

June 16, 2016

Mark Nordberg, GSA Project Manager
California Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
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Subject: Decision to Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) has sustainably managed groundwater in Santa Clara County for many decades, and is identified in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) as the exclusive local agency within our statutory boundary with powers to comply with SGMA. Per the District Act, the District's statutory boundary includes all of Santa Clara County, which encompasses both the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins. Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8, the District hereby notifies the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of our decision to become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins (DWR Basins 2-9.02 and 3-3.01, respectively).

On May 24, 2016, the District conducted a public hearing on the decision to become the GSA after publication of notice in accordance with Water Code Section 10723(b) (Attachment 1). Following the hearing, the District Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 16-51 establishing the District as the GSA for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins. The agenda item, including the resolution signed by the Chair of the Board of Directors, is included as Attachment 2. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other authorities were adopted in conjunction with the District's decision to become the GSA.

The boundaries of the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins are as identified in DWR Bulletin 118, Update 2003. DWR has initiated minor mapping corrections along the county boundaries. These administrative corrections, which the District supports, will result in the entirety of the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins being located within Santa Clara County. The District has also submitted a scientific basin boundary modification request to DWR for the Llagas Subbasin on March 30, 2016. Attachment 3 shows the District's service area boundaries, the DWR Bulletin 118 boundaries, and the Llagas Subbasin boundary modification proposed by the District. GIS shapefiles are provided in the enclosed CD as requested by DWR.

The District was created by statute in 1929 to protect and augment groundwater to support beneficial uses, and will continue to consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater within its management areas. Groundwater users within Santa Clara County include 13 municipal and investor-owned water retailers, small water systems, and thousands of individual well owners, including domestic, agricultural, and industrial users. Other interested parties include land use agencies, community and environmental groups, and the general public.

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The District strives to be transparent and to engage with the community it serves. In addition to ongoing outreach to the community, this engagement includes regular, direct outreach to thousands of well owners on the District activities to protect and augment groundwater. The District's Board of Directors holds publicly noticed meetings the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and has established the following advisory committees, which meet on a quarterly basis:

- Santa Clara Valley Water Commission, which assists the Board with water supply and quality policies and issues as well as in the annual review of groundwater production charges
- Environmental and Water Resources Committee, which assists the Board with environmental restoration and enhancement policies and issues
- Agricultural Water Advisory Committee, which assists the Board with agricultural water supply and use policies and issues as well as in the annual review of groundwater production charges

District staff also meets on a quarterly basis with the 13 water retailers to discuss water supply and quality, groundwater management, and other issues of mutual interest. In accordance with Water Code Section 10723.4, a list of interested parties has been established and will be maintained to ensure regular communication with interested stakeholders. The District will continue to provide opportunities for engagement with interested parties and to ensure their interests are considered.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with DWR on the shared goal of groundwater sustainability. If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa De La Piedra, Groundwater Management Unit Manager, at (408) 630-2788 or via email at vdelapiedra@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,



Norma J. Camacho
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Notices of Public Hearing on the Decision to Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins
- Attachment 2: Conformed Copy of 5/24/16 Board of Directors Agenda Item on the Decision To Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins (Including Signed Resolution 16-51)
- Attachment 3: Map of Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins (Including DWR Bulletin 118 Boundaries and Llagas Subbasin Boundary Modifications Proposed by DWR and the District)

Enclosure: CD with GIS Shapefiles of District Service Area and Subbasin Boundaries

cc: Trevor Joseph, California Department of Water Resources
Bill Brewster, California Department of Water Resources
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Attachment 1: Notices of Public Hearing on the Decision to Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins

Grim Sleeper serial killer trial

Defense suggests suspect's relative could be the killer

By Stephen Ceasar
Los Angeles Times

An attorney for the man accused of murdering 10 people in the so-called Grim Sleeper serial killer trial accused prosecutors Tuesday of building a deceptive case against his client and argued that a relative or close associate could have carried out the slayings.

Defense attorney Seymour Amster asked jurors during his closing argument to question the prosecution's case against Lonnie David Franklin Jr. and suggested that a nephew or someone who calls him "uncle" could have been responsible. He said that DNA found at some of the crime scenes belonging to other people was enough to raise reasonable doubt about his client's guilt. "Are you going to ask the questions, the inquires, to make sure that what you are being provided is not an illusion and not deception?" Amster asked jurors. "For it is your inquiring minds that you're here to utilize. If you don't have enough, you cannot convict."

Franklin faces 10 counts of murder in the killings of nine women and a 15-year-old girl stemming from a series of slayings that began in the mid-1980s. He also faces one count of attempted murder.

Franklin, 63, did not

testify. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. If Franklin is convicted, jurors will hear more testimony before deciding whether he should be executed or sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Amster seized on testimony by Enieta Washington, the woman believed to be the Grim Sleeper's only known survivor, who told jurors that she was raped and shot by an assailant nearly 30 years ago. In court, she identified Franklin as her attacker.

Amster pointed to conflicting statements Washington made in various police interviews held years apart. In one account, he noted, Washington described in a police interview that she accepted a ride from a "youngster" in his 20s who told her he needed to make a stop at his uncle's house to pick up some money. Washington testified that the house where he stopped was Franklin's home on 81st Street. After the stop, she said, she was sexually assaulted and shot.

