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Re: Linden County Water District's Notice of Election to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Portion of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (Basin No. 5-22.01) Within the District's Jurisdictional Boundaries

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

This letter is to notify the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that the Linden County Water District (LCWD) has elected to become a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for that portion of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (Basin No. 5-22.01) which lies within LCWD's jurisdictional boundaries. After a properly noticed public hearing, LCWD's Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 16-01 on August 11, 2016, electing to become a GSA under SGMA. Enclosed with this letter, please find the following: (1) Notice of the public hearing held by LCWD; (2) a copy of Resolution No. 16-01, memorializing LCWD's election to become a GSA; (3) a map showing the GSA's boundaries; and (4) the Staff Report containing the information required under Water Code section 10723.8. LCWD's Board of Directors did not adopt new bylaws, ordinances or policies in association with its election to become a GSA.

Should you require any additional information or have any questions regarding the contents of this notice, please do not hesitate to contact LCWD at (209) 887-3216.

Sincerely,

Clifford Powell
President, LCWD Board of Directors

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Linden, CA 95236

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Encls: Notice of Public Hearing
Resolution No. 16-01
Map of GSA Boundaries
LCWD Staff Report

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COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

THE UNDERSIGNED SAYS:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of San Joaquin County; I am over the age of 18 years and not a part to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of THE RECORD, a newspaper of general publication, printed and published daily in the City of Stockton, County of San Joaquin by the Superior Court of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, under the date of February 26, 1952, File No. 52857, San Joaquin County Records; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates,

To wit,
July 28 2016, August 04 2016

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 4, 2016 In Stockton California



Carlette Schnell,
The Record

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LINDEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Notice of Public Hearing:

Election to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Water Code section 10723, Linden County Water District will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting on August 11, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office at 18243 E Highway 26, Linden, CA 95236, to determine whether the District will elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the area of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin served by Linden County Water District. Written comments may be submitted to the District, Attn: Barbara Kascht, District Administrator, hand-delivered to the address above or mailed to P.O. Box 595, Linden, CA 95236. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., August 10, 2016. At the hearing, the District will hear oral comments from the public and review written comments received before making a decision. The presiding hearing officer may limit oral comments to a reasonable length.

#1074890 7/28, 8/4, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE LINDEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
ELECTING TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code §§10720-10236.6) (“SGMA”), which became effective January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all high and medium-priority groundwater basins, including the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin, to be managed by one or more groundwater sustainability agencies (“GSAs”); and

WHEREAS, the Linden County Water District (“LCWD”) overlies a portion of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, LCWD furnishes water to members of the public within the area of Linden, pursuant to its powers under the County Water District Law (Water Code §§ 30000-33901); and

WHEREAS, LCWD is a local agency, as defined under SGMA, and is therefore eligible to serve as a groundwater sustainability agency (“GSA”) under SGMA; and

WHEREAS, serving as the GSA will allow LCWD to participate in the preparation and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) within LCWD’s jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, LCWD posted notice of the requisite public hearing in the Stockton Record on July 28 and August 4, 2016, in conformance with the requirements of Water Code section 10723(b); and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2016, LCWD held a public hearing and elected to become a GSA for the portion of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin that lies within LCWD’s jurisdictional boundaries:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Linden County Water District as follows:

1. The Board of Directors finds that it is in the best interests of LCWD to become a GSA for that portion of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin that lies within the LCWD’s jurisdictional boundaries; and

2. The Board of Directors authorizes the Board President, the Board Secretary, and LCWD’s Engineer and Legal Counsel to perform all acts necessary and proper for carrying out the intent of this Resolution, to the extent that any such acts are not required to be undertaken by

the Board of Directors, including the preparation and submittal of the Notice of Intention to Form a GSA and all supplementary materials to the California Department of Water Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Linden County Water District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 11th day of August, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES: Powell, Brennan, Fonzi, Matthews, Fletcher

