

# Kern County Administrative Office



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## NOTICE OF THE COUNTY OF KERN'S ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR A PORTION OF THE KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN

Pursuant to the provisions of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), and in particular California Water Code section 10723.8, the County of Kern (County), a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby gives notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of the County's election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and to undertake sustainable groundwater management in the area covered by this Notice (Notice).

The basin subject to this Notice is the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin, which is designated as Basin No. 5-22.14 in California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 (Basin). The County overlies the entire Basin, and as a result, it has the authority to be a GSA for the entire Basin or any portion thereof. The specific portion of the Basin subject to this Notice is depicted on the attached Exhibit A (Management Area). The Management Area is coterminous with the portion of the Basin that was subject to a notice filed by the Greenfield County Water District (Greenfield) on April 12, 2016.

Prior to its decision to become a GSA for the Management Area, the Kern County Board of Supervisors held a properly noticed public hearing on July 19, 2017. The public hearing was held in accordance with Water Code section 10723(b), and it was noticed in accordance with Government Code section 6066. Proof of Publication is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2016-170 (attached hereto as Exhibit C) electing to become a GSA for the Management Area. The Board of Supervisors did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances, or authorities related to this Notice, and this Notice has been provided within 30 days of the hearing as provided for in Water Code section 10723.8(a).

As previously mentioned, Greenfield also filed notice of its election to become a GSA for the Management Area on April 12, 2016. The Management Area is intentionally coterminous with the portions of the Basin that were the subject to the notice filed by Greenfield on April 12, 2016. The County and Greenfield have had productive conversations since Greenfield's filing, but due to statutory limitations and the relatively short deadlines set forth in SGMA, the County must file this Notice in order to fully protect the County's rights and obligations. With that said, the County welcomes, and is committed to, active discussions with Greenfield and any other GSA eligible agency which elects, or desires to elect, to become a GSA within the County's area of authority. The County is committed to working cooperatively with all interested parties to ensure the sustainable management of groundwater in the Basin.

As of the date of this Notice, and to the best of the County's knowledge, there are no other agencies, local agencies as defined by Water Code section 10721(n), and/or Groundwater Sustainability Agencies as defined by Water Code section 10721(j) that are managing or proposing to manage groundwater within the Basin pursuant to SGMA. With that said, prior to the date of this Notice, there have been a total of four other GSA notices filed within the Basin, but none of those filings have reached the point of being able to manage or propose to manage groundwater in the Basin pursuant to SGMA because they have not been deemed exclusive GSAs. The four prior notices include the following:

- 1) Buena Vista Water Storage District filed on March 10, 2016
- 2) Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency filed on April 21, 2016
- 3) Greenfield County Water District filed on April 21, 2016
- 4) County of Kern filed on June 17, 2016

The Buena Vista Water Storage District filing of March 10, 2016, is currently in an overlap status with the County of Kern filing of June 17, 2016. These filings are depicted on the attached Exhibit D. The Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency filing of April 21, 2016, and the Greenfield County Water District filing of April 21, 2016, are the subject of the Board of Supervisors' action on July 19, 2016, and per Resolution 2016-170, notices placing these filings in overlap will be filed with DWR by July 20, 2016.

To the best of the County's knowledge, a list of local agencies, including a Joint Powers Authority, that could potentially file to be a GSA within the Basin is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

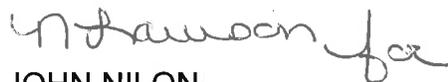
Pursuant to California Water Code sections 10723.8 and 10723.2, the County has considered, and will continue to consider, the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those that are responsible for implementing GSPs. Additionally, the County is committed to an open process including active and open discussions with all interested parties during the GSP development process.

Pursuant to California Water Code sections 10723.8 and 10723.2, the County has developed an initial list of interested parties within the Management Area. The County is committed to amending this list as necessary during the GSP development process. To the best of the County's knowledge, a complete list of interested parties developed to date is attached hereto as Exhibit F.

The County is committed to cooperatively and collaboratively working with all interested parties in an inclusive and open process that will lead to the development and implementation of a GSP that achieves sustainable groundwater management. The County is committed to providing all interested parties with opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA and GSP. In part, the County's commitment will take the form of formal and informal outreach to all interested parties, as well as the holding of public informational meetings and the development of an informational website.

By this Notice, the County has provided DWR with all applicable information required by Water Code section 10723.8(a). If any further information is required, please contact Alan Christensen at the above-listed phone number or at the following email address: [achristensen@co.kern.ca.us](mailto:achristensen@co.kern.ca.us).

Sincerely,



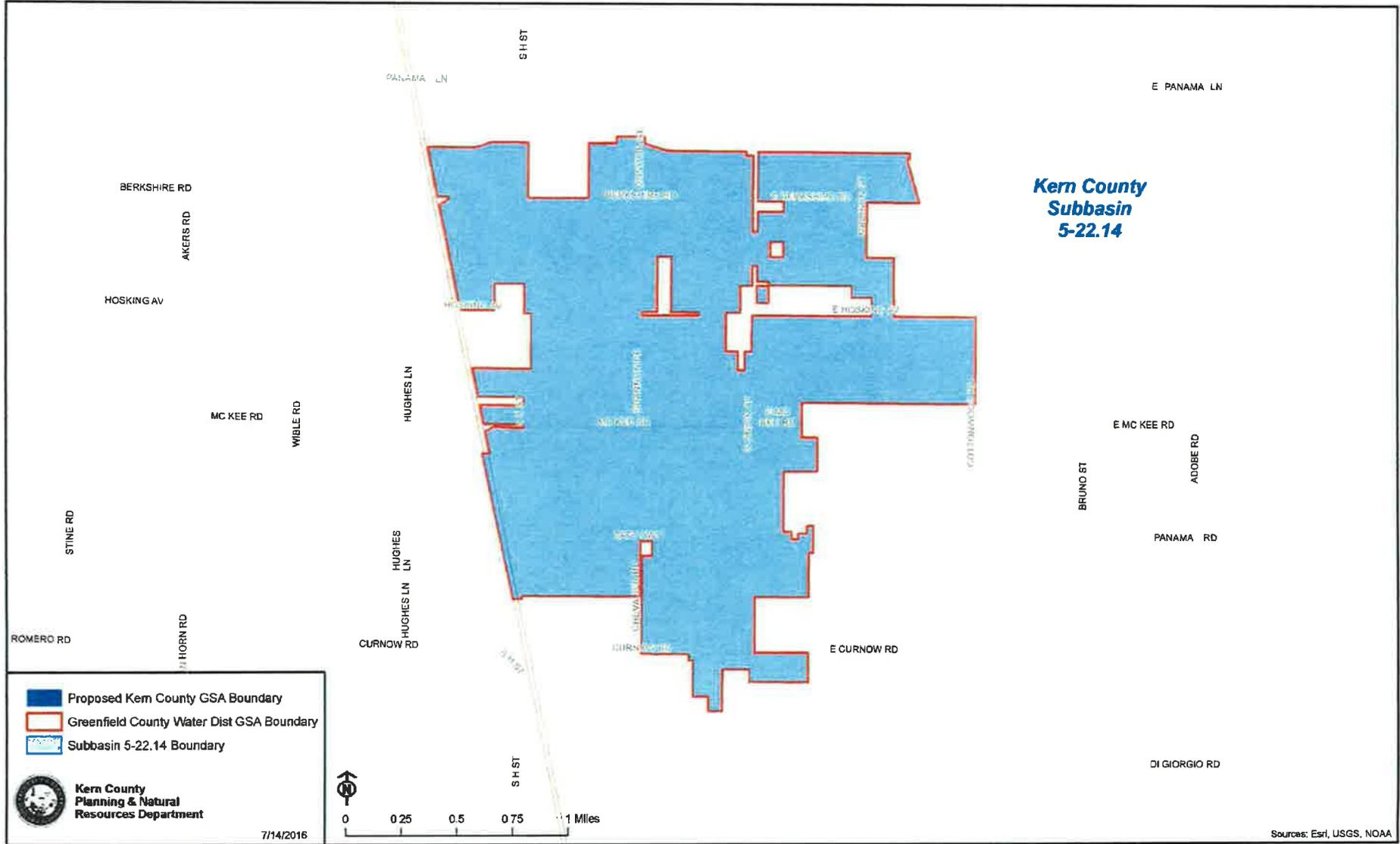
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cc: County Counsel  
Planning and Natural Resources

