward to collaborating and coordinating with local agencies and stakeholders on the sustainable management of groundwater and SGMA implementation in the Cosumnes subbasin. Through this notification, the District has provided DWR with all information specified in Water Code § 10723.8. As such, the District requests that DWR deem this notice complete and post it on DWR's website within 15 days. (Water Code § 10723.8(b).) If DWR would like any additional information regarding this notice, please feel free to contact me at the address below or Amanda Platt, District Secretary, at the above indicated address.

Sincerely,

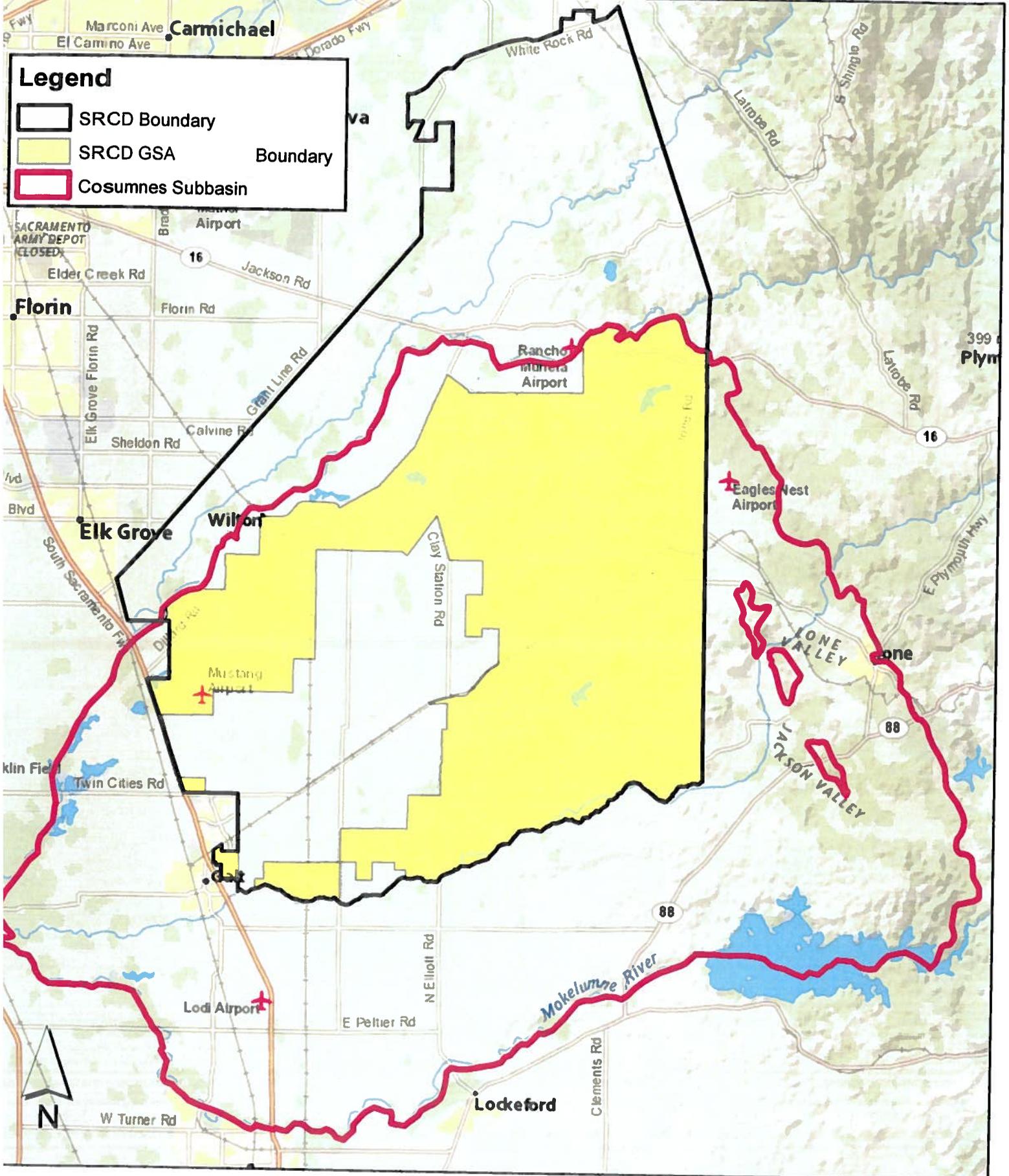


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Attachment A – GSA Area Map**Attachment B – Public Notice and Hearing Materials****Attachment C – GSA Resolution****Attachment D – Potential GSA Entities****Attachment E – Interested Parties**

Attachment A – GSA Area Map

Sloughouse Resource Conservation District Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Agency Boundaries