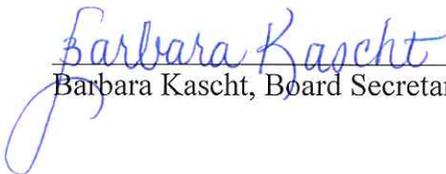
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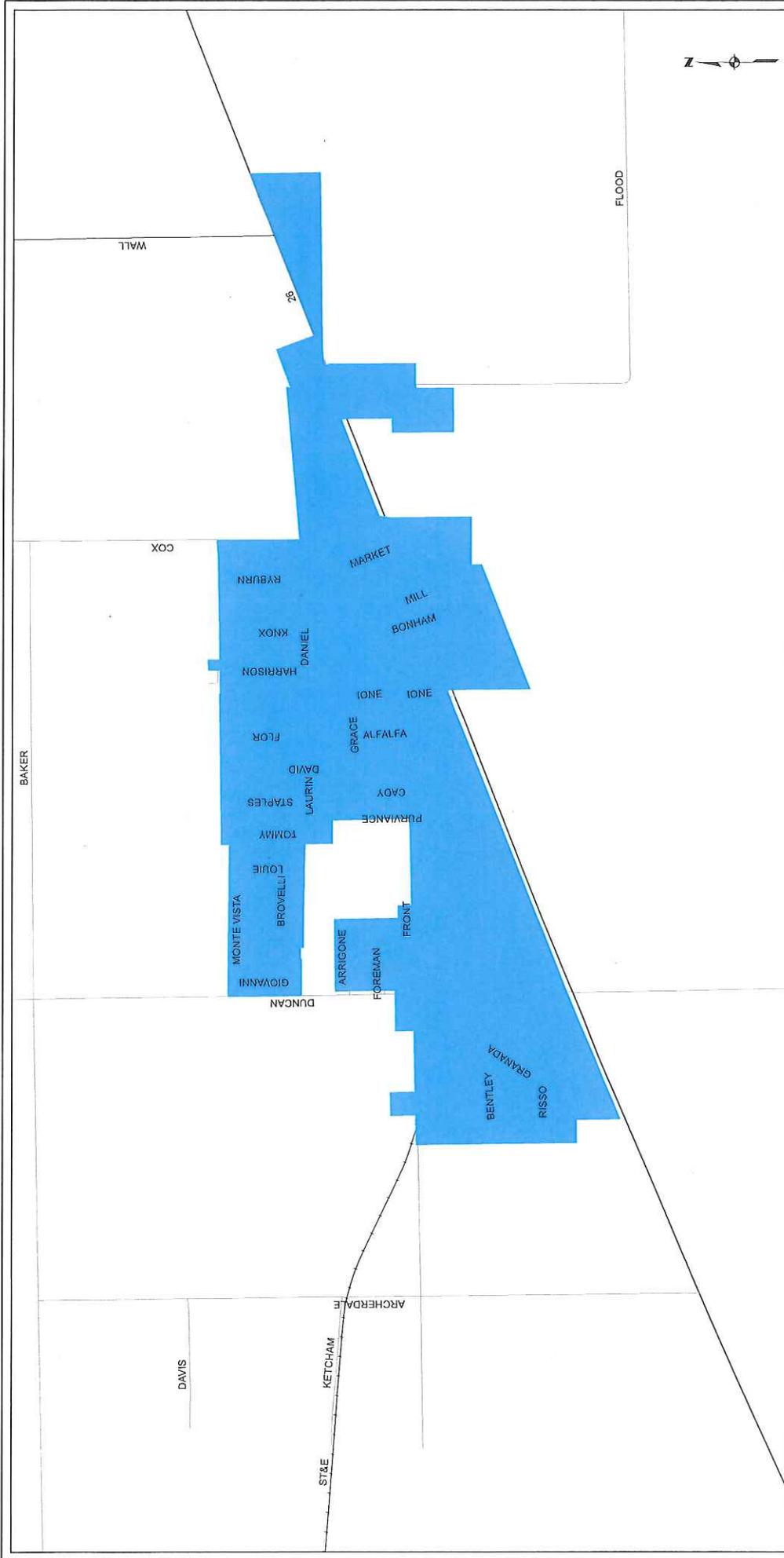
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

By: 
Clifford Powell, Board President

ATTEST:


Barbara Kascht, Board Secretary



1" = 821.5'

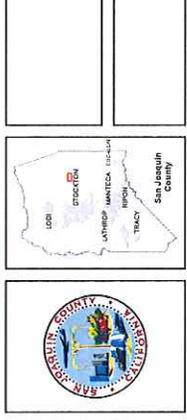
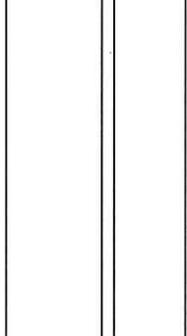
LCWD GSA