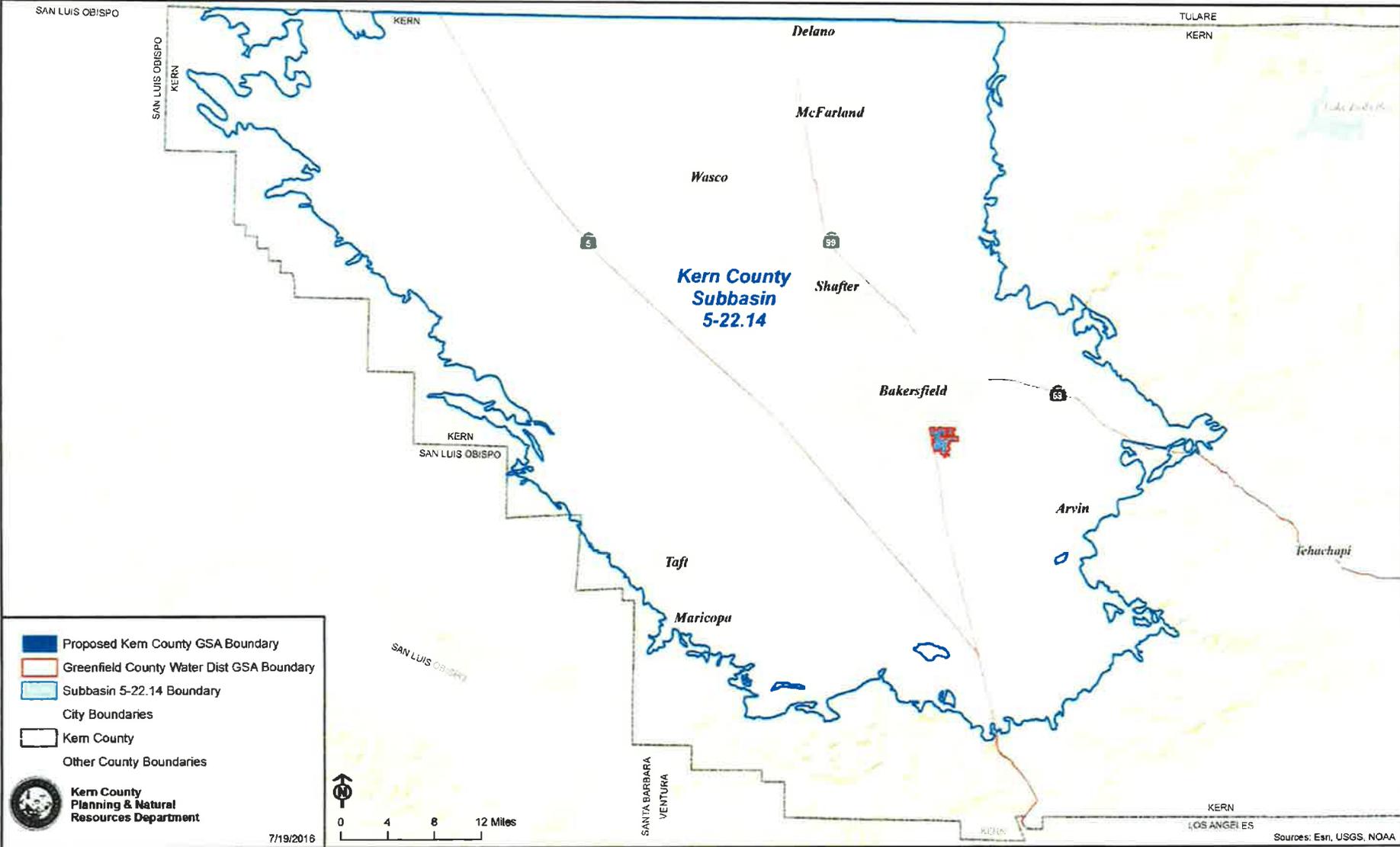
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EXHIBIT A

**Exhibit A - Proposed Kern County Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
(Greenfield County Water District Boundary) of the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin - Basin No. 5-22.14**



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# PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF KERN

Solicitor I.D.: 0

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 INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER. I AM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER OF THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED DAILY IN THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD COUNTY OF KERN,

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Ad Number 14172448

AND WHICH NEWSPAPER HAS BEEN ADJUDGED A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, UNDER DATE OF FEBRUARY 5, 1952, CASE NUMBER 57610; THAT THE NOTICE, OF WHICH THE ANNEXED IS A PRINTED COPY, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN EACH REGULAR AND ENTIRE ISSUE OF SAID NEWSPAPER AND NOT IN ANY SUPPLEMENT THEREOF ON THE FOLLOWING DATES, TO WIT:

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY OF KERN'S ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Water Code section 10723(b), the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern shall hold a public hearing on July 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, to consider and determine whether the County shall file to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, or Agencies, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for the portions of the Kern County Subbasin of the Tulare Lake Groundwater Basin which have been subject to Groundwater Sustainability Agency notices filed by the City of Bakersfield, Kern Delta Water District, Kern County Water Agency Improvement District No. 4 and Greenfield County Water District. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by mail or hand delivery to Kathleen Krause, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 5th Floor, Bakersfield, California. The Board shall also consider oral and written comments received during the hearing but the presiding officer may limit oral comments to a reasonable length.