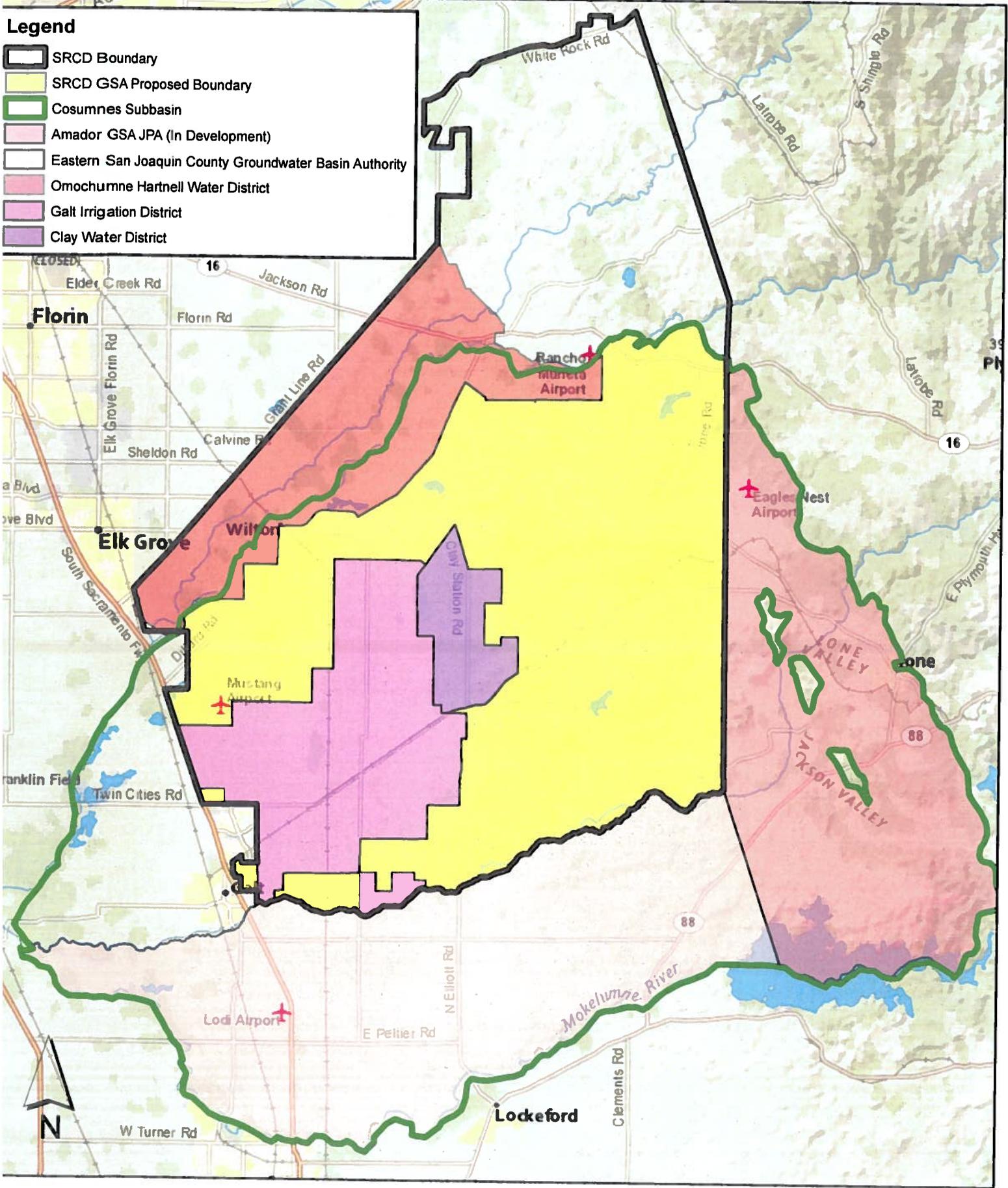
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- SRCD Boundary
- SRCD GSA Boundary
- Cosumnes Subbasin Boundary

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Agency Boundaries

Legend

-  SRCD Boundary
-  SRCD GSA Proposed Boundary
-  Cosumnes Subbasin
-  Amador GSA JPA (In Development)
-  Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin Authority
-  Omochumne Hartnell Water District
-  Galt Irrigation District
-  Clay Water District



Attachment B – Public Notice and Hearing Materials



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PUBLIC HEARING and SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

When: Tuesday, February 9th, 2016

Where: Wilton Fire House, 9800 Dillard Road, Wilton, CA 95693

Time: 6:30 pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order of special meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (RCD or District).*
2. Presentation on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) under SGMA, and potential options for the RCD to elect to become GSA and participate in implementation of SGMA for basins within its territorial boundaries.
3. PUBLIC HEARING on potential election by RCD to become GSA (receipt of oral or written comments and testimony)(Water Code § 10723(b)).
4. Board deliberation and potential adoption of resolution(s) electing to become GSA for areas within District's boundaries, including, but not limited to the following:
 - i. That portion of the Cosumnes subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley groundwater basin that is within the RCD's jurisdictional boundary, but excluding those areas that are within the territories of the Clay Water District, Galt Irrigation District, and Omochumne-Hartnell Water District.
 - ii. That portion of the Cosumnes subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley groundwater basin within both the RCD's jurisdictional boundary and the territory of Clay Water District.
 - iii. That portion of the Cosumnes subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley groundwater basin within both the RCD's jurisdictional boundary and the territory of Galt Irrigation District.
 - iv. That portion of the South American subbasin of the Sacramento Valley groundwater basin within the RCD's jurisdictional boundary, but excluding the area that is within the territory of the Omochumne-Hartnell Water District.

- v. That portion of the South American subbasin of the Sacramento Valley groundwater basin and the Cosumnes subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley groundwater basin that is within both the RCD's jurisdictional boundary and the territory of the Omochumne-Hartnell Water District.

5. Adjourn.

***Notices:**

- 1) The Board reserves the right to discuss or take action on all of the above agenda items.
- 2) Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by telephoning (916)612-5163, or writing Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District at 8698 Elk Grove Blvd. Suite 1-207, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that Agency staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the RCD to provide the requested accommodation.
- 3) Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection at the 8698 Elk Grove Blvd. Suite 1-207, Elk Grove, CA 95624, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available via email to members of the public on the District's public notice email distribution list. To be placed on the District's public email distribution list, please notify RCD Secretary Amanda Platt at: amanda-platt@carcd.org.

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting and Public Hearing

Tuesday February 9, 2016

6:30 pm

Wilton Fire House

9800 Dillard Road,

Wilton, CA

Introduction

- Sloughhouse RCD overview
- Discuss Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA")
- Discuss implications for RCD and potential opportunities to participate in SGMA implementation
- **PUBLIC HEARING**
Receive public comments from RCD constituents and others regarding SGMA and GSA issues (Water Code 10723)
- Sign-in sheet / interested persons list (for future updates)



Sloughouse Resource Conservation District



- ✓ Formed in 1956 by local farmers and ranchers to address local soil conservation issues.
- ✓ SRCD is a local Special District
- ✓ Five member board: William Mosher, Jay Schneider, Ronald Lowery, Joseph Lopes, and Herb Garms



Sloughouse Resource Conservation District



Mission

"The Sloughouse Resource Conservation District is committed to assisting landowners, within the Cosumnes River Watershed, with erosion and flood control problems, water quality and supply issues, groundwater issues and watershed outreach and conservation education with respect for private property rights."