But Amster said Washington's description of her attacker does not fit Franklin, who would have been 36 at the time. Washington testified that Franklin raped her, yet there was no DNA evidence recovered that matched Franklin, Amster said.

A nephew of Franklin,

or someone else who referred to him as an uncle, could be the serial killer, Amster said.

"It is our position that there is a nephew, or a youngster, who is involved and did each and every murder," he told jurors. "There's not sufficient evidence to show that Lonnie Franklin did that."

Amster did not provide jurors with the name of a possible suspect. The attorney said the DNA found on some of the victims was evidence of Franklin's promiscuous sex life, not that he was a killer. He suggested that the real killer might have been motivated by jealousy because Franklin was having sex with so many women.

Amster, who began his argument on Monday, also insisted that DNA belonging to other people found on the victims, in their clothes or at the crime scenes was key to the case.

"Each and every murder that occurred in this case could have been done by the mystery man," he said.

And the defense lawyer dismissed the methodology that police used to match a gun found in Franklin's home to one of the victims and to match bullets from eight other victims to a different firearm.

Amster is expected to continue his arguments Tuesday afternoon.

Los Angeles street racing crackdown

CHP arrests dozens, seizes vehicles

By James Queally
Los Angeles Times

The California Highway Patrol arrested nearly 50 people and impounded dozens of vehicles during a series of weekend crackdowns on illegal street racing in Los Angeles County last month, an agency spokesman said.

The arrests, which took place across three weekends from April 10 to April 22, were the result of collaboration between the CHP, LAPD and Sheriff's Department, marking a larger coordinated effort to target racers after speed contests were linked to a spate of deaths in recent months.

"The collaboration is the key. Now that we're all on the same page, that is going to really allow us to stay in tune with the culture and the most coveted locations so we'll be prepared," said Sgt. Jose Nunez, a spokesman for the CHP's Southern

Division. The CHP and LAPD teamed up to record 26 arrests and impound 20 vehicles on April 10, Nunez said. Similar operations yielded multiple arrests and impoundments the following weekend.

Detectives with the CHP, LAPD and Sheriff's Department made an additional 16 arrests on April 22 after learning that a number of racing clubs from the Bay Area planned to travel to Los Angeles County for a race, according to Nunez.

At least one person was arrested for felony evasion after sparking a high-speed pursuit. The CHP has also managed to identify several suspects who either led racing clubs or organize meets, commonly known as "sideshows," in Los Angeles and the Bay Area in recent weeks, Nunez said.

Street racing became a larger focus for local law enforcement earlier this year

after a fiery crash on Highway 6 left three motorists dead, including the son of a Los Angeles County sheriff's lieutenant. Deagio Lockhart, 35, was charged with murder and reckless driving, and admitted to investigators that he had been racing, according to the CHP.

A 36-year-old music teacher was also killed earlier this year when a suspected racer lost control of his vehicle on a busy Hawthorne street.

Most departments in Los Angeles County do not have detectives specifically assigned to investigate the local street racing scene, citing a host of issues ranging from manpower to the unpredictable nature of the crime.

But leaders from several county law enforcement agencies met earlier this year to discuss the formation of permanent task force, led by the LAPD, to address the issue.

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Public hearing notice

Groundwater Sustainability for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins

Santa Clara Valley Water District

Topic: Groundwater Sustainability for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins

Who: Santa Clara Valley Water District

What: Public Hearing to Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins

When: Time Certain at 6 p.m. on May 24, 2016

Where: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Room
5700 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

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For more information about this hearing or this topic, contact Vanessa De La Piedra at (408) 630-2788.

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The Mercury News
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San Jose

Assemblywoman Campos' husband suspect in brawl

By Ramona Giwargis
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SAN JOSE — It was supposed to be an upscale night of political schmoozing and boozing — but a filthy union event at the Fairmont Hotel ended with a brawl and Assemblywoman Nora Campos' husband getting kicked below the belt.

Campos' husband, Neil Struthers, allegedly insulted political rival, Enrique Arguello, the business manager with the Laborers' Local 270 union. Campos defended her husband against accusations that he made "derogatory, racist and homophobic remarks" at the Santa Clara Building Trades Casino Night on April 29.

"I'm Mexican. Our kid is half Mexican," Campos said in a phone interview Wednesday. "How could he make a racial remark? My kid is being raised in a home with a Latin culture."

Arguello, who could not be reached for comment, detailed the alleged attack in a letter to the Santa Clara Building Trades Council — Struthers' former employer — asking for him to be barred from future union events and demanding a written apology.

Struthers was heard calling him a derogatory homosexual slur. Struthers

also called Arguello a "dirty Mexican" and threatened to "kick his ass" according to the letter and witnesses.

"In all of my years, and especially in a professional setting or function, I have never been subjected to such threatening, insulting and unlawful conduct," Arguello wrote.

Struthers issued a statement calling Arguello's claims "a lie." He blamed the head of the state Senate for the political drama — saying it's because the powerful politician is threatened by Campos running against one of his allies, Senator Jim Beal.

"It is not a secret within local political circles that Mr. Arguello is an enforcer for Senate President Kevin De León, and will do anything to protect their mutual business interests in the San Jose area, including, protecting their strongest ally in the region, Sen. Jim Beal," Struthers wrote, adding that he plans to sue Arguello for slander and libel.