Dated: June 21, 2016

KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
 County of Kern, State of California  
 By /s/ Karen L. Winn, Deputy Clerk

June 26, July 3, 10, 2016  
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ALL IN YEAR 2016

I CERTIFY (OR DECLARE) UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.



DATED AT BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY OF KERN'S ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Water Code section 1072306, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern shall hold a public hearing on July 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers located 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, to consider and determine whether the County shall file to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, or Agencies, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for the portions of the Kern County Subbasin of the Tulare Lake Groundwater Basin which have been subject to Groundwater Sustainability Agency notices filed by the City of Bakersfield, Kern Delta Water District, Kern County Water Agency, Improvement District No. 9 and Greenfield County Water District. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by mail or hand delivery to Kathleen Kramer, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 5th Floor, Bakersfield, California. The Board shall also consider oral and written comments received during the hearing but the presiding officer may limit oral comments to a reasonable length.

Dated June 21, 2016

KATHLEEN KRAMER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Kern, State of California  
By: Karen L. Wynn, Deputy Clerk

July 17, 2016  
14184881



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2016-170

**RESOLUTION ELECTING TO BECOME A  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN  
OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN  
WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO NOTICES FILED BY  
CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, KERN DELTA WATER  
DISTRICT, KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICT NO. 4 AND GREENFIELD COUNTY WATER  
DISTRICT**

I, KATHLEEN KRAUSE, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, do certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor Scrivner, seconded by Supervisor Couch, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors at an official meeting this 19th day of July, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Gleason, Scrivner, Maggard, Couch, Perez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



**KATHLEEN KRAUSE**  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Kern, State of California

*Debra M. Scrivner*  
Deputy Clerk

**RESOLUTION**

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) The comprehensive groundwater legislation referred to as the "Sustainable Groundwater Management Act" (SGMA) was signed into law on September 16, 2014 with an effective date of January 1, 2015, and codified at California Water Code sections 10720 *et seq.*; and

(b) The stated purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code Section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins, and subbasins, as defined by the California Department of Water Resources at a local level by providing local water supply, water management and land use agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

(c) SGMA further provides for and anticipates that eligible local agencies overlying basins that are designated by California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as "high or medium priority" will form Groundwater Sustainable Agencies ("GSAs") for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans ("GSPs"); and

(d) Water Code section 10723(a) authorizes local agencies with water supply, water management or local land use responsibilities, or a combination of those local agencies, overlying a groundwater basin to elect to become a GSA; and

(e) The County of Kern falls within the SGMA definition of local agency and it overlies the entirety of the unadjudicated groundwater subbasin known as Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin).

(f) The Basin, which is defined in DWR Bulletin 118 as Basin No. 5-22.14, has been designated as a high priority basin in critical overdraft; and

(g) Many of the express powers set forth in SGMA were previously held exclusively by the County through its constitutionally granted policy power over groundwater and as such the ability of a local water purveyor to now also exercise these powers through the formation of a GSA is a significant expansion of the authorities granted to local water purveyors. Prior to SGMA, the powers and authorities afforded to a of a local water purveyor were expressly set forth, and limited by, the purveyor's enabling act; and

(h) On April 21, 2016, the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (KRGSA), which consists of the City of Bakersfield, Kern Delta Water District, and Kern County Water Agency Improvement District No.4, filed notice of its election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Basin, which overlies the authority area for the County of Kern; and

(i) On April 21, 2016, the Greenfield County Water District (Greenfield), filed notice of its election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Basin, which overlies the authority area for the County of Kern; and

(j) SGMA anticipates and expressly provides the statutory authorities for GSAs to operate as enterprise funds through the imposition of fees on those that are benefited by the GSA's operations. As such, any initial outlay of general funds by the County may be recouped once the GSA is formed; and

(k) SGMA does not allow a local agency to impose fees or regulatory requirements on activities that are outside of the boundaries of the local agency and therefore in order to ensure uniformity in the implementation of SGMA and its effects on all lands within the Basin the County of Kern should elect to become a GSA or be a member of all GSA's in the Basin; and

(l) Water Code section 10735.2(a) provides that the State Board may designate the Basin as probationary if any portion of the Basin is not covered by a GSA before June 30, 2017; and

(m) Staff has reviewed this matter and determined that this matter is exempt from further CEQA review pursuant CEQA Guideline section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(5) because the matter is an organizational activity that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and

(n) As required by Water Code section 10723(b), the notice of public hearing to consider this election to become a GSA for the Basin was published pursuant to Government Code section 6066 in the Bakersfield Californian; and

(o) On July 19, 2016, the Board of Supervisors properly held the noticed public hearing required by Water Code section 10723(b) at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers.

Section 2. IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

1. This Board finds that the recited facts are true and that it has the jurisdiction to consider, approve, and adopt this Resolution.

2. This Board incorporates and makes all the findings recommended by staff, whether verbally or in their written reports.

3. This Board finds and determines that the applicable provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Kern County Guidelines have been observed in conjunction with the hearing and the considerations of this matter and it is exempt from further CEQA review pursuant Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(5).

4. In response to the April 21, 2016 filing by KRGSA and Greenfield, the County of Kern hereby elects to form a GSA for the portions of the Kern County Subbasin of the Tulare Lake Groundwater Basin which have been subject to notices filed by the City of Bakersfield, Kern Delta Water District, Kern County Water Agency Improvement District No.4 and Greenfield County Water District as depicted in the attached Exhibit A.

5. For comparison purposes, the April 21, 2016 filing by Greenfield County Water District are attached as Exhibit B; and the April 21, 2016 filing by the City of Bakersfield, Kern Delta Water District, and Kern County Water Agency Improvement District No.4 are attached as Exhibit C.

6. To the extent there are any inadvertent errors in any of the exhibits attached to this Resolution, those errors shall be deemed irrelevant and non-determinative of the Board's action. The stated purpose of this Resolution is to ensure the County's filing to be a GSA over the entirety of the portions of the Basin subject to the filings by KRGSA and Greenfield.

7. As set forth in the DWR's Groundwater Sustainability Agency Frequently Asked Questions dated January 7, 2016, the GSA formed by the County of Kern shall consider the desires of other eligible agencies to join this GSA or form other GSA's with the participation and membership of the County of Kern.

8. As required by Water Code section 10723.2, the GSA formed by the County of Kern shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those that are responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans.

9. As required by Water Code section 10723.4, the GSA shall establish and maintain a list of all persons interested in receiving notices regarding the GSP preparation, meetings, announcements, and the availability of draft plans, maps and other relevant documents.