-SRCD Long Range Plan



Sloughouse Resource Conservation District Programs

- ✓ Levee repair program
- ✓ Checkdams
- ✓ Trash/illegal dumped debris removal
- ✓ Formation of local irrigated lands subwatershed group
- ✓ Backflow Prevention
- ✓ Ag./Res. Water efficiency program

Previous Methods of Groundwater Regulation / Management in CA

- Local Ordinances (e.g., county well permits)
- Groundwater Management Plans
- Special Act Districts
- Judicial Groundwater Adjudications

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: A Brave New World



Why Now?

- California only western state that did not have a comprehensive regulatory regime for groundwater
- Groundwater a vital public resource
- Drought increased legislative attention and will power to address water issues
- Increased awareness and data indicating overpumping
 - Groundwater depletion
 - Groundwater overdraft
 - Subsidence
 - Infrastructure damage
- Part of State's comprehensive long-term vision to achieve water reliability and sustainability

SGMA Overview

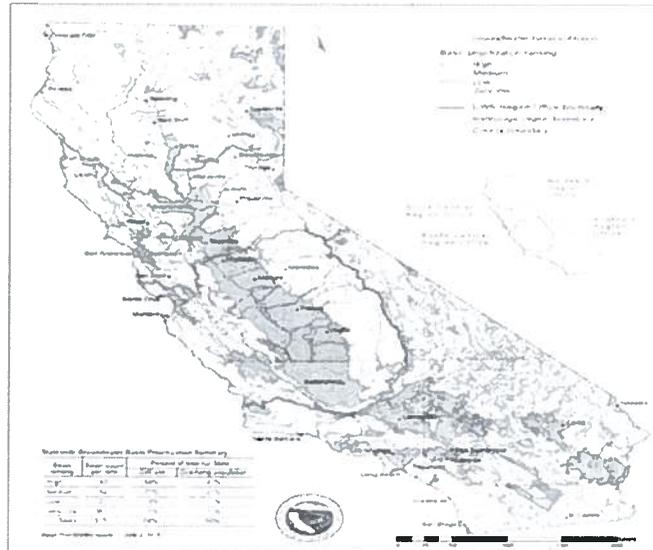
- Enacted 2014 in three bills (SB 1168, SB 1319, and AB 1739)
- Requires management of "high-" and "medium-" priority basins.
- Favors management by local "Groundwater Sustainability Agencies" (GSAs) through preparation and implementation of "Groundwater Sustainability Plans" (Plans).
- If local management is not forthcoming or inadequate, then State Water Resources Control Board may manage local groundwater basins.
- Creates a process to achieve "sustainability" rather than requiring any specific measures.
- Authorizes local agencies to use creative and flexible methods to manage groundwater basins to achieve sustainability.

Groundwater Basins

- Act's "regulatory unit" is the groundwater basin
 - ✓ Basins and subbasins established by DWR (Bulletin 118)
 - ✓ About 515 total basins identified (not fractured rock)
- Management of High- and Medium-Priority basins is required
 - ✓ DWR established basin priorities
- Management of lower priority basins encouraged, but not required
- Basin boundaries can potentially be changed
 - ✓ Requires a petition from a local agency
 - ✓ Petitions subject to review by DWR and the State Water Commission

Basin Priorities

DWR announced initial basin priorities in January 2015. About 127 basins are High- or Medium-Priority



Groundwater Sustainability Agency

- Act's preferred regulator is the "GSA" – can be any local agency with responsibilities for water supply, water management or land use authority.
- Act also allows local agencies to work together as a GSA through MOAs or Joint Powers Authority.
- If no local agency steps forward to be GSA for a basin (or part thereof), County is the default GSA.

Groundwater Sustainability Plans

- Act's preferred regulatory blueprint is the Plan
- All high- and medium-priority basins required to have Plan or alternative management in place by year 2020 or 2022:
 - Prior adjudication
 - Existing groundwater management plan
 - Certified report that demonstrates 10 years of sustainability
- 50-year planning and implementation horizon
- Plan's chief objective is to achieve "Sustainable Groundwater Management"
 - the management and use of groundwater in a manner that can be maintained during the planning and implementation horizon without causing undesirable results.

Undesirable Results

- Chronic lowering of groundwater levels indicating a "significant and unreasonable" depletion of supply if continued over the planning and implementation period (overdraft)
- Significant and unreasonable water quality impacts
- Significant and unreasonable land subsidence that substantially interferes with surface land uses
- Depletions of interconnected surface water with significant and unreasonable adverse affects on beneficial uses of the surface water
- Significant and unreasonable reduction of groundwater storage
- Significant and unreasonable seawater intrusion

Contents of Groundwater Sustainability Plans

- Must include information about basins and their management such as:
 - Historical data
 - Groundwater levels, quality, subsidence, gw-surface water interaction
 - Maps of existing and potential recharge areas, boundaries, other GSA's in basin
- Must include measurable objectives to achieve sustainability in 20 years & 5 year interim milestones.
- Specific elements of the Plans can be tailored to reflect the important issues in each basin (for example, like sea water intrusion).

GSA's and Plans Must Consider Many Interests

- Holders of overlying groundwater rights (ag and domestic users)
- Municipal well owners
- Public water systems
- Local land use planning agencies
- Environmental users of groundwater
- Users of surface waters connected to groundwater
- Federal government
- California Native American Tribes
- Disadvantaged Communities
- Groundwater monitoring agencies

GSA's Prepare, Adopt, and Implement Plans

- Conduct investigations
- Require registration of wells
- Collect fees
- Require that groundwater production be measured and reported
- Regulate groundwater extractions
- Enforce some provisions through civil penalties
- Purchase/import supplemental water
- Recharge groundwater
- Pumping trading credit programs
- Fallowing programs
- Conservation
- Comment / Coordinate with land use agencies on General Plans, Amendments, etc.