"I will not stand by idly as someone attempts to undermine my record of accomplishment when it comes to civil rights," he said.

Campos said her husband would never threaten anyone. She says it was actually one of Arguello's guys that hit her husband — in a very private place.

"One of Enrique's union guys kicked him in the groin and ran," Campos said, adding that she didn't witness the attack, but a police report supports her claim. "Neil never touched Enrique. He has no reason to lie to me. What I can say is Enrique has been known to be a liar."

A police report obtained by this newspaper lists Struthers as the victim and Arguello as a suspect. It lists another man, only named as "Pablo" as a second suspect who allegedly kicked Struthers "in the groin" after an argument broke out between Struthers and Arguello.

The bad blood between the two political heavyweights goes back many years. Arguello's union-backed Councilwoman Magdalena Carrasco in her contentious run against Campos' brother, Xavier Campos.

Campos, who is termed out this year, called the incident "dirty politics" and said it's another smear campaign to derail her run against Beal.

"I'm a viable candidate and I'm taking on Sen. Jim Beal — so this is how low they will go?" she said.

Contact Ramona Giwargis at 408-920-5705. Follow her at Twitter.com/ramonagiwargis.



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Plan will expand protections for injured student-athletes

By Lisa Left
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A policy that would nearly triple the number of University of California student-athletes guaranteed continued financial aid in the event of a career-ending sports injury received unanimous approval Wednesday from a committee of the university's governing board.

The proposal came from a working group of UC athletic directors tasked with making recommendations for improving the academic and emotional well-being of students who participate in college sports at the highest levels.

A number of other universities and athletic conference are wrestling with the issue amid concerns over low graduation and high injury rates among student-athletes.

A 2012 state law required the four California universities in the Pacific 12 Conference, including UC Berkeley and UCLA, to continue providing financial support to athletes permanently sidelined by injuries. The policy considered Wednesday would extend the protections to students receiving athletic scholarships at the Davis, Irvine, Riverside, Santa Barbara and San Diego campuses.

It must still be approved by the full UC Board of Regents, which is set to consider it Thursday.

Elizabeth Hendrix, 19, a water polo player at UC Santa Barbara, said student-athletes would be reassured to know they don't have to worry about losing scholarship money as they struggle to excel in their sport and their studies.

Hendrix' gets \$1,000 a year to compete for the Gauchos and has teammates who receive much larger scholarships.

"When you are told you are no longer allowed to play your sport and you have been playing for however long and you are out, done, not by choice, it's really quite life-changing obviously," she said.

The policy would apply to students who are injured while practicing or competing and who receive athletic merit scholarships in Division I and Division II programs.

It does not cover student-athletes at UC Santa Cruz and UC Merced, which are Division III and do not offer

sports scholarships. The university system awarded 2,686 athletic scholarships last year, including 628 to students at Berkeley and 600 to students at UCLA, officials said.

Santa Barbara provided scholarships to 447 students, including 122 cross-country and track team members.

The financial support was among 14 recommendations put forward by the athletic directors and passed by the regents' Educational Policy

Committee on Wednesday.

Other proposals include identifying recruits who might need extra academic help once they get to college; requiring students who are struggling in the classroom to meet with counselors trained to work with athletes; making sure new athlete orientations cover topics such as sexual misconduct, mental health and diversity; and giving student-athletes priority for classes that suit their schedules.

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**Attachment 2: Conformed Copy of 5/24/16 Board of Directors Agenda Item on the
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Clara and Llagas Subbasins (Including Signed Resolution 16-51)**



Santa Clara Valley Water District

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BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing and Resolution on the Decision to Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Conduct the public hearing on the Decision to Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins;
- B. Adopt the Resolution DECISION TO BECOME THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE SANTA CLARA AND LLAGAS SUBBASINS; and
- C. Authorize the Interim Chief Executive Officer or designee to submit the resolution and a Notice of Intent to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

SUMMARY:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was enacted by the state legislature in 2014 to ensure sustainable management of groundwater in California. For basins designated as high or medium priority by the state, SGMA requires the identification of a local agency that will manage the basin by June 30, 2017. This could be a local agency with statutory authority to manage groundwater or a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). SGMA designates the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) as the exclusive local groundwater management agency within its statutory boundary, which coincides with Santa Clara County. SGMA provides GSAs with access to various powers and authorities to ensure sustainable management.

The Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins in Santa Clara County are medium and high priority basins, respectively (Attachment 1), and are subject to SGMA requirements. For many decades, the District has sustainably managed these subbasins through authorities provided by the District Act. The District's comprehensive groundwater management strategy and programs are described in the 2012 Groundwater Management Plan, which was adopted by the District Board of Directors.

This public hearing is being held pursuant to Water Code Section 10723, and provides an opportunity for any interested person to provide comments on the District decision to become the GSA for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins. Staff recommends that the Board adopt the

resolution to decide to become the GSA for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins (Attachment 2). This action will confirm the District's role as the local groundwater management agency, ensure access to SGMA authorities, and preserve access to funding or other opportunities that may be limited to GSAs. Staff also recommends that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to submit the resolution and required Notice of Intent to DWR.