10. The County GSA shall abide by and staff shall ensure that any and all requirements of SGMA, or other applicable law, are met, including any future amendments thereto.

11. Staff is directed to ensure that the County's notice of GSA formation, and all supporting documentation, is submitted to California Department of Water Resources by no later than July 20, 2016.

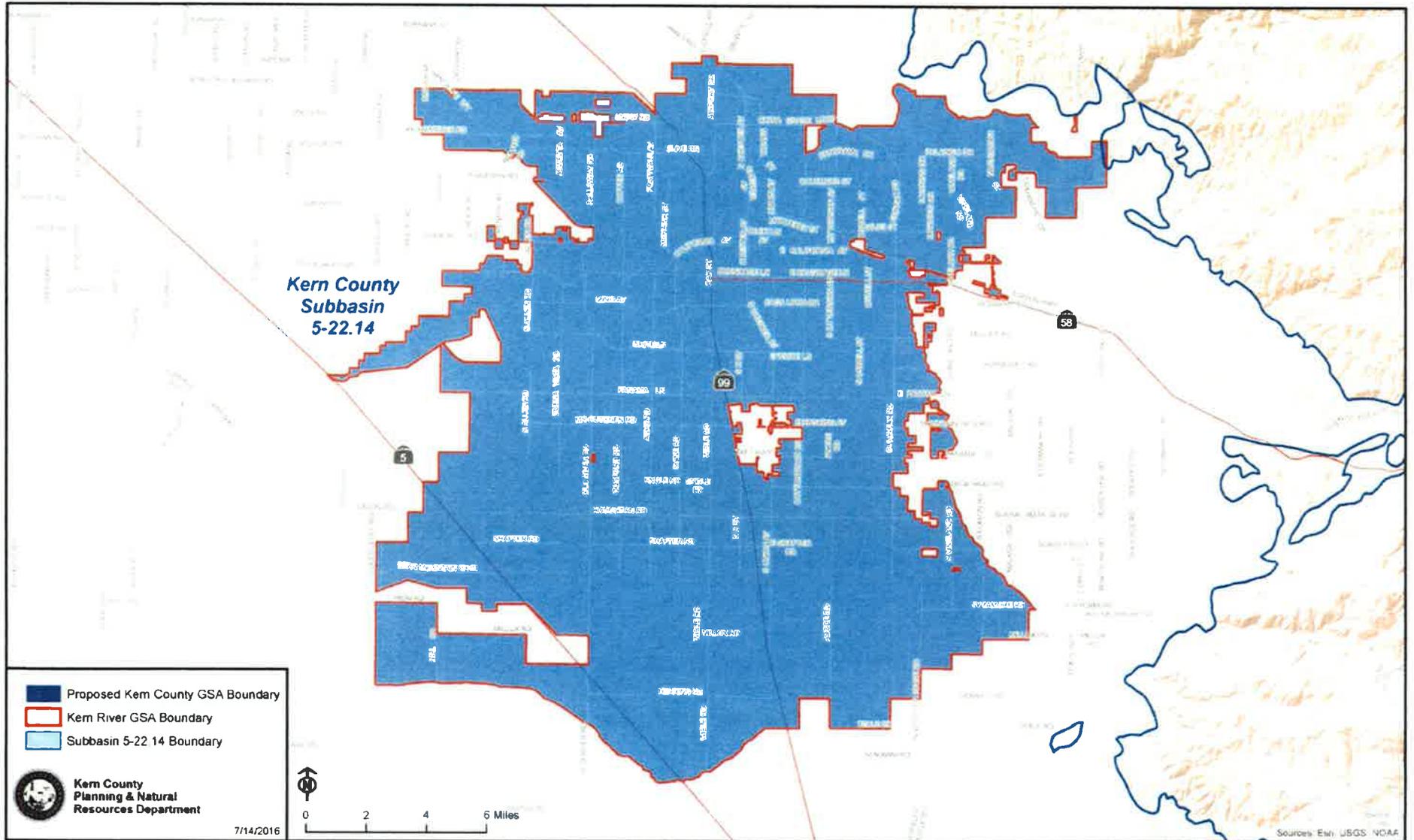
12. Staff is further authorized and directed to engage in discussions with other qualified local agencies that wish to be a part of the GSA established herein.

13. The Clerk of this Board shall cause a Notice of Exemption to be filed with the County Clerk.

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<i>CAO, Co. Counsel</i>
<i>7/20/2016 TD</i>

Exhibit A

**Exhibit A - Proposed Kern County Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
(Kern River Boundary) of the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin - Basin No. 5-22.14**