De Minimis Extractors

- A person who extracts for domestic purposes two acre-feet or less per year.
- De minimis extractors exempt from measuring and reporting requirements if local agency is GSA. (Water Code sec. 10725.8(e))
 - However, if basin is labeled as probationary and State acts as GSA, then State may require even de minimis extractors to monitor and report. (Water Code sec. 10735.2(c)(2))
- A GSA "shall not impose a fee ... on a de minimis extractor unless the agency has regulated the users pursuant to this part." (Water Code sec. 10730)
 - Likely unnecessary in most cases

Other GSA Information

- GSAs should respect water rights:
 - Nothing in SGMA “shall be construed as authorizing a local agency to make a binding determination of the water rights of any person or entity.” (Water Code sec. 10726.8)
- GSAs should involve local stakeholders:
 - GSA may appoint advisory committees and “shall encourage the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the groundwater basin.” (Water Code sec. 10727.8)

DWR Reviews Groundwater Sustainability Plans for Adequacy

- DWR to promulgate regulations covering review (June 2016).
- Review determines if necessary elements are included in Plans, and achieving basin’s sustainability goal is likely.
- If a basin is managed using several plans, the review also considers the coordination between the plans.
- Review evaluates if Plan is likely to adversely impact Plans in adjacent basins.
- DWR shall review Plans at least every five years.

State Regulation of Groundwater Basins



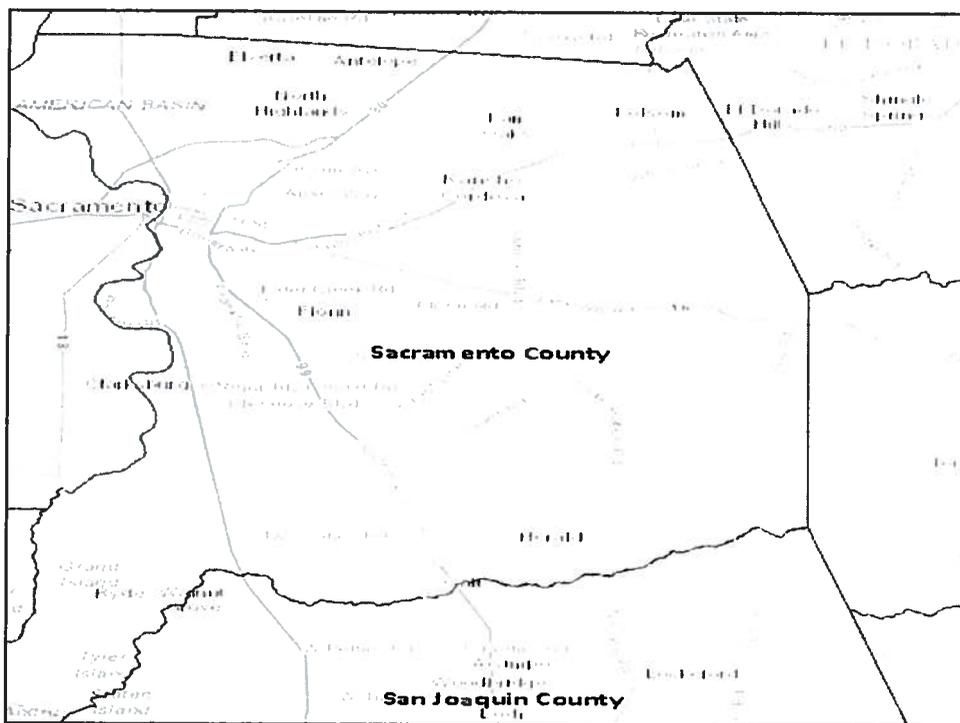
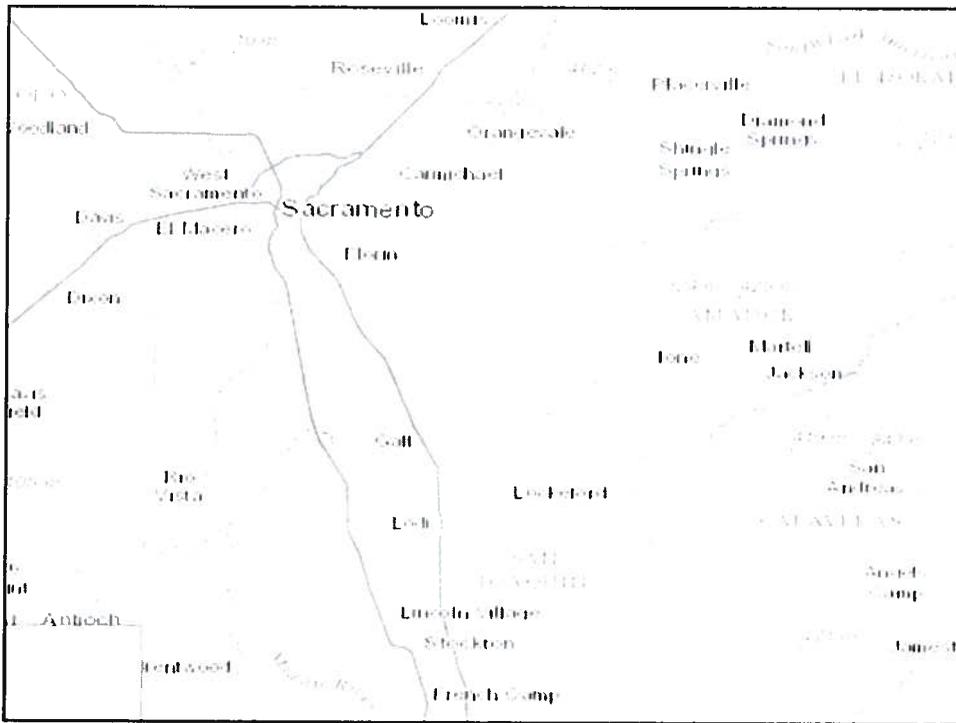
State will step in and manage "high-" and "medium priority groundwater basins (through the SWRCB) under certain conditions:

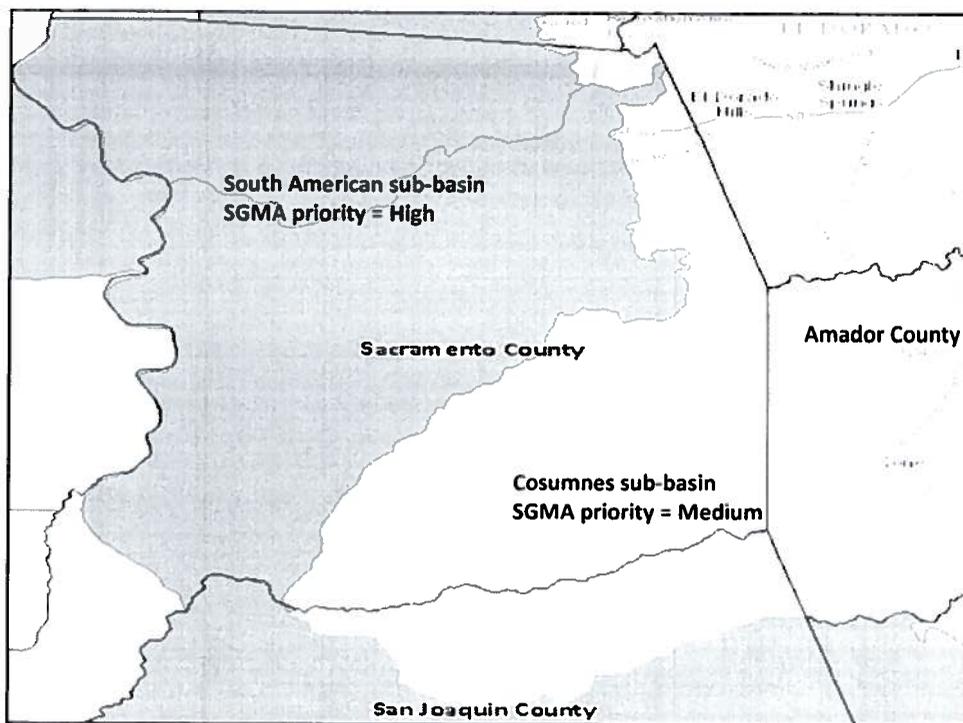
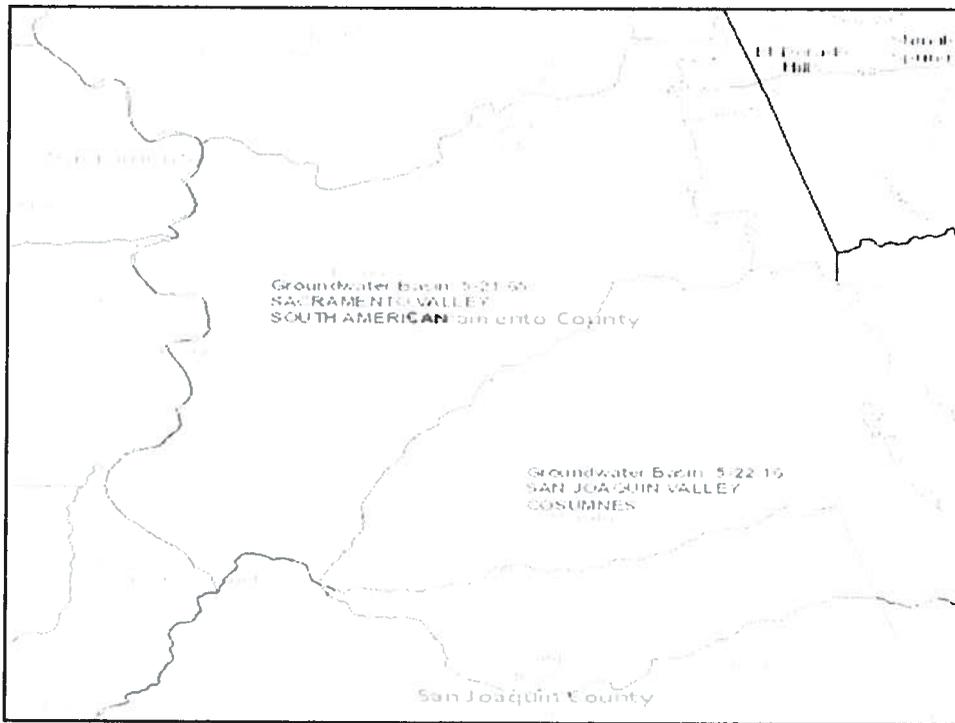
- After June 30, 2017 local GSAs are not formed to cover the entire basin
- After January 31, 2020, no adequate Plan or Plans cover the entire basin, or enforcement of the Plan is inadequate (for basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft)
- After January 31, 2022, no adequate Plan or Plans cover the entire basin, or enforcement of the Plan is inadequate (for basins not subject to critical conditions of overdraft)
- After January 31, 2025 groundwater extractions significantly deplete interconnected surface waters