Background

Management of Santa Clara County's groundwater resources is critical to support Silicon Valley's vibrant economy. Groundwater provides nearly half the water used in the county and is the sole drinking water source in South County. About 150,000 acre-feet of groundwater is pumped annually, far exceeding the amount naturally replenished. The Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins transmit, filter, and store huge quantities of water and serve as the county's best protection against drought or extended system outages.

The District was formed in 1929 to address unsustainable groundwater pumping and related effects, including overdraft and land subsidence. While many areas of the State are observing chronic overdraft and subsidence, Santa Clara County is recognized as an area where these issues have been, and continue to be, successfully addressed through sustainable groundwater management.

Groundwater Management Authorities

The District manages the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins through broad statutory authority granted by the District Act to recharge groundwater basins; conserve, manage and store water for beneficial and useful purposes; increase water supply; protect surface water and groundwater from contamination; prevent waste and diminution of the District's water supply; and do any and every lawful act necessary to ensure sufficient water is available for present and future beneficial uses within the Santa Clara County. The District Act also allows for the creation of zones and the levy of groundwater charges to fund water supply activities within those zones.

SGMA does not affect any existing District authorities, but provides access to new tools that may be needed to ensure sustainability. Potential new authorities include the ability to restrict or allocate pumping and control well spacing or operation. Additional methods for collecting fees, including fixed or tiered fees, are also available through SGMA. The District will work closely with stakeholders prior to implementing any new authority.

Decision to Become the GSA for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins

SGMA lists the District as the exclusive groundwater management agency within its statutory

boundary and no other agency can become a GSA in Santa Clara County unless the District decides to opt out of that distinction. SGMA is vague on the advantages, if any, between being an *exclusive* groundwater management agency or a GSA, including whether SGMA authorities identified for a GSA are also available to exclusive groundwater management agencies.

The staff proposal to become the GSA for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins has been discussed with the Water Retailers Committee and Water Retailers Groundwater Subcommittee. The primary interest of the retailers is to be involved as the District updates its Groundwater Management Plan and considers implementation of any new authorities. The District will continue to work closely with water retailers and receive input from other interested stakeholders to ensure continued, sustainable management of local groundwater.

Staff recommends that the District decide to become the GSA for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins. Although no other agency could be the GSA unless the District opts out, this action will confirm the District's role with regard to local SGMA compliance and ensure that related authorities are available if needed. This will also ensure District access to funding or other opportunities that may be limited to GSAs. Pursuant to Water Code Sections 10723 and 10723.8, the decision to become the GSA requires a public hearing, Board Resolution (Attachment 2), and submittal of a Notice of Intent to DWR.

Other Subbasins in Santa Clara County

In addition to the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins, Santa Clara County includes small portions of five subbasins in San Mateo, Alameda, and San Benito Counties as shown in Attachment 1. The portions of the subbasins overlapping with San Benito County are required to be managed per SGMA.

The San Mateo Plain is ranked as a very low priority basin and does not require further action under SGMA at this time. However, the District is coordinating with San Mateo County staff on their subbasin characterization efforts. Areas of overlap with Alameda County and San Benito County relating to county boundaries are being resolved through DWR adjustments.

A GSA for the medium priority Hollister and San Juan Bautista Subbasins (including the small portions in Santa Clara County) must be identified by June 30, 2017. These subbasins are primarily located within San Benito County, and the San Benito County Water District manages groundwater in their jurisdiction. The District does not conduct groundwater management activities in the Hollister or San Juan Bautista Subbasins. Staff will continue to discuss areas of overlap with the San Benito County Water District and will bring related information back to the Board by December 2016.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have a potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: SC County Groundwater Subbasins Map w/DWR Basin Prioritization