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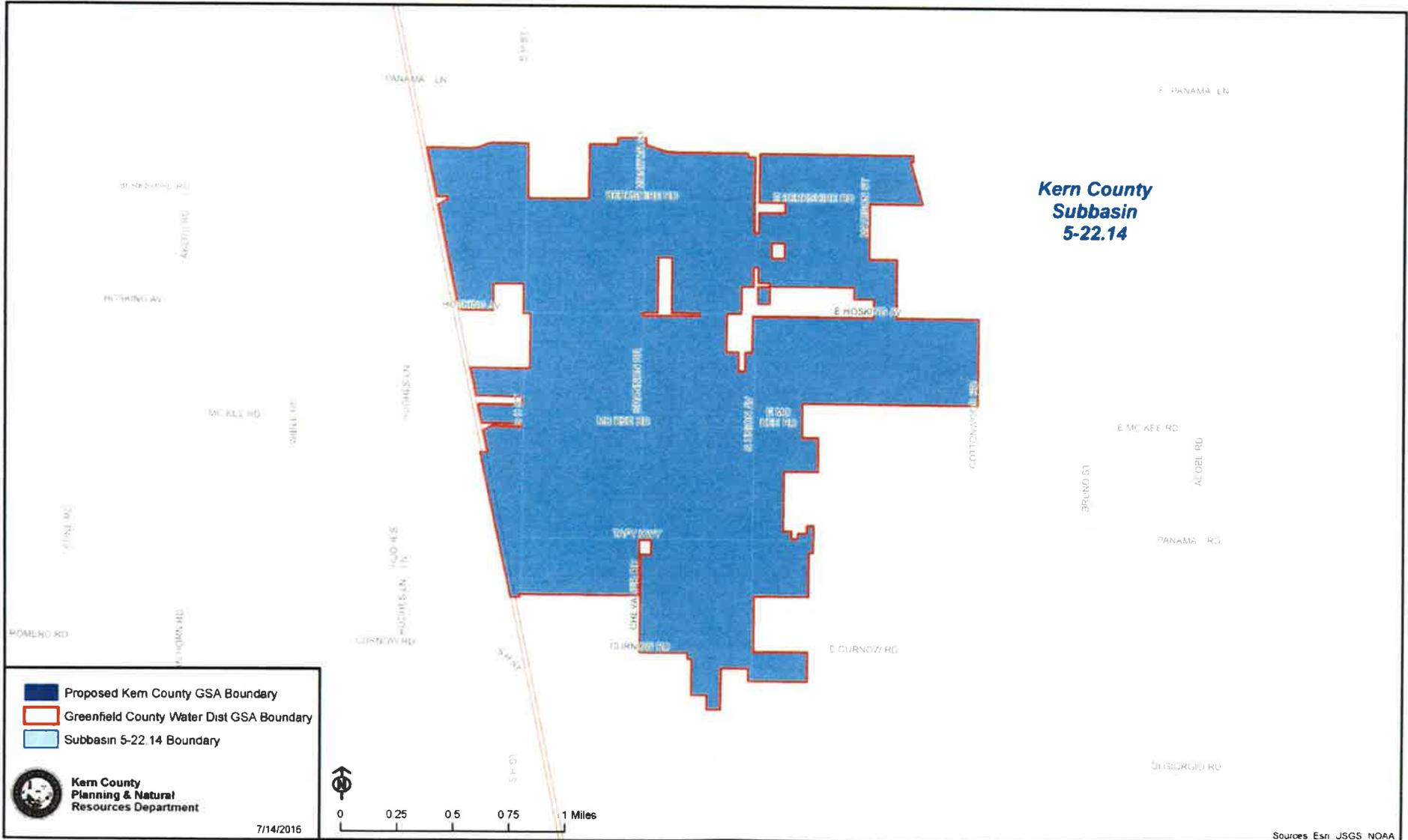