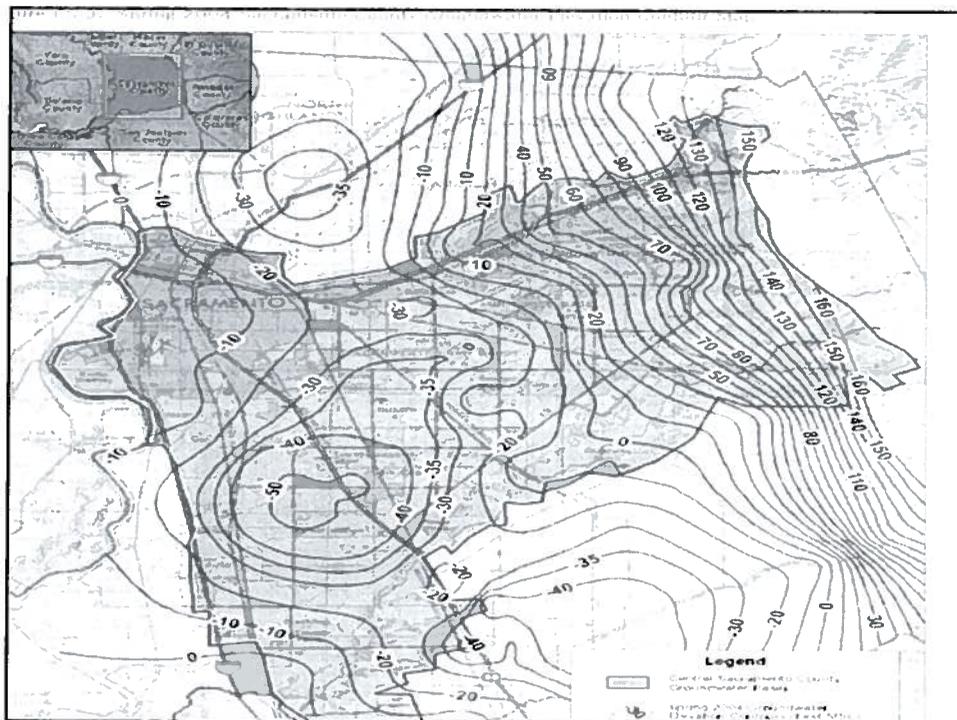
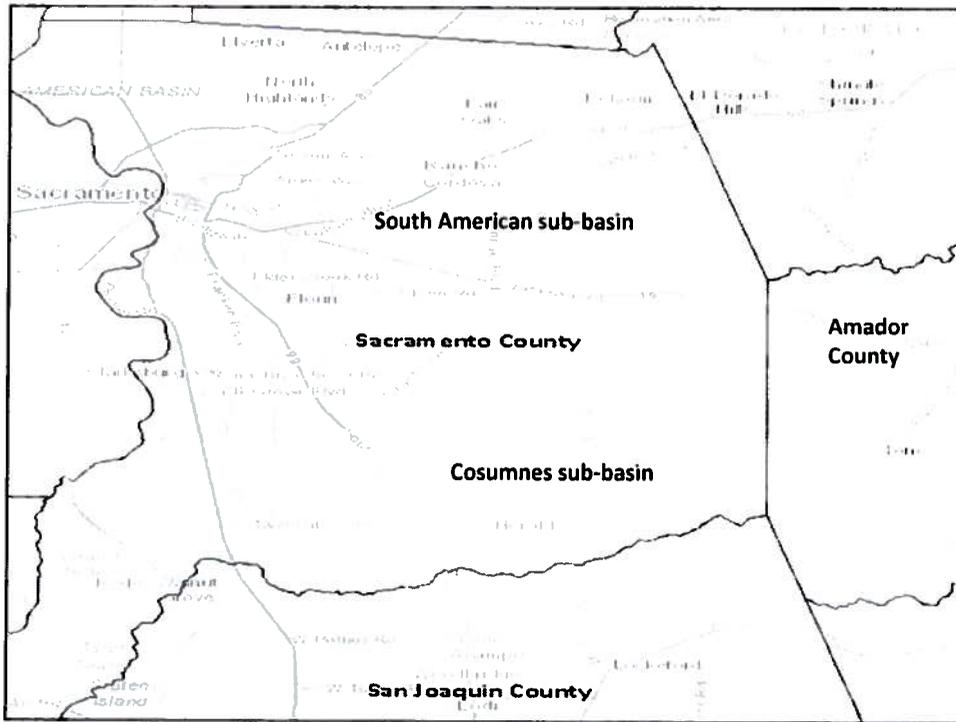
Overview of Local Basins

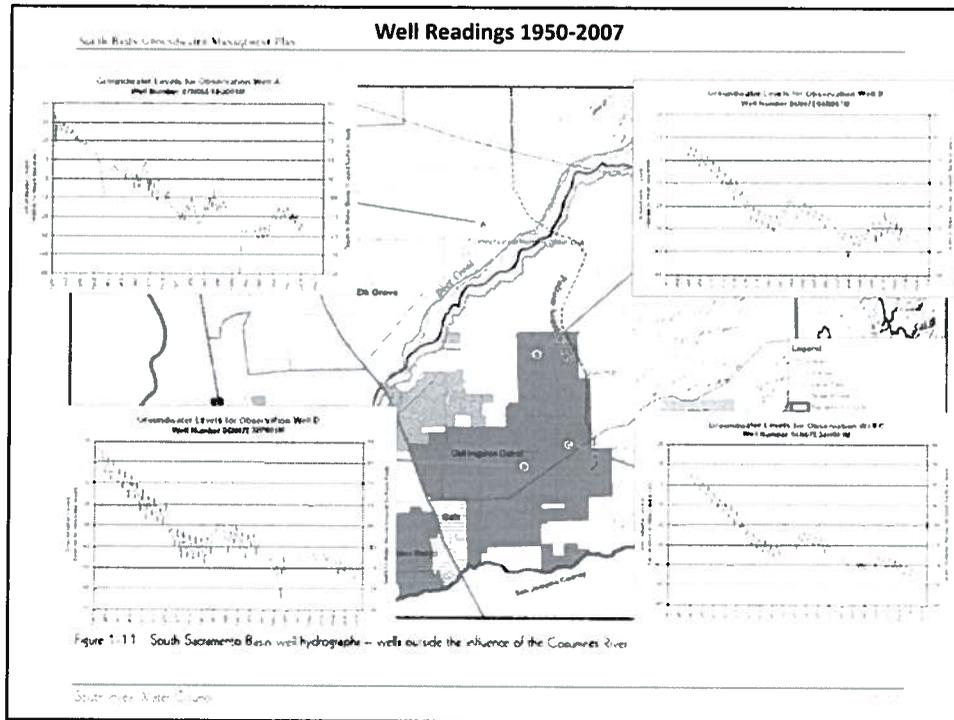
Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin – South American subbasin
(DWR Bull. 118 Basin ID# 5-21.65)