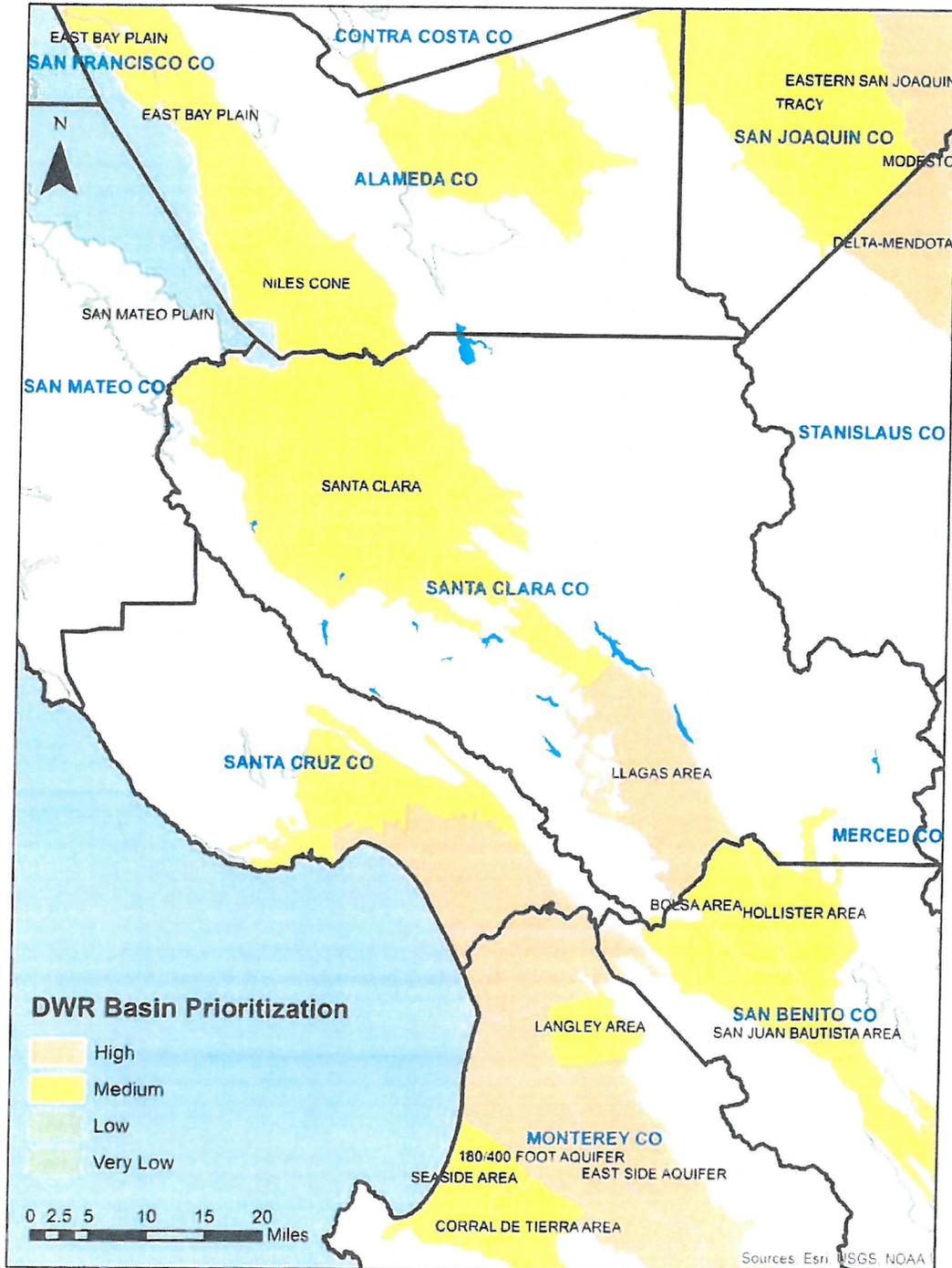
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Attachment 1 – Santa Clara County Groundwater Subbasins with DWR Basin Priority Ranking



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 16-51

**DECISION TO BECOME THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FOR THE SANTA CLARA AND LLAGAS SUBBASINS**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law and adopted into the California Water Code, commencing with Section 10720; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Sections 10725 et al. and 10726 et al. detail additional new powers and authorities granted to Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to implement sustainable groundwater management in the basins under their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723(c)1(M) specifically identifies the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) as one of fifteen (15) agencies created by statute to manage groundwater that shall be deemed the exclusive local agencies within their respective statutory boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District Act (California Water Code Appendix, Chapter 60) provides the District with broad groundwater management authority, including the authority to protect, spread, store, retain, and cause water to percolate in the soil within Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the District's statutory boundary wholly overlies the Santa Clara Subbasin and Llagas Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins are deemed to be medium-priority and high-priority basins by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and therefore requiring the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan or an Alternative Plan; and

WHEREAS, establishing the District as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will enable the District to prepare and implement an Alternative Plan for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins, and to best work with DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to resolve groundwater and surface water issues related to the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to its legislatively created mandate to manage the surface water and groundwater resources within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, prior to adopting a resolution of intent to establish the District as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Water Code Section 10723 requires the local agency to hold a public hearing, after publication of notice pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066, on whether or not to adopt a resolution to establish a Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and

Decision to Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins

Resolution No. 16- 51

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code 6066, notices of a public hearing on whether or not to adopt a resolution to establish a Groundwater Sustainability Agency were published on May 4, 2016 and May 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2016, this District held a public hearing regarding the adoption of a resolution to establish the District as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District:

1. Hereby establishes the District as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins; and
2. Hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to provide a copy of this resolution and a Notice of Intent to the California Department of Water Resources within 30 days and to otherwise comply with the requirements of Water Code Section 10723.8(a); and
3. All the recitals in this Resolution are true and correct and the District so finds, determines, and represents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on May 24, 2016:

AYES: Directors T. Estremera, R. Santos, G. Kremen, L. LeZotte,
J. Varela, B. Keegan

NOES: Directors None

ABSENT: Directors N. Hsueh

ABSTAIN: Directors None

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

By:  _____
BAI _____
Chair/Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

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CLERK/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Public Hearing to become the
Groundwater Sustainability Agency
for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins

May 24, 2016

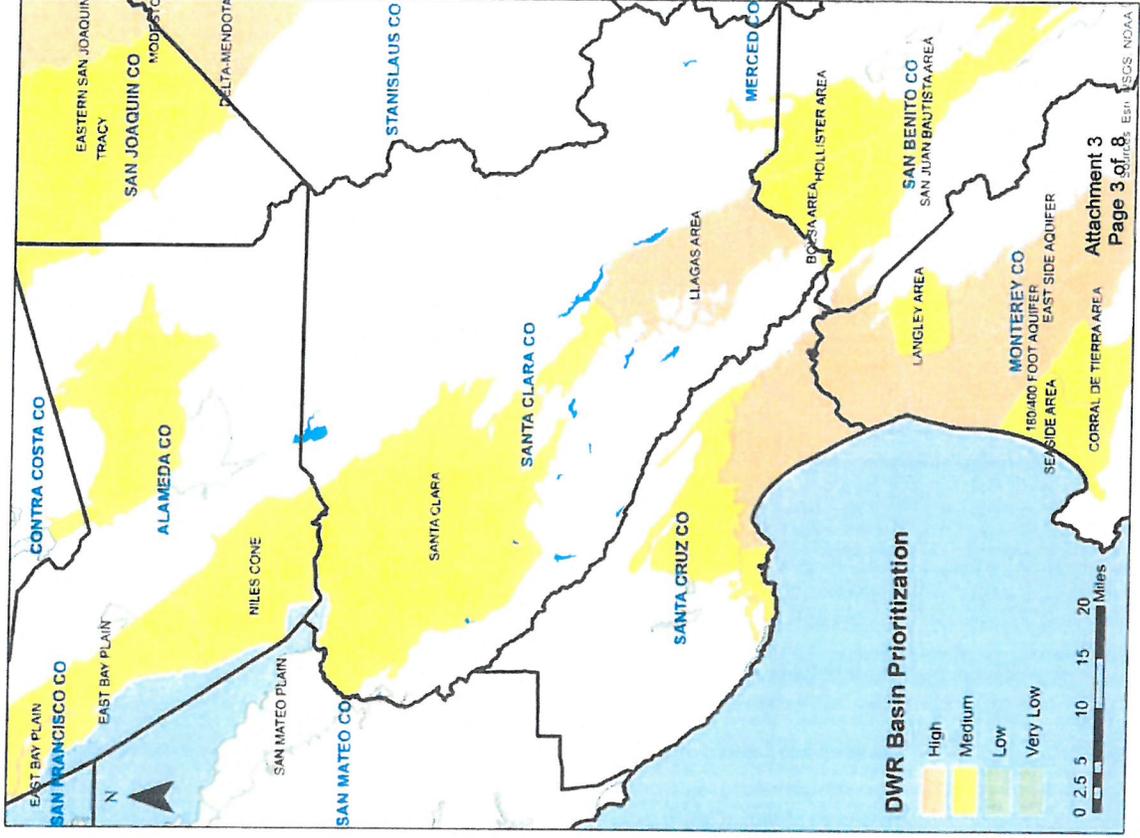


Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

- ▶ Framework for sustainable management in CA
- ▶ Applies to basins designated as medium or high priority by the state
- ▶ Provides for formation of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)
- ▶ Requires local sustainability plans
- ▶ Provides tools to GSAs

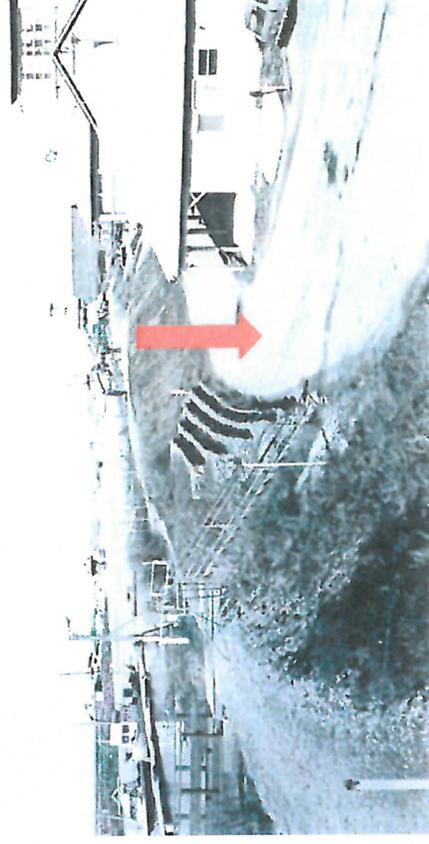
Santa Clara County Subbasins

- ▶ SGMA applies to the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins
- ▶ Strong groundwater management framework ensures continued sustainability



Historical Undesirable Results

- ▶ Groundwater overdraft
- ▶ Lower water levels
- ▶ Reduced reliability
- ▶ Land subsidence
- ▶ Salt water intrusion