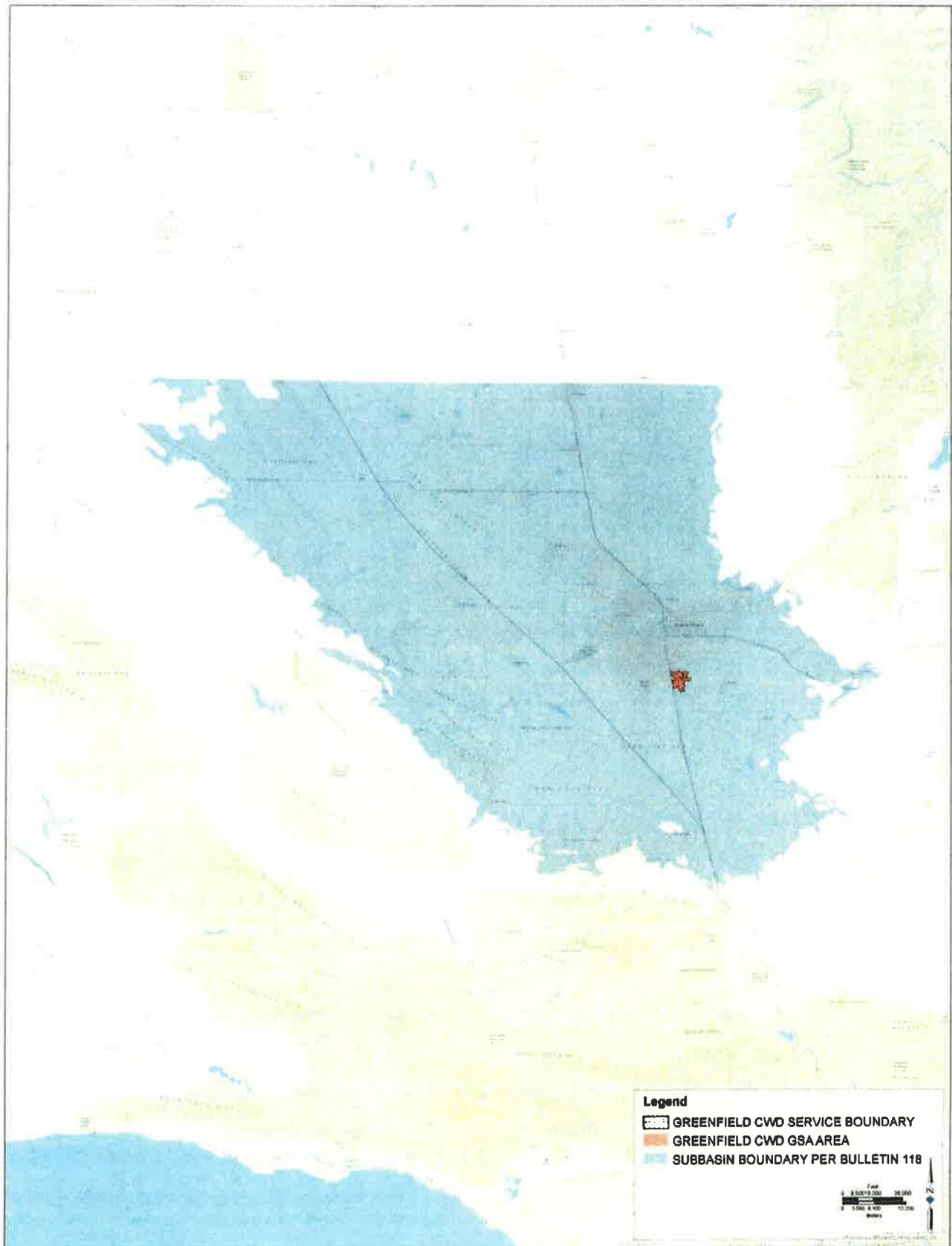
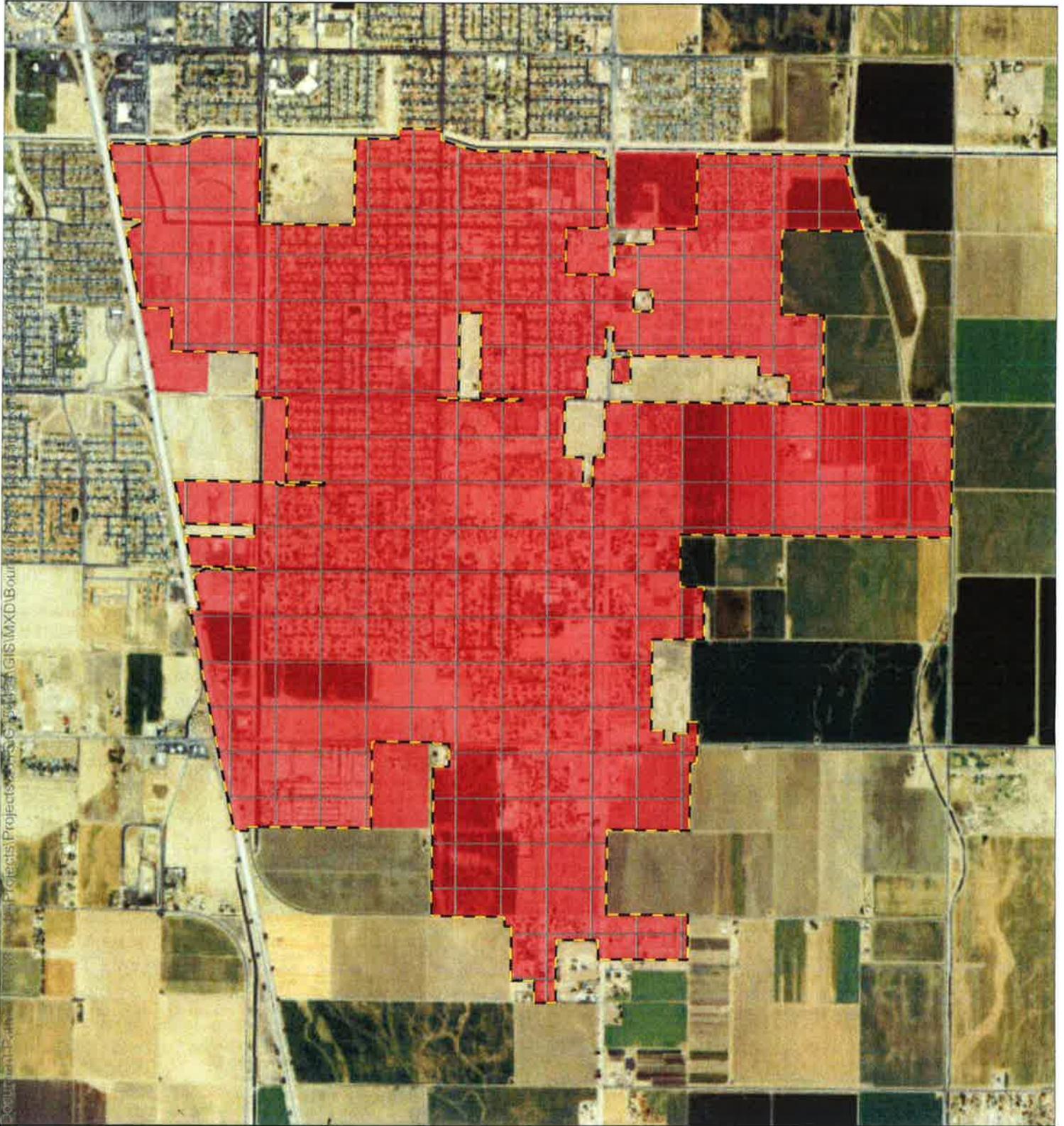