San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin – Cosumnes subbasin
(DWR Bull. 118 Basin ID# 5-22.16)









Other Local Agencies that may be GSAs or manage groundwater in these basins

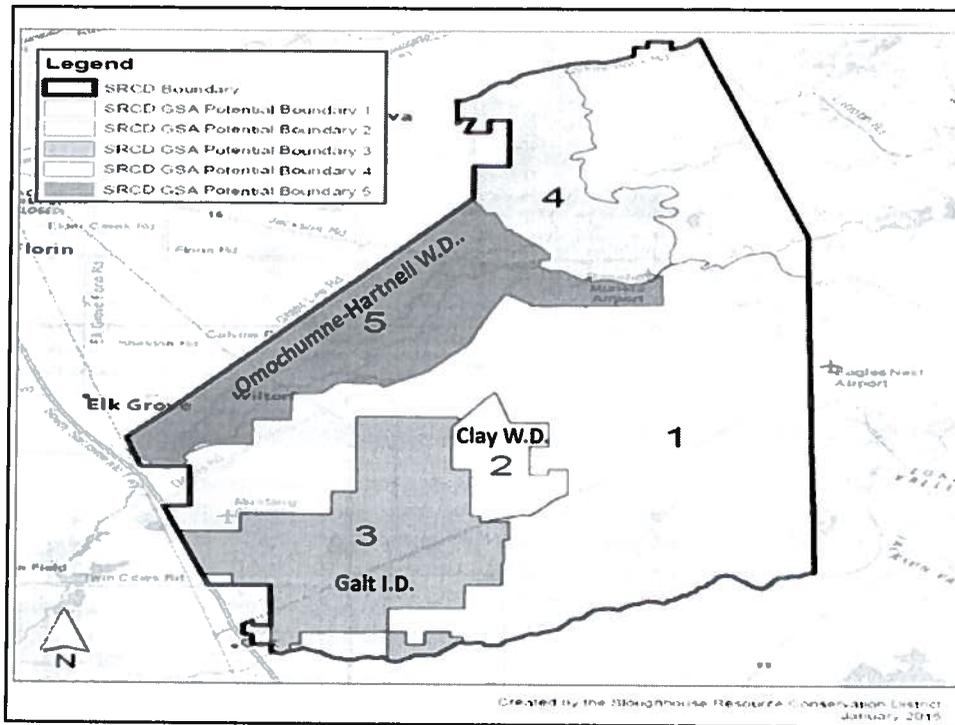
- Sacramento County
- Amador County and related agencies
- South Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority
- Sacramento County Water Agency
- Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
- Galt Irrigation District
- Clay Water District
- Omuchumne-Hartnell Water District
- City of Galt
- City of Elk Grove
- Florin Resource Conservation District
- Rancho Murrieta Community Services District
- SMUD

SWRCB /DWR

- <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sqm/index.cfm>



Ongoing collaboration by Sloughouse RCD and many of these other entities required to finalize overall GSA governance structure by June 2017 deadline.



END

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**ELECTION TO BECOME GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

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January 22, 29, 2016

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County of SACRAMENTO

I, DAVID R. HERBURGER, certify on penalty of perjury:

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ELECTION TO BECOME GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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January 22, 29, 2016

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That affiant is and at all times hereinafter mentioned was a citizen of the United States, over the age of eighteen years and was at and during all said times the printer and publisher of THE ELK GROVE CITIZEN, a newspaper published in Elk Grove, County of Sacramento, State of California; that said newspaper is and was at all times herein mentioned, a newspaper of general circulation as that term is defined by Sections 6000 and 6001 of the Government Code of the State of California, and as provided by said sections is and was at all times herein mentioned published for the dissemination of local and telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character, having a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers, and is not and was not during all said times devoted to the interests or published for the entertainment or instruction of a particular class, profession, trade, calling, race or denomination, or for the entertainment and instruction of any number of such classes, professions, trades, callings, races or denominations; that at all said times said newspaper has been established, printed and published in said Sacramento County and State, at regular intervals for more than one year preceding the first publication of the NOTICE herein mentioned; that said NOTICE was set in type not smaller than nonpareil and was preceded with words printed in black face type not smaller than nonpareil describing and expressing in general terms the purport and character of the notice intended to be given; that the NOTICE in the above entitled matter, of which the annexed is a true printed copy, was published in said newspaper on the following dates, to wit:

JANUARY 22, 2016

JANUARY 29, 2016

that the date of the first publication of said

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

in said newspaper is JANUARY 22, 2016

Attachment C – GSA Resolution

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION No. 2016-1

**Resolution Electing To Be The Groundwater Sustainability Agency For The Cosumnes Subbasin Within
The RCD's Territory, But Excluding Those Areas Within The Clay Water District, Galt Irrigation
District, and Omochumne-Hartnell Water District**

WHEREAS, in 2014 the California Legislature enacted, and Governor Brown signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Water Code § 10720 et seq.. (SGMA); and,

WHEREAS, SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSAs working in coordination, which must be identified by June 30, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, DWR designated the Cosumnes subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley groundwater basin (DWR Basin ID# 5-22.16)) as medium-priority and the South American subbasin of the Sacramento Valley groundwater basin (DWR Basin ID# 5-21.65) as high-priority; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA encourages local management of groundwater resources and authorizes a local public agency like the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District to become a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, the District is committed to sustainable management of local surface and groundwater resources as required by SGMA, and agrees with the fundamental tenet of SGMA that such efforts are best achieved at the local level by local agencies working in cooperation; and,