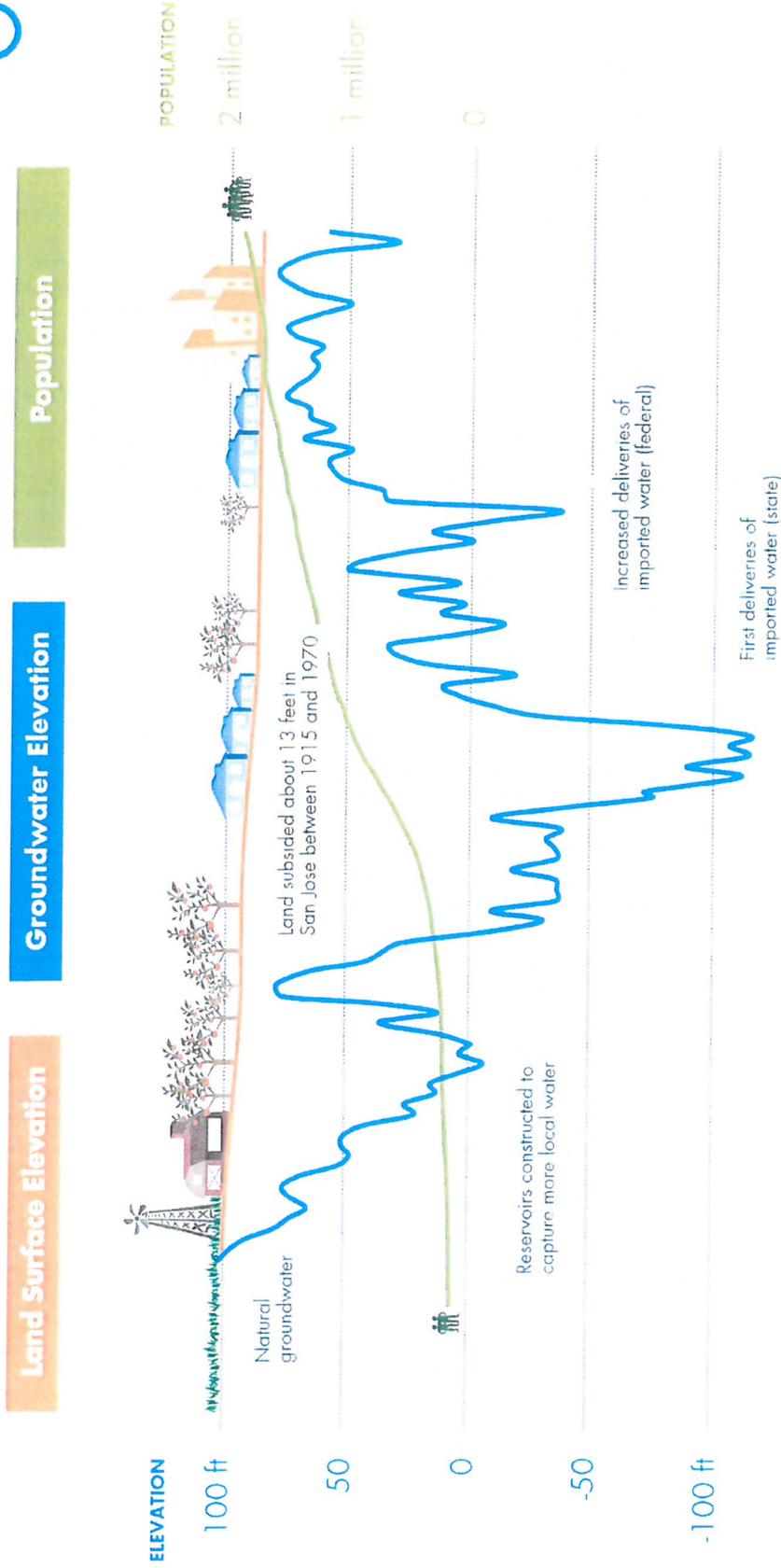


Sustainable groundwater management

SANTA CLARA COUNTY GROUNDWATER AT-A-GLANCE

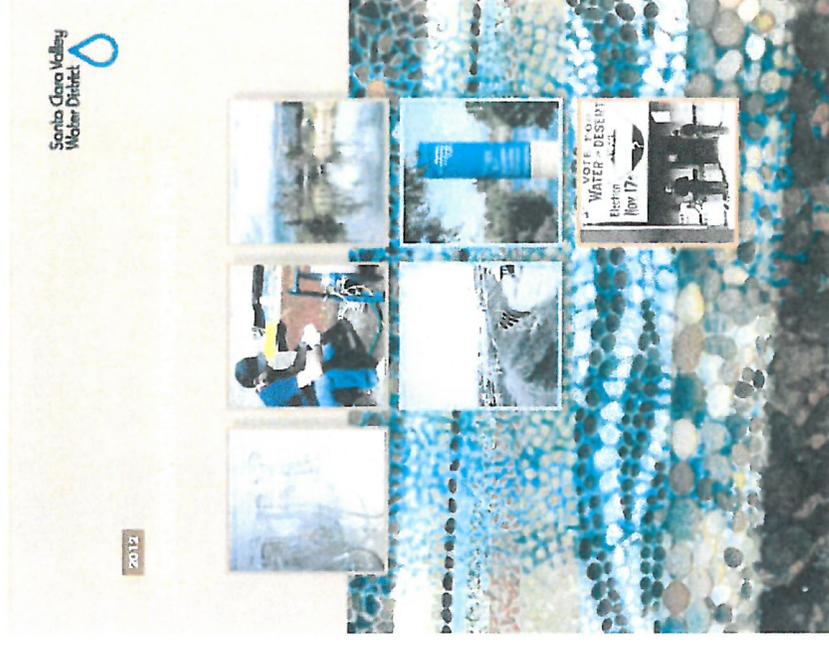


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Comprehensive groundwater management

- ▶ Basins in long-term balance due to
 - ▶ Managed recharge of local and imported water
 - ▶ Treated water deliveries, conservation, and recycling
- ▶ Groundwater protection programs
- ▶ Coordination with retailers and others



Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)

- ▶ Any local agency or combination of agencies overlying a basin can decide to be a GSA
- ▶ Agencies with statutory authority are the exclusive local agencies to comply with the Act

Agencies with Statutory Authority to Manage Groundwater (Water Code Section 10723)