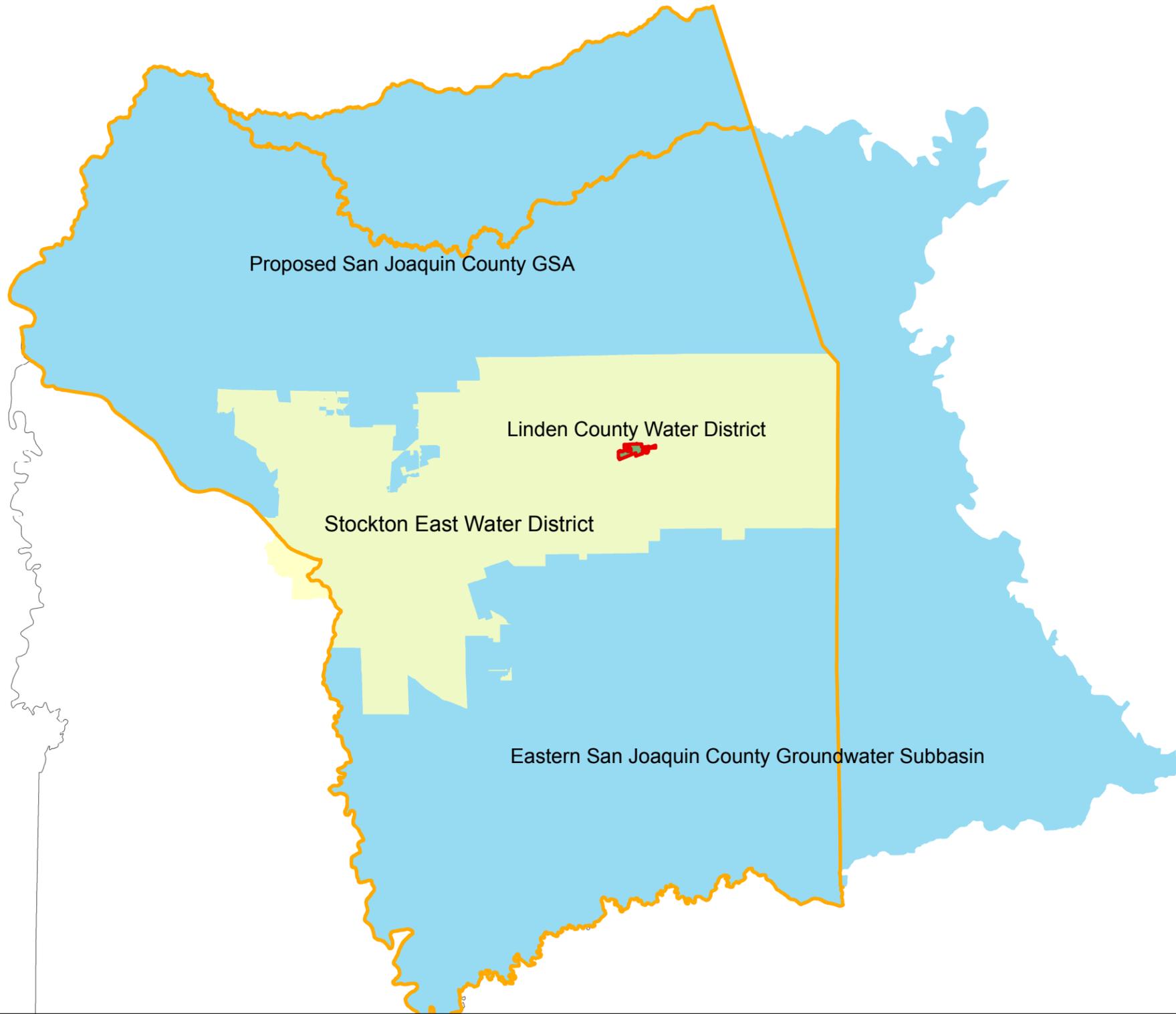


Linden County Water District (Groundwater Sustainability Agency)

-- VICINITY MAP --

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
 Department of Public Works, 1810 E. Hazelton Ave., Stockton, CA 95205
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Proposed SJC GSA
 LCWD GSA Boundary
 LCWD Service Area
 SEWD Boundary
 County Limit
 ESJ Sub-basin

1" = 27,928.7'



Linden County Water District
(Groundwater Sustainability Agency)

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STAFF REPORT

Linden County Water District's Election to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

September 8, 2016

BACKGROUND

On August 11, 2016, the Linden County Water District ("District") held a noticed public hearing to decide whether to elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency ("GSA") under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"). At the conclusion of that hearing, the District's Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 16-01, electing to become a GSA. This Staff Report memorializes and summarizes the consideration of various stakeholder interests considered by the District's Board of Directors in electing to become a GSA.

CONSIDERATION OF STAKEHOLDER INTERESTS

As part of the process in electing to become a GSA, SGMA requires the District to consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, and to submit to DWR a list of these "interested stakeholders" and explain how their interests will be considered in the District's operation as a GSA and in developing a groundwater sustainability plan ("GSP").

As a preliminary matter, the District has joined with similarly situated Districts, GSA applicants, and local stakeholders as a member agency of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Authority's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Workgroup ("SGMA Workgroup").