WHEREAS, in 2015 the District adopted Resolution 2015_1111, which confirmed the District's interest in maintaining local control and implementation of SGMA, authorized various investigations and efforts regarding potential election to become a GSA for certain or all areas within the District's boundaries (among other things), and established a SGMA/GSA subcommittee; and,

WHEREAS, establishing the District as the GSA for one or more areas within its jurisdictional boundaries will foster and retain local control and management of groundwater and surface water resources as envisioned by SGMA and the District's mission, and allow the District to work with Sacramento County, Galt Irrigation District, Clay Water District, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, and other local, state and federal agencies, and private residents and landowners within the District; and,

WHEREAS, establishing the District as the GSA for one or more areas within its jurisdictional boundaries will allow the District to work with Sacramento County, Galt Irrigation District, Clay Water District, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, and other local, state, and federal agencies, and private residents and landowners within the District to resolve groundwater and surface water management issues and other issues that may arise in the implementation of SGMA; and,

WHEREAS, it is presently unclear to the District whether and, if so, which other local agencies may desire to become GSAs within the same or coterminous areas, and that the District's election to become a GSA for these areas will ensure timely compliance with SGMA's deadlines for GSA formation and allow the District to participate in and foster discussions to cooperatively address and resolve any such conflicting GSA claims by other local agencies over the same areas; and,

WHEREAS, the District held a public workshop on January 13, 2016 and then, after publication of notice as required by Water Code section 10723(b) and Government Code section 6066, the District held a public hearing on February 9, 2016 regarding whether to adopt one or more resolutions to elect to become a GSA for portions of the Cosumnes and South American subbasins within its jurisdictional boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the District wishes to exercise the powers and authorities and fulfill the functions of a GSA under SGMA to effect the District's policy of representing rural residential and agricultural constituents that rely heavily, if not exclusively, on their overlying groundwater rights to satisfy their water needs, and to ensure that groundwater is managed and regulated according to SGMA and other provisions and principles of California water law.

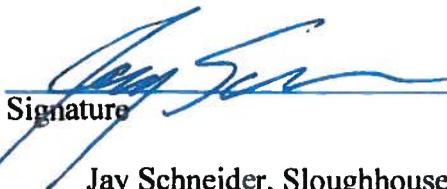
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District hereby elects to become the GSA for that portion of the Cosumnes subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley groundwater basin (DWR Basin ID# 5-22.16) that is within the District's jurisdictional boundary, but excluding those areas that are within the territories of the Clay Water District, Galt Irrigation District, and Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, as graphically depicted in the attachment to this resolution as "SRCD GSA Potential Boundary 1"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District's Board of Directors supports resolving any competing or overlapping GSA elections within the same area as expeditiously as possible through discussions exploring cooperative management solutions including coordination agreements, memorandums of understanding, or joint powers agreements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that District staff and agents, in close coordination with the District's SGMA/GSA subcommittee, are authorized and directed to submit the detailed notification materials regarding this GSA election to DWR within 30 days in accordance with Water Code section 10723.8, and to take such other actions as necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District on March 8, 2016, by the following vote

Votes were as follows:


Signature

3-10-16
Date

Jay Schneider, Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Vice Chairman

Attachment D – Potential GSA Entities

Potential GSA Entities for the Cosumnes Subbasin²

Sacramento County

San Joaquin County

Amador County

Omochumne-Hartnell Water District

Clay Water District

Galt Irrigation District

City of Galt

Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Sacramento County Water Agency

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

Rancho Murieta Community Services District

Jackson Valley Irrigation District

Amador Water Agency

North San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Reclamation District 800

² There are pending basin boundary modification applications that could result in a modification of this list if they are approved.

Attachment E – Interested Parties

Interested Parties List

Institutional Entities

San Joaquin County Public Works

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Authority

Clay Water District

Omochumne Hartnell Water District

Galt Irrigation District

City of Galt- Public Works Department

County of Sacramento Public Works

County of Amador- Environmental Health Dept.

Jackson Valley Irrigation District

Amador County Water Agency

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

Rancho Murieta CSD

Florin RCD/Elk Grove Water District

Sacramento County Water Agency

Reclamation District 800

The Nature Conservancy

Lower Cosumnes RCD

North San Joaquin County Water and Conservation District

Sacramento Farm Bureau

Individuals

Bill	Pritchett
John	Bader
Bill	Schmidt
Tim	Simonsma
Stuart	Robertson
Fran	Soto
John	Howell
Bill	Kirkland
Lorraine	Robinson
Troy	Johnson
Brian	Huft
Darlene	Gillum
Wayne	Gallup
Carol	Lown
Eugene	Rose
Brian	Siefker
Edythe	Olen
Denisa	Myrick
Cynthia	Worl
Hayko	Worl
Charlie	Timoney
Ed	Robinson
Maria	Jorge
Mary	Morgan
Suzanne	Pecci
Ron	Pecci
Jean	Broyles
Kimberly	Navarrete
Darrell	Eck
Hong	Lin
Jonathan	Goetz
Terri	Riley
Matina	Martin
Rebecca	Martin
Mike	Martin
Hung	Pham
Oriole	Moeras
Neil	Dixon
Todd	Regon
Scott	Reed
Bill	Carnes

Robert	Leon
Jesse	Roseman
Megan	Vincent
Jim	Uiether
Jon	Oldenburg
Ken	Schachler
Sean	Rose
Ashley	Oldenburg
Bill	Kutzerb
Tom	Mouzes
Liz	Vizcarra
Sam	Yee
Jennifer	Pendley
Christi	Mansel
Mike	Anderson
Mark	Wilson
Dolores	Dunnachie
Jay	Bowdler
Jeannie	Hanford
Eric	Zierke