Alameda County Water District
Desert Water Agency
Fox Canyon GWMA
Honey Lake Valley GWMD
Long Valley GWMD
Mendocino City CSD
Mono County Tri-Valley GWMD
Monterey Peninsula WMD
Ojai GWMA
Orange County Water District
Pajaro Valley WMA
Santa Clara Valley Water District
Sierra Valley Water District
Willow Creek GMA
Zone 7

Recommendations

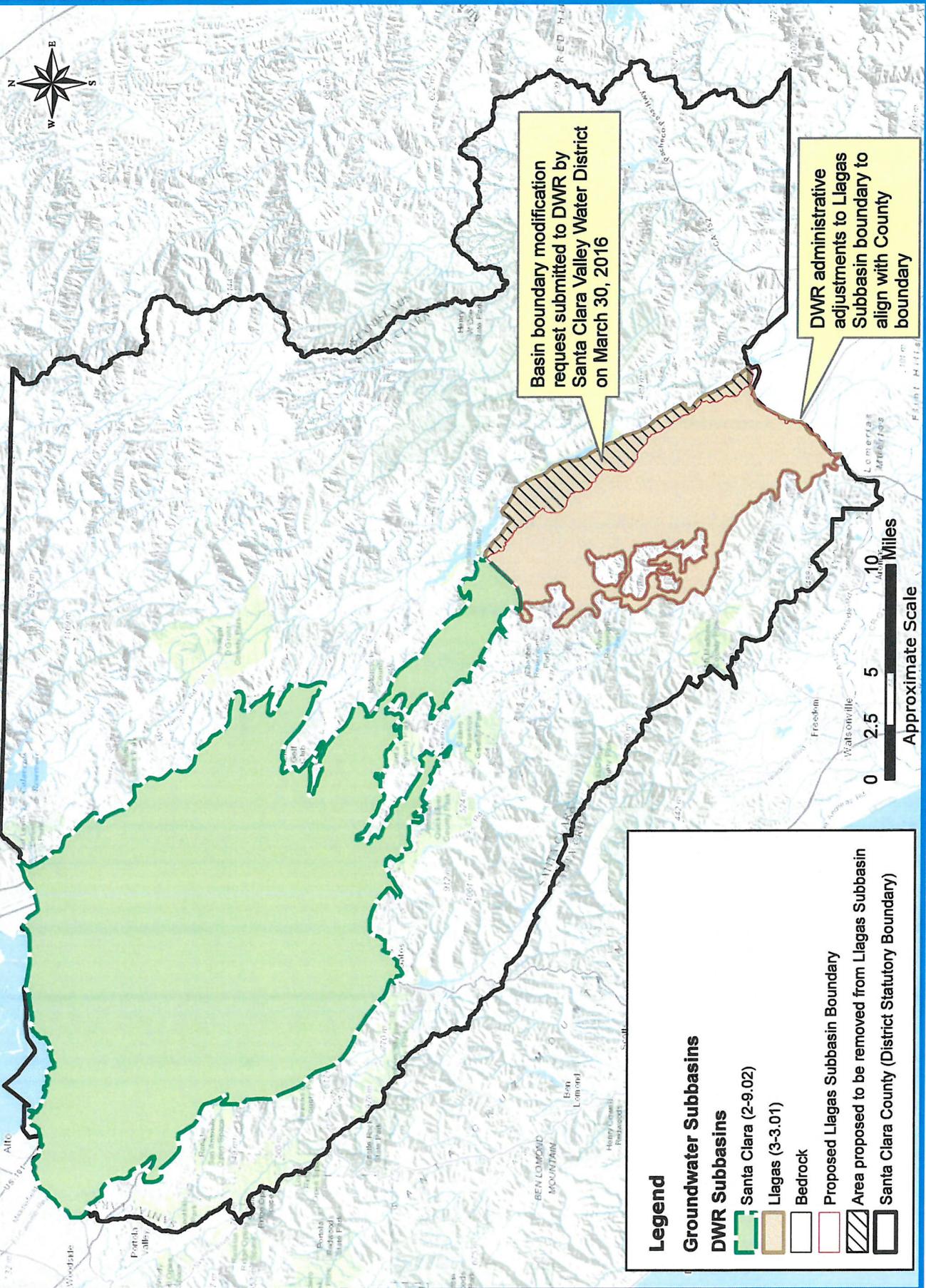
- ▶ Adopt the resolution to decide to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins

To confirm the District's role as local groundwater manager, ensure access to SGMA authorities and opportunities that may only be available to GSAs

- ▶ Authorize the CEO or her designee to submit the resolution and Notice of Intent to DWR

**Attachment 3: Map of Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins (Including DWR Bulletin 118
Boundaries and Llagas Subbasin Modification Proposed by DWR and
the District)**

Santa Clara Valley Water District Jurisdiction and DWR Subbasin Boundaries



Basin boundary modification request submitted to DWR by Santa Clara Valley Water District on March 30, 2016

DWR administrative adjustments to Llagas Subbasin boundary to align with County boundary

Legend

Groundwater Subbasins

DWR Subbasins

- Santa Clara (2-9.02)
- Llagas (3-3.01)
- Bedrock
- Proposed Llagas Subbasin Boundary
- Area proposed to be removed from Llagas Subbasin
- Santa Clara County (District Statutory Boundary)