Other members of the SGMA Workgroup include:

- Calaveras County
- Calaveras County Water District
- California Water Services Company
- Central Delta Water Agency
- Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District
- City of Escalon
- City of Lathrop
- City of Lodi
- City of Manteca

- City of Ripon
- City of Stockton
- Lockeford Community Services District
- North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
- Oakdale Irrigation District
- Sacramento County Water Agency
- San Joaquin County
- South Delta Water Agency
- South San Joaquin Irrigation District
- Southeast Sacramento Agricultural Water Authority
- Stanislaus County
- Stockton East Water District
- Woodbridge Irrigation District

The above mentioned SGMA Workgroup Members are presently engaged in a regional collaborative effort concerning groundwater management within the subbasin, and hopefully, will work toward the development of a subbasin-wide GSP (or a GSP for the majority of the subbasin. For brevity's sake, this will be referred to herein as the "subbasin-wide GSP"). As a result, these Workgroup Members are considered by the District to be interested stakeholders

Other specific classifications of interested stakeholders are addressed as follows:

1. Agricultural Users. The District has a small number of agricultural users within the District's boundaries. These properties are not provided agricultural water by the District, they are served by private wells located on the respective properties. The District will coordinate with these agricultural landowners as part of the GSA implementation. Agricultural users within the basin, but outside the District's boundaries will be engaged through the SGMA Workgroup and the attendant public processes associated with the development of the subbasin-wide GSP.
2. Domestic Well Owners. There are a limited number of landowners within the District that rely on private, domestic wells for part of their water supply. The District will coordinate with these users to engage them in the District's GSA implementation process.

Users outside the District's boundaries will be considered and addressed through the GSA process of the Stockton East Water District's GSA and/or the SGMA Workgroup processes in developing a subbasin-wide GSP.

3. Municipal Well Operators. There are no other municipal wells operating within the District's boundaries. There are a large number of municipal well operators within the subbasin. Most, if not all, of those municipal well operators are Members of the SGMA Workgroup, and are identified above. Those municipal well operators have either already filed as an independent GSA, or are in the process of doing so. Therefore, the interests of those operators will be addressed by their respective GSA implementation processes, or the processes associated with the development of a subbasin-wide GSP.
4. Public Water Systems. There are no other public water systems operated within the District's boundaries. Public water systems within the subbasin, but outside the District's boundaries have mostly filed as independent GSAs or are in the process of doing so. The interests of persons served by those public water systems are addressed by their individual GSA implementation processes, or the processes associated with the SGMA Workgroup and other public processes relating to the development of a subbasin-wide GSP.
5. Local Land Use Planning Agencies. San Joaquin County is the local land use planning agency for the lands within the District's boundaries. The County, and all other land use planning agencies within the subbasin are members of the SGMA Workgroup and are actively engaged in the process to develop a subbasin-wide GSP. Additionally, the County and many other land use planning agencies within the basin have either filed as an independent GSA, or are in the process of doing so.
6. Environmental Users of Groundwater. The District is not aware of any environmental users of groundwater within the District's boundaries. If any such interests exist and can be identified, the District will engage the holders of those interests as part of the GSA implementation process. Should there be any such users within the subbasin, but outside the District's boundaries, those interests will be addressed through the processes associated with the implementation of whichever GSA in which they happen to be located, if any, as well as the processes associated with the development of a subbasin-wide GSP.
7. Surface Water Users (If there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies). There are no known surface water users within the District's boundaries. There are surface water users within the subbasin, outside the District's

boundaries. These include Stockton East Water District, California Water Service Company, the City of Stockton and the City of Lodi. These entities are members of the SGMA Workgroup and most, if not all, have filed as independent GSAs. Therefore these interests should be adequately addressed through their own GSA implementation and processes associated with the development of a subbasin-wide GSP.

8. The Federal Government, Including, but not Limited to, the Military and Managers of Federal Lands. The District is not aware of any federal lands of water facilities operated by the federal government within the District's boundaries. Should any such interests exist, the District will address them through the District's GSA implementation process. Interests outside the District's boundaries should be adequately addressed through the GSAs in which they are actually located, as well as the processes associated with the development of a subbasin-wide GSP.
9. California Native American Tribes. The District is not aware of any tribal interests within the District's boundaries. Should any such interests exist, the District will address them through the District's GSA implementation process. Interests outside the District's boundaries should be adequately addressed through the GSAs in which they are actually located, as well as the processes associated with the development of a subbasin-wide GSP.
10. Disadvantaged Communities, Including, but not Limited to, Those Served by Private Domestic Wells or Small Community Water Systems. To the extent the community of Linden is identified as a disadvantaged community, it will continue to be served by the District and represented through the District's Board of Directors. Disadvantaged communities within the basin, but outside the District's boundaries should be adequately addressed through the GSAs in which they are actually located, as well as the processes associated with the development of a subbasin-wide GSP.
11. Entities Listed in Water Code Section 10927 That Are Monitoring and Reporting Groundwater Elevations in All or a Part of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and other agencies monitor and report groundwater elevations within the District and the subbasin. The County has filed as a GSA, and its interests, as well as that of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District should be considered and adequately addressed through the GSA process as well as the processes associated with the development of a subbasin-wide GSP.