Exhibit B

# Greenfield County Water District GSA Boundary

GSA Boundary within subbasin 5-22.14 of the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region

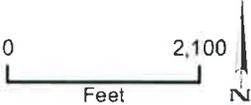




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### Greenfield County Water District GSA Boundary

-  GREENFIELD CWD SERVICE BOUNDARY
-  GREENFIELD CWD GSA AREA



ESRI Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, QK Sources

Exhibit C

# Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

Adopted Boundary as of March 31, 2016

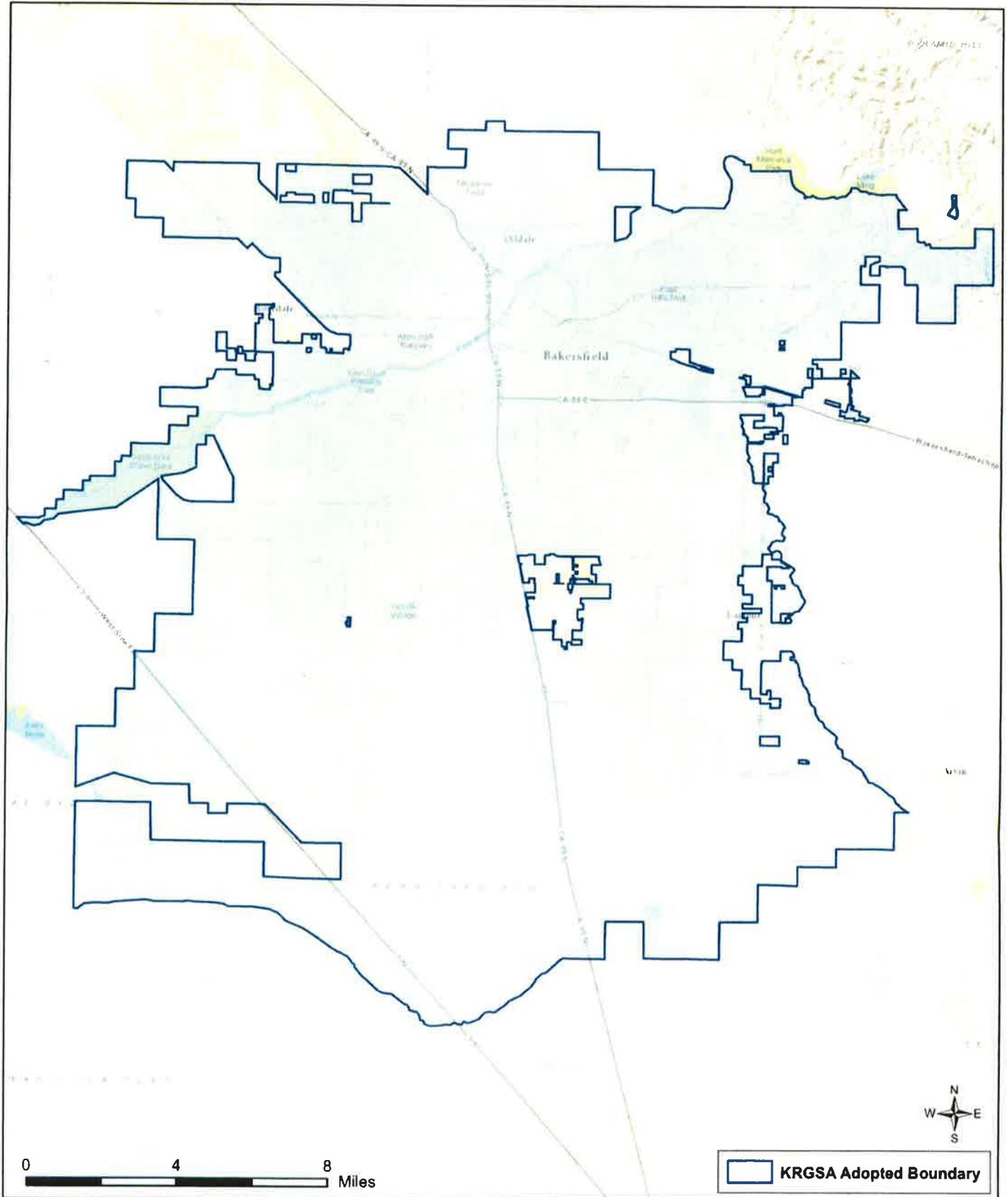
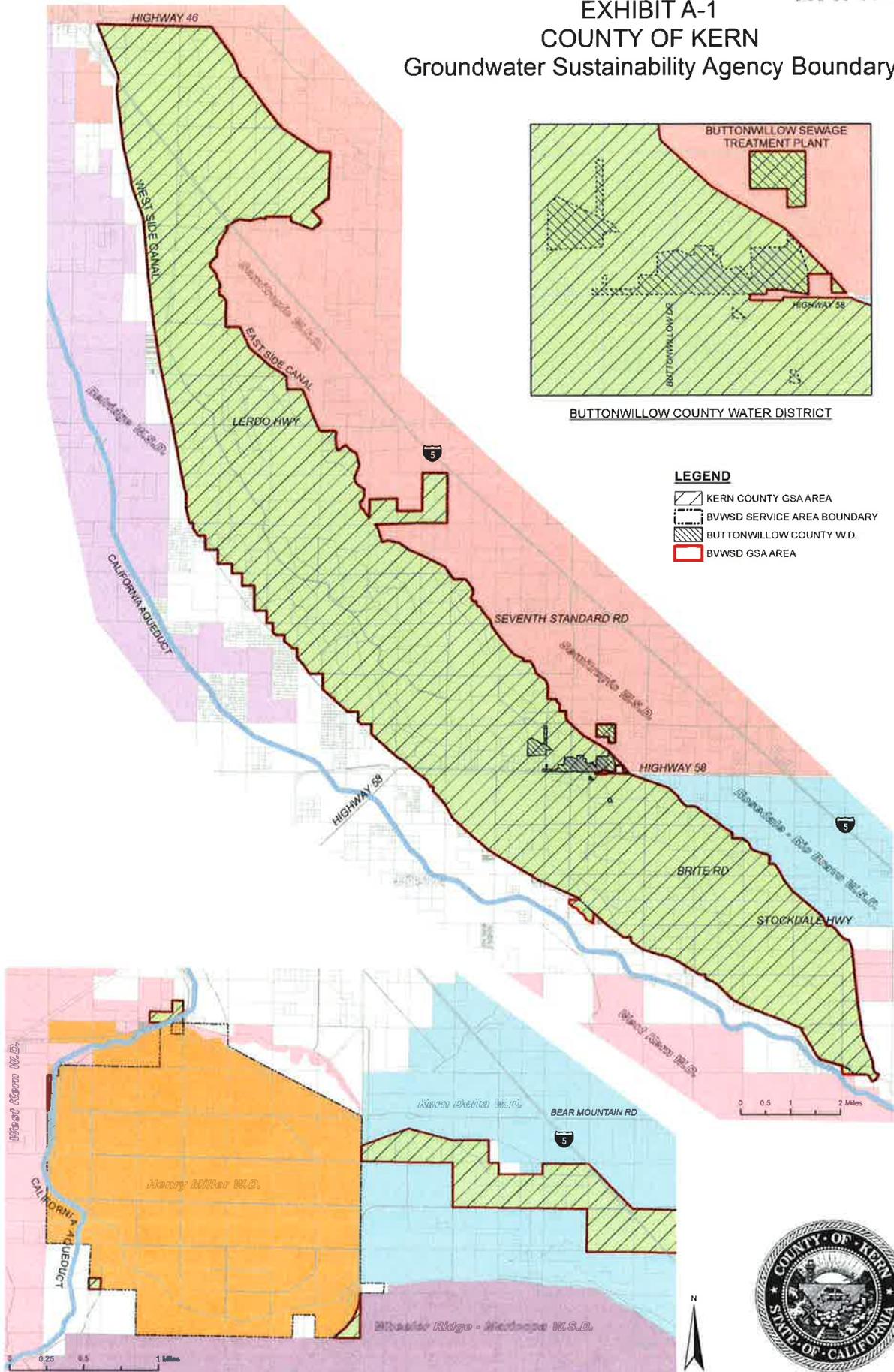




EXHIBIT A-1  
 COUNTY OF KERN  
 Groundwater Sustainability Agency Boundary



**LEGEND**

-  KERN COUNTY GSA AREA
-  BVWSD SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY
-  BUTTONWILLOW COUNTY W.D.
-  BVWSD GSA AREA



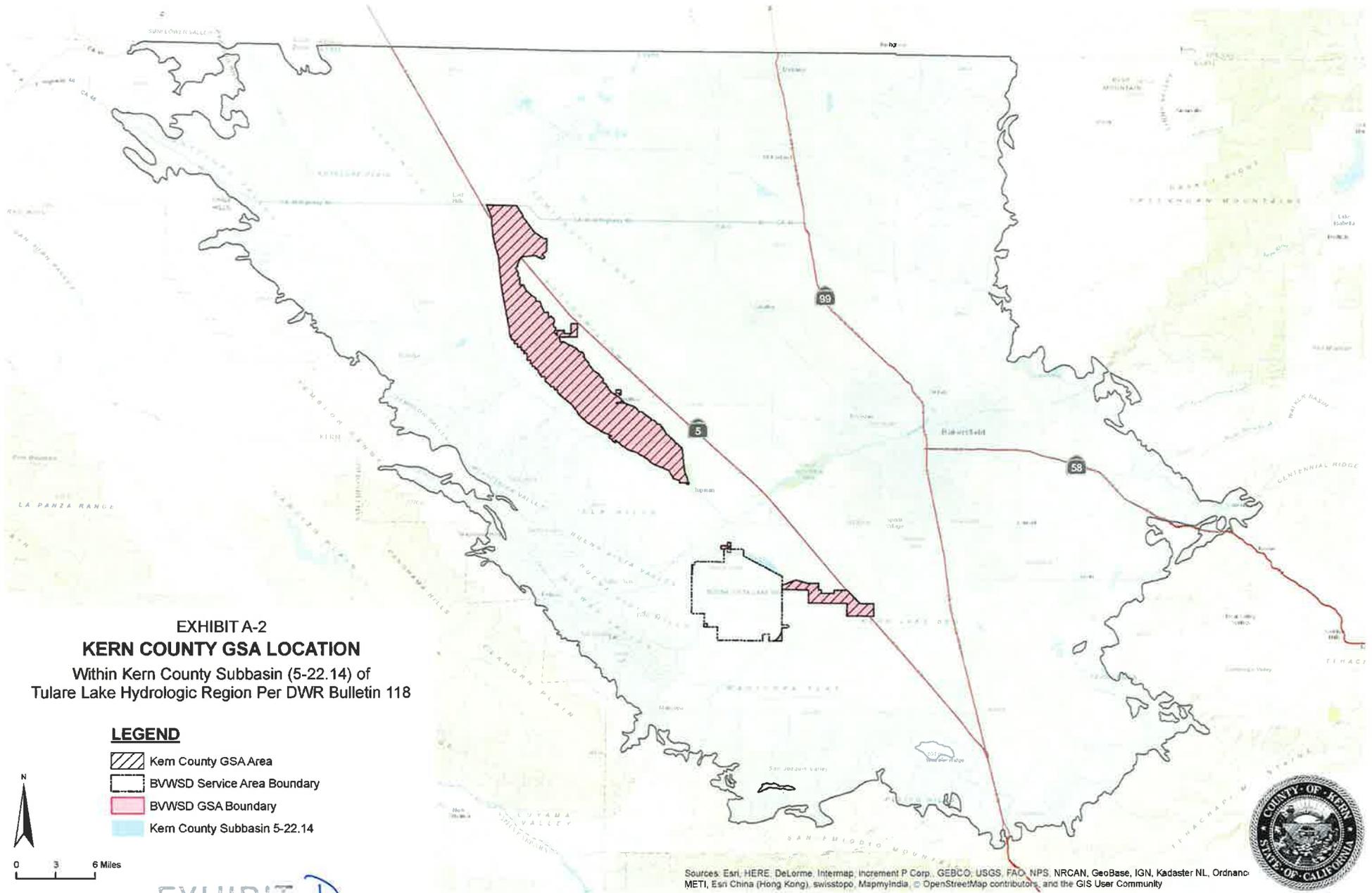


EXHIBIT D





## **EXHIBIT E**

Arvin Edison Community Services District  
Arvin-Edison Water Storage District  
Belridge Water Storage District  
Berrenda Mesa Water District  
Buena Vista Water Storage District  
Buttonwillow County Water District  
Cawelo Water District  
City of Arvin  
City of Bakersfield  
City of Delano  
City of Maricopa  
City of McFarland  
City of Shafter  
City of Taft  
City of Wasco  
County of Kern  
County of San Luis Obispo  
Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District  
Devil's Den Water District  
East Niles Community Services District  
Henry Miller Water District  
Kern County Water Agency (including Improvement District No. 4)  
Kern Delta Water District  
Kern Groundwater Authority  
Kern-Tulare Water District  
Lamont Public Utilities District  
Los Hills Utility District  
Lost Hills Water District  
McAllister Ranch Irrigation District  
North of the River Municipal Water District  
North Kern Water Storage District  
Olcese Water District  
Rag Gulch Water District\Rosedale Ranch Improvement District  
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water District  
Semitropic Water Storage District  
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District  
Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District  
West Kern Water District  
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

**EXHIBIT F**

## **EXHIBIT F**

### **a. Holders of Overlying Groundwater Rights, including:**

#### **1. Agricultural Users.**

- Various landowners

The County is committed to considering the interests of all agricultural users in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

The Management Area generally contains the Greenfield County Water District (Greenfield). Greenfield asserts in its notice, and the County believes, that the Management Area is composed predominantly of residential, commercial, and industrial water users, most of whom have a pre-existing relationship with Greenfield. Greenfield further asserts, and the County believes, that the small amount of agricultural land within the Management Area is mostly fallowed and waiting for pending development.

The County has up-to-date lists of all lands zoned for agricultural use and ownership records for the same. The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all lands zoned for agricultural use.

#### **2. Domestic Well Owners.**

The Management Area contains some domestic wells owners. The County is committed to considering the interests of all domestic well owners in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

Additionally, the County recognizes that well owners that extract less than two acre feet per year for domestic purposes are considered to be “de minimis extractors” and therefore they are excluded from certain regulatory requirements.

The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all domestic well owners in the Management Area.

**b. Municipal Well Operators.**

The County is committed to considering the interests of all municipal well operators in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all municipal well operators in the Management Area.

To the best of the County's current knowledge and Greenfield has asserted in its notice of April 12, 2016 that Greenfield is the only municipal well operator within the proposed Management Area.

**c. Public Water Systems.**

The County is committed to considering the interests of all public water system operators in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all public water system operators in the Management Area.

To the best of the County's current knowledge and Greenfield has asserted in its notice of April 12, 2016 that Greenfield is the only public water system within the proposed Management Area.

**d. Local Land Use Planning Agencies.**

The County of Kern and the City of Bakersfield are the local land use planning agencies for the Management Area. The County is committed to considering the interests of all local land use planning agencies in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

**e. Environmental Users of Groundwater.**

The County is committed to considering the interests of all environmental users of groundwater in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all environmental users of groundwater in the Management Area.

To the best of the County's current knowledge and Greenfield has asserted in its notice of April 12, 2016 that there are no environmental users of groundwater in the Management Area.

**f. Surface Water Users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies.**

The County is committed to considering the interests of all surface water users in the Basin during the GSP development process in an open and transparent process, including active and open public discussions.

The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all hydrologically connected surface water users in the Management Area. While there may be additional hydrologically connected surface water users located within the Management Area, it is believed that the following is a complete list of hydrologically connected surface water users located partially or fully within the proposed Management Area.

- Greenfield County Water District
- The City of Bakersfield
- Kern-Delta Water District

**g. The Federal Government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of Federal lands.**

The County is presently unaware of any lands in the Management Area that are owned or operated by the federal government. If in the future such interests are discovered, they will be included as an interested party.

**h. California Native American Tribes.**

The County is presently unaware of any lands in the Management Area that are owned by California Native American Tribes. If in the future such interests are discovered, they will be included as an interested party.

**i. Disadvantaged Communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.**

The County is committed to considering the interests of all communities, including but not limited to disadvantaged communities, in the Basin during the GSP

development process in an open transparent process including active and open public discussions.

The County will maintain, and update as necessary, a list, with contact information, of all disadvantaged communities in the Management Area.

To the best of the County's current knowledge, there are no Disadvantaged Communities within the Management Area.

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

Greenfield has asserted in its filing that Kern Delta Water District and City of Bakersfield may meet this definition. The County believes that Greenfield's response is limited to the Management Area alone and the County is in general agreement with that assertion.

With that said, the following is a list of interested parties within close proximity of the Management Area that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations.

- Kern Groundwater Authority
- Kern Water Bank Authority
- Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
- Deer Creek & Tule River Authority
- Kern County Water Agency
- Kern County Water Agency Improvement District 4
- Kern-Tulare Water District
- North Kern Water Storage District
- Semitropic Water Storage District
- Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District
- Kern Fan Authority (previously known as the Kern River Fan Group)

The following are other interested parties that do not fit the various categories outlined in Water Code §10723.2 but which we believe generally fit within this category because they monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin

- Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority
- City of Bakersfield

All of the above interested parties will be considered in the operation of the GSA and the development of the GSP.